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PRESENTATION OF NEW TRINIDAD BOOK, BY PETER FORD TO LADY MARRIOTT



Mary, Lady Marriott, widow of Sir John Marriott, receiving the first copy of his book:
'TRINIDAD – A Philatelic History to 1913' at her home in Farnham, Surrey.

Sir John was a former Keeper of the Queen's Collection and a Past-President of the Royal Philatelic Society. In thanking Peter Ford, Chairman of the British West Indies Study Circle, joint publishers of the book, she said, "John would have been thrilled to see his and your book produced so beautifully; quality meant a great deal to him".

Those interested can see details of the book on www.bwisc.org.



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SOCIETY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS & INFORMATION

- Saturday 6 Nov 2010 at 3pm – BWISC meeting to be held at Autumn Philatex. Members are invited to bring along informal displays.

DISPLAYS BY MEMBERS

- Tuesday 2 Nov 2010 Brian Brookes showing St. Kitts to the Woking Society (at Christ Church). Please inform the Editor of any other displays being undertaken.

AWARDS FOR MEMBERS FOR WI RELATED DISPLAYS AT LONDON 2010 INTERNATIONAL

Congratulations to all our Members who entered the various competitions at this event:

- Darryl Fuller merited a **Large Gold and won Cameron** for his Leewards Postal Stationery.
- Gold for Ernst Schlunegger; Russell Boylan; Stefan Heijtz, Ben Ramkissoon, Federico Borrromeo (French Mail). David Lethbridge (Falmouth Packets)
- Large Vermeil for Federico Borrromeo (Nevis), Edmund Bayley and John Davis (2).
- Vermeil for Graham Booth and Dan Walker.

CANCELLATION FORGERIES

In Bulletin No. 217, June 2008, Charles Freeland provided an article alerting members to stamps with fake cancels being offered for sale.

We are pleased to report that the villain has been prosecuted and sentenced to 21 months in jail.

Robert George, of Romsey, Hampshire UK faced 19 charges of fraud, he pleaded guilty on the main charge, whilst the others were left on file. Alarming, he had previously been convicted for eight similar offences going back over 20 years. Further details will be provided when known.

RPSL

During the last few months two of our members have provided significant displays at the RPSL.

Brian Brookes displayed St. Kitts Nevis and James Podger provided Cayman Islands. Much of both exhibits had already been shown at one of our Conventions which can be viewed in our web gallery.

The Editor's thanks to Michel Forand who has contributed the index to *Bermuda Post* (to 2003) which has now been added to the RPSL Catalogue (<http://www.rpslcatalogue.org.uk/>).

The Belize Collector has also been added. However, editions 22 and 23 seem to be missing (between Oct 1992 and Dec 1993) – scans of contents or at least an index is requested.

Whilst browsing in the Royal library, I came across copies of the *British Guiana Philatelic Journal* going back before 1930. The 1925/26 issues contained an index to British Guiana philately which seemed to run from 'A' to 'M', if anyone can send me a scan or photocopy of the rest of the index I will endeavour to digitize and include in the RPSL Catalogue.

REISSUES OF OLD BOOKS ON THE WEST INDIES

Cambridge University Press will this summer publish a selection of nearly 100 key titles from the 18th and 19th centuries on Caribbean history. These reissues form part of the Cambridge Library Collection, a recently launched initiative to reissue out-of-copyright books 'of enduring scholarly value' as paperbacks and as part of Cambridge Books Online. The books on the West Indies include Edward Long's three-volume *History of Jamaica from 1774*, R. C. Dallas' *History of the Maroons*, first published in 1803, and Thomas Clarkson's *History of the Rise, Progress and Accomplishment of the Abolition of the African Slave-Trade* (1808). The Press is also reissuing the entire 40-volume run of the *Naval Chronicle*, which includes many accounts of British exploits in the Caribbean during the Napoleonic period. Full details of titles to be included will be posted at www.cambridge.org/clc during the coming months.

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Folded between, roughly separated at right and minor blemishes
but one of only two examples known to us.

[N.B. The only other example we are aware of is of similar quality
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PASS THE PARCEL

BY SIMON GOLDBLATT

The thought occurs to me from time to time that somebody should produce a compendium of Parcel postmarks (don't look at me – I'm no researcher!). These are, of course, the poor relations of postal history. It is almost axiomatic that people who send parcels don't send them to stamp collectors, while people who receive them are too keen to get at the contents, to bother with the stamps.

Yet here is often the most genuine usage for high values, which parcel cancellations can at times cause to be treated as having been fiscally used. More, no doubt, in Africa than the BWI (but how long did it take before the rare British Guiana parcel TRD was identified as a postal instrument?)

The latest recurrence of my wish for a compendium comes from the casual acquisition of a Bahamas parcel cancellation which even Ted Proud has missed. It would be greedy to wish for a strike that was more complete; there are limits to the scope for display on a single stamp, and one should be grateful that the Staircase issue allows extra space.

One can assume that the present find, struck in violet, is from a short-lived TRD. There is, however, one further possibility to be considered, because sometimes the Proud illustrations are reconstructed from a partial strike. This is that the cancellation illustrated as PP3 in his handbook is reproduced from an upper segment only; in which case the lower inscription has to read 'NASSAU BAHAMAS' in sans-serif capitals slightly smaller than the upper part. Note that every other date stamp illustrated at p. 144–5 includes the name Nassau. On my example one can just identify – or imagine – the digit '2' at the start of the year date.

For further information please await publication of the compendium by AN Other; but don't hold your breath.





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BARBADOS / TOBAGO

SHIP LETTERS IN THE 18TH CENTURY

BY MICHAEL MEDLICOTT

FIGURE 1

To me at least, it has been a matter of puzzlement that Ship Letters addressed from Barbados to Europe towards the end of the 18th century usually attracted a strike from the Barbados Packet Office. An Example dated 1772 is illustrated at Figure 1, showing the double straight line BARBA/DOES (Proud Type PS.4) despatch, and on landfall DEAL/SHIP LRE (Robertson Type S2). Normal practice throughout the British West Indies was to leave letters carried by private ship, as opposed to Admiralty Packet, uncanceled on despatch to await the application of a ship-letter mark on landing at the first appropriate landfall.

By way of contrast, Figure 2 shows a Tobago ship-letter of 1786 which bears no Tobago markings, but shows the landfall DEAL/SHIP LRE (Robertson Type S.1). The letter is one of less than ten recorded from the period of French occupation of the island between capture from the British on 2 June 1781 and its recapture from the French by a squadron under Vice-Admiral John Laforey and troops under General Cornelius Cuyler on 14 April 1793.

Until after 1793 there appears to have been no Admiralty Packet Service to and from Tobago, and letters were forwarded by private sail to Barbados. Herein, perhaps, lies the explanation, for it is quite possible that the inhabitants of Barbados prevailed upon the Packet Office to identify ship-letters originating in Barbados to differentiate them from those in transit. Can one of our Circle who understands Barbados postal history confirm this suggestion or offer the proper explanation?



FIGURE 2



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- *Robertson Revisited* by Colin Tabeart. Pub. By James Bendon 1997.
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MEMBER WANTS

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Barbados 1892 ½d on 4d

Large multiples (16 or more) and preferably whole sheets for the first printing of SG:104 (a well scanned image would be fine if the owner doesn't want to sell it),

And / or further info on the minor constant overprint flaws that occur in the half penny printing

BERMUDA**KGVI KEY-PLATES****BY SIR GEOFFREY PALMER**

There was an intriguing lot in the Victoria auction No. 27 of 30 January 2010. Lot 917 – Bermuda KGVI, SG:120 (should be 120a) 12s6d, Jul '38, position 59 with Plate plug in bottom margin, proving the printing. A very important piece. LH F–VF. SG cat. £200, Estimate \$140.

The item realised **\$3,000!** – obviously there were two collectors who want 12s6d Plate No. singles.

This July 1938 printing is not particularly rare, as there were 510 sheets – labelled 'Replacement' – with no allocation to the Bureau, despatched 5 July 1938.

The next printing July 1939 had 810 sheets.

I collect blocks of four of these Key-Plates and had found this July 1938, 12s6d, particularly elusive to obtain. However, very recently, I did obtain a very nice u/m bottom marginal block of four, Position 43–44 / 55–56, from an auction house I had not previously heard of called 'Stamp Group Postal Auction' at Winsford (CW7 9DG). The catalogue is set out in the same way as Philangles – Simon Carson.

The block has since been certified, by Murray Payne, as the correct July 1938 printing.

In paragraph six of the BWISC auction report of June 2009, the writer is fairly disparaging about the KGVI Bermuda Key-Plates high values.

The fact is that these were all pretty common printings on offer and these are not easy to sell.

When it comes to the rarer printings like the 5s CW13AB, November 1941, the opposite is the case – likewise mint blocks or even used singles of the 2s, 2s6d, 5s and 10s variety lower right scroll with broken tail.

My main collecting interest is the Falkland Islands – again the same applies whereby the standard common or garden material one can hardly give away, whilst the rarer material in fine condition goes up and up.

I wonder what Phoebe's July 1938, 12s6d would have made in this auction?

On another matter, how rare is the 'I.A.T.A.' cancellation in use only 13 days? There was an example in the same auction on a SG:112a, 2d ultramarine and scarlet.



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ONE CENT 1861 RED-BROWN WATERLOW STAMP

BY MIKE REGO

I could not resist acquiring the stamp on the left with its most unusual 1 (1860). Further study shows the MU of PETIMUSQUE almost touching while either-side of 'MU', 'I' and 'S' has been heavily touched. The 'V' in 'VICISSIM' is weak. The 'G' and 'I' in 'GUIANA' have been badly damaged.



The postage stamp on the right has a fair chance of being an imperf, but I am unsure if this is true. Has any member made a plate study of this distinctive second Waterlow printing? Any comments welcome.

Stamps For Collectors

Bermuda: – KEVIII A colour photocopy of 1s Essay (unadopted) in red wearing Sovereign's badge of Victorian Order – Design background Union Flag	To View
Bermuda: – 1938 KGVII Specimen, 2s, 2s6d, 5s, 10s, 12s6d, £1 – 6 values	£1,000
Bermuda: – 1938 KGVII Specimen set, 1d to £1 – 15 values	£1,350
Bermuda: – 1938 KGVII £1, BK cw16aa – The shade listed by Bridger & Kay, R. Lowe, & M. Ludington a single	£480
	also a f/u single
	£300
Bermuda: – 1938 KGVII 2s6d, BK cw22a – A complete sheet (2 halves)	£1,050
Bermuda: – 1938 KGVII 2s, SG 116ce – Scroll flaw, a pair	£200
Bermuda: – QEII 24c/1s Crown – wmk to right, a block of four	£200
British Columbia: – 1868 The registered cover Yale BC – Sarnia, one of five only known registered mail ex B.C. via San Francisco to Upper Canada (clear New Westminster & San Francisco arrival marks dated 26/Mar/1868 and 30 Mar. Arrival Oban U.C. Apr 23)	£4,500
Cover illustrated in Wellburn book page 119, this book available	£80
Canada: – 1899 QV 2c/3c SG 171 – superb mint block of 80	£675
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VILLAGE POSTMARKS: AN UPDATE ON TOWNSEND & HOWE PART 2

BY PETER FORD

It has been nearly 6 years since I produced the first update to the British Guiana bible otherwise known as Townsend & Howe. In that article I tackled the marks up to and including Type 14. In this I shall cover marks from Type 15 to 30 and, in doing so I intend to publish, as far as is known, Latest Known Dates and Earliest Known Dates for the various sub-types that the original authors identified between Type 15 and Type 20. This has not been an easy task and I have to thank the various contributors who will be listed at the end of the article. We have been lucky as well in this endeavour by the publication of two books, The Postal History of British Guiana by member Ted Proud in 2000, and The Encyclopaedia of British West Indies Postmarks by member David Horry in 2007; it is David Horry we have to thank for many of the illustrations in this article, which will be published in successive Bulletins). Proud dates in bold.

Type 15



Type 15
Sub-Type C



Type 15
Sub-Type G

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
ALBUOYSTOWN	RC	7 May 06	16 Nov 13		22 Nov 13	
Sub-Type C		8 Nov 08	2 Nov 10			
D		7 May 06	31 Jul 13			
G		23 Jan 11	29 Nov 12			
I		22 Nov 13				
ANNA REGINA	RC	8 Oct 06	1 Nov 21		11 Sep 22	
Sub-Type A		28 Apr 08	1 Dec 15			
C		8 Oct 06	10 Apr 15			
E		1 Nov 21	11 Sep 22			
ARAKAKA	RC	1 Apr 07	11 Jun 12	10 Oct 06	3 Dec 12	
Sub-Type A		6 May 12				
C		2 Dec 06	3 Dec 12			
D		19 Oct 06	8 Mar 09			
G		13 Feb 12	29 Apr 12			
AURORA	RC	1 Apr 09	26 Nov 25		15 May 28	
Sub-Type C		1 Apr 09				
G		22 Jan 12	11 Sep 18			
I		16 Aug 11	17 Mar 24			
BAGOTVILLE	RC	1 Oct 07	30 Mar 14	27 Jun 06	1 Aug 14	
Sub-Type C		27 Jun 06	17 Oct 10			
G		16 Jan 11	6 Jul 14			

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
BARTICA	S	16 Feb 12	12 May 23	3 Sep 08	17 Mar 24	
Sub-Type C		3 Sep 06	9 Mar 08			
G		14 Sep 11				
I		15 Jan 12	5 Sep 23			
BELFIELD	C	1 Jun 06	3 Jun 13		20 Nov 13	
Sub-Type B				24 Jun 19		
C		11 Jun 06	6 Jun 10			
D		28 Jul 06	20 Nov 13			
G		28 Jun 11	11 Mar 12			
I		7 Feb 11	28 May 11			
BETERVERWAGTNG	RC	3 Mar 08	19 Jul 25			
Sub-Type C		14 Nov 06	10 May 10			
E			10 May 10			
G		5 Sep 12				
I		24 Mar 11	3 Nov 11		6 Nov 11	
BOURDA	RC	25 Jul 06	20 Jun 19		6 Oct 24	
Sub-Type C		25 Jul 06	25 Feb 07		10 Aug 07	
G		19 Aug 13	19 May 18			
BUXTON	S	1 Apr 09	11 Aug 22			
Sub-Type C		1 Apr 09				
G						
I		11 Apr 21	11 Aug 22			
CARMICHAEL ST.	R	19 Jan 07	4 Mar 29			
Sub-Type C		7 Oct 09	11 Nov 11			
G		12 Oct 12				
I						
CORNHILL ST.	VS	29 Jun 07	5 Aug 13			
Sub-Type C		29 Jun 07	12 Jun 12			
DANIELSTOWN	RC	3 Oct 06	5 Jan 26	30 Jan 06	6 Mar 26	
Sub-Type C		6 Jul 06	1 Nov 11			
G		7 Feb 13	23 Dec 19			
I		29 Apr 12	6 Mar 26			
DE KINDEREN	S	1 Jun 11	17 Aug 25	22 Aug 08	5 Nov 25	
Sub-Type C		18 May 12	20 Mar 17			
D						
E		24 Sep 19	17 Aug 25			
FELLOWSHIP	C	24 Aug 06	6 May 11	27 Jul 06	27 May 11	
Sub-Type C		14 May 06	29 Oct 10			
H		6 May 11	7 Aug 11			

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
FORT ISLAND	S	22 Nov 09	23 Nov 31		27 Dec 31	
Sub-Type D		22 Nov 09	21 Feb 17			
F		3 Feb 19	11 Nov 25			
FORT WELLINGTON	C	13 Jun 06	15 Sep 26			
Sub-Type C		13 Jun 06	1 Dec 10			
D						
G						
H		13 Feb 18				
I		4 May 18	15 Sep 26			
GROVE	S	12 May 09	5 Apr 21			
Sub-Type A		20 Nov 08	25 Dec 08			
C		10 Feb 11				
I		11 Jan 15	5 Apr 21			
LEGUAN	C	18 May 06	7 Apr 19			
Sub-Type C		17 May 06	23 Feb 16			
G		8 Jun 14	16 Sep 19			
I		24 Dec 14				
MAHAICA	C	15 Feb 07	31 Aug 21			
Sub-Type C		13 Oct 06	19 Jun 19			
E		28 Mar 12	6 Sep 19			
G		13 Jun 11			8 Nov 18	
H						
I		4 Feb 21	24 Jun 21			
MAHAICONY	C	24 Jun 07	17 Jul 24		29 Nov 24	
Sub-Type C		27 Mar 08	10 Oct 10		9 Dec 10	
G		30 Mar 11	17 Jun 20			
I		28 Nov 07	12 Apr 24			
MORAWHANNA	RC	28 May 08	5 Aug 25	28 Jun 06	24 Apr 26	
Sub-Type C		4 Feb 09	27 Jan 16			
D		4 Jun 08	22 Sep 09			
G		9 Feb 11	27 Oct 20			
I		22 May 13	16 Apr 25			
NIGG	C	12 Dec 07	2 Dec 19	21 May 07	15 Jan 20	
Sub-Type C		21 May 07	10 Nov 10			
D		2 Oct 08	16 Feb 09			
G		16 Jan 11	30 Dec 12			
I		28 Feb 18	2 Dec 19		15 Jan 20	
OMAI	VS	7 Mar 06	24 Aug 08		19 Jun 09	
Sub-Type C		25 Apr 06	2 Jun 07			
G		27 Jul 08	17 May 09			

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
PLAISANCE	C	31 Jan 06	1 Jul 21			
Sub-Type A		1 Oct 09				
C		8 Jan 07	2 Apr 10		23 Jul 10	
D		19 Mar 07	18 Feb 08			
G						
H		18 Mar 11	4 Nov 18			
I		25 Dec 12	1 Jul 21	18 Mar 11		
POTARO	RC	23 Apr 08	9 Nov 21		30 Oct 22	
Sub-Type A		8 Apr 11	3 Nov 11	5 Apr 11		
B		19 Feb 12	18 May 12			
C		23 Apr 08	8 Nov 15			
D		9 Aug 12	4 Apr 21			
E		7 Aug 18	9 Nov 21			
PROVIDENCE	S	14 Apr 14	16 Aug 22			
Sub-Type C		21 Aug 18				
E		8 Jul 19	16 Aug 22			
RELIANCE	C	8 Jul 07	25 Apr 14			
Sub-Type C		8 Jul 07	12 Dec 10			
G		14 Jan 11	24 Sep 13			
SUDDIE	C	9 Feb 07	13 Jun 18	12 Jun 06		
Sub-Type C		9 Feb 07	10 Oct 16			
E		1 Jun 13	8 Nov 13			
TAYMOUTH MANOR	RC	7 Mar 07	22 Jan 19	7 Jan 07	5 Apr 19	
Sub-Type C		9 Jan 09	1 Oct 10			
G		7 Jan 07	6 Nov 18			
I		23 Jan 13	25 Jul 17			
TUSCHEN	VS	7 May 09	17 May 11		15 Sep 16	
Sub-Type A		7 May 09	26 Mar 10			
C		8 May 06				
G		17 May 11	28 Apr 15			
I		8 Apr 16			15 Sep 16	
VREEDENHOOP	C	12 Oct 06	27 Jun 24	10 May 06	12 Oct 24	
Sub-Type B		27 Jun 24				
C		16 Oct 06	8 Mar 15			
E		23 May 12	9 Oct 23			
H		29 Jul 12	18 Mar 14		29 Jul 14	
I		13 Dec 18	30 Dec 20			
WAKENAAM	C	23 Oct 06	4 Jan 22	20 Aug 06		
Sub-Type A		8 May 08	4 Jun 14			
C		23 Oct 06	15 Jul 08			

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
G		25 Feb 18				
I		29 Apr 17	4 Jan 22			
WHIM	RC	16 May 06	11 Sep 28		23 Mar 32	
Sub-Type C		3 Jul 06	24 Nov 10			
E						
G		23 Mar 13				
WISMAR	RC	3 Feb 10	13 Mar 14			
Sub-Type C		27 Feb 11	4 Sep 11			
E		5 May 13	13 Mar 14			

Type 15a

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
MARLBOROUGH	S	2 Sep 09	4 Jan 17	20 Aug 09	22 Oct 18	
Sub-Type C		12 Aug 10	4 Jan 17		Jun 18	
POTARO XI MILE	S	10 Sep 11	30 Apr 32	23 Aug 11		
Sub-Type C		5 Feb 12	29 Oct 17			
E		10 Sep 11	12 Oct 31			

Type 15b

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
HYDE PARK	S	5 Mar 12	26 Jun 26	14 Nov 11	20 Aug 26	
Sub-Type C		3 Aug 12	24 Nov 20			
E		3 Jun 21				
METENMEERZORG	RC	25 Jun 10	26 Oct 21	30 Apr 10		
Sub-Type C		25 Jun 10	16 Oct 20			
E		17 Jan 21	26 Oct 21			
G		4 Jul 14				

Type 15c

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
ACQUEERO	S	19 Jan 10	12 Aug 28		11 Sep 28	
Sub-Type C						
E		27 Jun 21	11 Sep 28			
CORNHIILL	R	10 Apr 22		15 Aug 12		
Sub-Type B		30 Sep 20				
C		20 Jul 12				
E				3 Sep 20		
LEONORA	RC	8 Jul 10	1 Sep 22		26 Jun 23	
Sub-Type C		13 Oct 10	24 Jun 19			
E		25 Feb 20	14 Jan 24			

Type 15d

Type 15d
Sub-Type GType 15d
Sub-Type C

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
SKELDON	C	12 Oct 06	17 Oct 12		7 Mar 19	
Sub-Type C		17 Jan 07	16 Jun 10			
E		27 Oct 11				
G		23 Feb 11	22 Aug 13			
I		2 Feb 12	7 Mar 19			

Type 15e

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
ARAKAKA	RC	14 Jul 13	Nov 26			
Sub-Type G				16 Mar 15		
J		10 Feb 14	28 Apr 14		7 Jul 16	
K		19 Aug 13	14 Apr 24			
MAHAICA	RC	9 Jul 13	21 Dec 29			
Sub-Type J		28 Jul 13	10 Nov 23			
K		5 Feb 18	5 Jun 29			
WELDAAD	S	22 Sep 13	26 Jul 21	13 Sep 13		
Sub-Type J		14 Dec 14	24 Nov 20			
K		22 Sep 13	5 May 21			

Type 16

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
BLAIRMONT	C	27 Jul 09	17 Oct 22			
Sub-Type C		13 May 11	18 Jun 14			
D		30 Sep 10	31 Oct 19			
E		14 Oct 21	14 Nov 21			
I		15 Jan 20	5 Oct 22			
KITTY	C	18 May 08	4 Feb 25			
Sub-Type C		26 Nov 10	15 Aug 14			
D		16 May 13	28 Oct 13		30 Oct 13	
E						

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
NAAMRYCK	S	28 Sep 09	12 May 24	21 Sep 09	23 Mar 25	
Sub-Type C		8 Sep 10	18 Jun 16			
D		21 Sep 09				
I		27 Jun 23	12 May 24			
K		4 Feb 24				
WELDAAD	S	2 Apr 09	8 Mar 14			
Sub-Type C		2 Apr 09	8 Mar 13			
D		6 May 09	8 Jun 09			

Type 16a



Type 16a
Sub-Type D



Type 16a
Sub-Type C

VILLAGE	RARITY	EKD	LKD	NEW EKD	NEW LKD	NOTES
ANN'S GROVE	RC	14 Jan 10	15 Jul 29			
Sub-Type C		18 Oct 09	14 Jan 10			
D		28 Apr 10	12 Jun 17			
E		3 Apr 2-				
F		7 Jan 18	19 Apr 29			
BENAB	RC	6 Aug 10	1 Dec 18			
Sub-Type C		1 Dec 18	14 Oct 09			
ENMORE	C	22 Nov 08	16 May 24		18 May 24	
Sub-Type C		23 Apr 09	14 Oct 18			
D		14 May 10	21 Jun 14			
E		12 May 19	25 Jan 21			
F		22 Jul 20	20 Aug 22			
ROSIGNOL	R	16 Mar 10	7 Jun 17	14 Jul 04		
Sub-Type C		22 Sep 11	7 Sep 12			
D						
E		7 Jun 17				
SISTERS	RC	6 Feb 07	17 Nov 22			
Sub-Type C		3 May 07	2 Nov 16			
I		26 Apr 20	17 Nov 22			
WALES	RC	21 May 09	12 Jun 25			
Sub-Type C		21 May 09	13 Sep 20			
E		25 Feb 21	12 Jun 25	1 Sep 19		

CAYMAN ISLANDS**PROOFS (CONVENTION INFORMAL DISPLAY)****BY GRAHAM BOOTH****CAYMAN ISLANDS**

Queen Victoria imperforate key plate proofs in the issued colours, with the country name and value tablet hand painted in similar colours, fixed to a piece of card. Ex Maisel



1901 colour trials in unadopted colours for the 1902 issue on gummed watermarked paper, fixed to De La Rue archival paper. Ex Maisel.



1901 colour trials for the 1902 issue on gummed watermarked paper, the 1/2d and brown and green 1/- being unadopted, with the 1/- being the issued colour. Ex Maisel.



1907 colour trials on gummed watermarked paper, fixed to De La Rue archival paper, the approved colours for the new 4d, 1/- and 5/- of the 1907 issue. Ex Maisel.

CAYMAN ISLANDS 1938 GEORGE VI SET



An artist's proof for the 2½d value, with an error in the name of the Cayman Islands.



Photographic proofs ex the De la Rue archives. The designs for the 1½ and 2d were not adopted although that of the 1½d seems very attractive. The design for the 2½d was modified with a different frame and also used for the 5/-, and that of the 5/- for the 10/-. There were five separate fish designs before agreement was reached. Three are shown above. The Commissioner had suggested a dolphin fish which is common in Cayman waters. The photograph he sent is in the Queen's collection. But between them, the artist, the Crown Agents, the Colonial Office and the government in Jamaica continued to confuse one another and to produce a design based on "Flipper", which is a mammal from temperate waters.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

THE HALF PENNY IS THE KEY (CONVENTION DISPLAY)

BY KEVIN DARCY

Cayman Islands

Local Mail

East End Post Office

This office reopened in February 1913 at William Conwell Watlers Store at Gun Bay. Cover January 1914 with George V ½^d cancelled by East End Type II handstamp paying local letter rate within the island.



West Bay

This post office opened in Hubert Lee Ebanks store around February 1913. He was the first sub postmaster. The type 1 postmark is recorded from July 1913. The cover with postmark in black bears George V ½^d used May 1919 sent to Mr. McLoughlin, Law Agent, Vestryman and local school teacher.



DOMINICA

1877 CROWN CC ½D

The block of four of the Queen Victoria Crown CC ½d olive-yellow illustrated is from the first printing, invoiced 7 Nov 1879. The cancellation is dated 27 Apr 1881, which by coincidence is the invoice date of the second printing.

BY MICHAEL HAMILTON



GRENADA

INFORMATION REQUEST

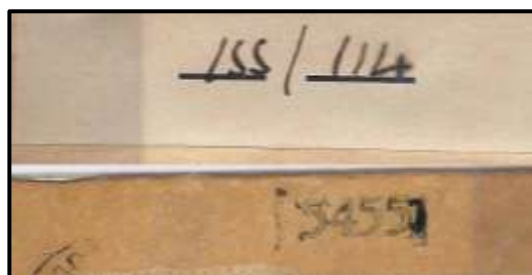
Request for information from Noel Davenhill (non member – reply through the Editor).

I find it surprising that in 1937, Grenada issued a farthing stamp. (almost a year before any other colony issued their first KGVI definitives). The Leeward Islands already had farthing stamps, but Grenada was the only Windward Island to do so, although Dominica followed suit in 1940 with a similar stamp. I presume this value was used for posting local newspapers, but find it surprising that St. Lucia and St. Vincent did not have this perk – Does anyone know why? Finally, why is the 1950 printing of the 2½d stamp so scarce? Surely several sheets would have been printed! Any help with these questions would be appreciated.

MANUSCRIPT CENSOR MARK

BY STEVE ZIRINSKY

Can anyone supply information on this manuscript censor mark?



GRENADA

BRITISH FLEET MAIL

BY DAVID HORRY AND TIM PEARCE

Tim Pearce has found this Grenada cover with a **British Fleet Mail** Birmingham dated 23 November 1945.

It bears the number 14 at the base that indicates it was used in The USA. (Nos. 22 and 27 were allocated to The Dutch West Indies) – there were 40 in all the rest being used in Europe, South Africa, Australia, India and the Far East (as per Whitney).

There were 40 of these strikes dating from 1944 (as per Whitney):–



So – how did No 14 end up in Grenada (or did it?).

Can anyone help?

This is the full number listing:–

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Ceylon | 11. Germany | 21. Singapore/India | 31. India |
| 2. India/Japan | 12. Australia/Palestine/ Israel/ Greece | 22. Neth. East Indies | 32. Germany |
| 3. Malaya | 13. India | 23. Aden | 33. Malaya/Singapore |
| 4. Egypt | 14. USA | 24. Italy/Belgium/Denmark/ Germany | 34. Australia |
| 5. Australia | 15. Gibraltar | 25. Papua New Guinea | 35. Pakistan |
| 6. USA | 16. Australia | 26. – | 36. Egypt |
| 7. India | 17. India | 27. Neth. East Indies/Ceylon | 37. India |
| 8. India | 18. Egypt/Germany | 28. India | 38. Germany |
| 9. Australia/UK/ Hong Kong | 19. Kenya | 29. South Africa | 39. Egypt |
| 10. Malta | 20. Burma/Ceylon/Singapore | 30. Germany | 40. Germany |

GRENADA

GPO NEW BIRMINGHAM

BY DAVID HORRY AND TIM PEARCE

This is not an easy item to find and the first image is a genuinely used cover to Toronto, Canada (with a lot of University College 6 cts) ERD 28 March 1953.

(The LRD is 15 April 1954 Proud) – but Tim also has a block of 4 UPU retrospectively used with said cancel and a block of 4 4c QEII with March year slug missing but should be 1954– both these items are obviously philatelic.



So, why is this cancel so hard to find and what was the philatelic use all about!?

WINDWARD GARRISON

BY DAVID HORRY AND TIM PEARCE

Windward Islands Garrison TRO* – 2 Dec 1944
this is the only recorded date and is also noted by Dan Walker.

Tim writes:–

“... attached... is the front and back of the Windward Islands TRO* as I see you have not seen it in colour before.

This may well be Dan's as the date is the same and I think I have seen one other in a sale. It is a bit odd.

It starts at the Garrison HQ (where was that? They trained in Trinidad and Virginia and were then posted to Italy) on 2 Dec 1944 (Saturday), passes through Grenada GPO on 11 Dec (Monday week), gets to Gouyave on the same day, then presumably gets lost and is franked again at Gouyave on 15 Dec (Friday). I do hope that Mrs. Carmen Williams did get her Christmas message from her son, presumably in the Caribbean Regiment. Sadly the envelope has no contents.

I assume the inscriptions are bilingual because the printed envelopes may have been used to Martinique and Guadeloupe as well.

Florida Village got its own postmark in 1957. Someone has written R.1 (Rarity Index?) C/D on the back. If that was Robson Lowe, then he must have seen several. I should say the rarity value is at least F if not G.

...By December 1944, the Caribbean Regiment was in Egypt, so I suppose it's just possible the envelope started its journey there. ...”

So where was this item posted? Any illumination anyone?



BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE
INCOME STATEMENT : YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2009

	£'s	2009	2008
INCOME :			
Subscriptions		3,761	3,624
Publications - Sales less commissions		1,210	1,875
Auction donation		1,445	1,474
Other donations		499	20
Interest received		3	70
TOTAL INCOME		6,918	7,063
EXPENDITURE :			
Bulletin - Costs less advertising	1,699		1,860
Distribution and editorial expenses	<u>1,952</u>	3,651	<u>1,813</u>
Publications : Printing costs		1,446	1,874
Leamington Convention - net deficit		505	-
Room hire costs		260	200
ABPS affiliation fee		238	230
Officers administration - Stationery, postage, telephone etc		172	123
Bank charges		37	-
Library expenses		10	-
Website		79	35
Other expenses		15	43
		6,413	6,178
SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	£'s	505	£'s 885

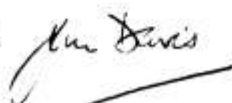
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2009

ACCUMULATED FUND :			
Balance at 1st January 2009		5,822	4,347
Add : Surplus for the year		505	885
Dollar conversion profit (loss)		(203)	590
		<u>6,124</u>	<u>5,822</u>
ROSES PUBLICATIONS FUND		3,554	-
	£'s	9,678	£'s 5,822
REPRESENTED BY :			
Cash at banks		8,971	5,526
Debtors - amounts due to us		<u>3,762</u>	<u>4,509</u>
		12,733	10,035
Less : Subscriptions received in advance	(2,440)		(2,182)
Loan	-		(2,000)
Other creditors - Amounts due by us	<u>(615)</u>	(3,055)	<u>(31)</u>
	£'s	9,678	£'s 5,822

AUDITORS REPORT

I hereby certify that the income statement for the year ended 31st December 2009 is in accordance with the books, vouchers and explanations given to me; and that the Balance Sheet at the 31st December 2009 shows the financial state of the British West Indies Study Circle as at that date.

J G M Davis FCA



15th April 2010

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was opened by Peter Ford who welcomed the 30 members present, and thanked Spink for their hospitality in allowing BWISC to hold our AGM on the premises.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Victor Toeg, Richard Maisel, John Davis, Ben Ramkissoon, Peter McCann, John Seidl, R. Jeal.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous meeting on 2 May 2009, as published in Bulletin No. 221, June 2009, Pages 37 to 41, were accepted by the attendees.

4. REPORT BY THE HON. GENERAL SECRETARY (CHAS GEE)

The membership status as of December 2009 (date of issue of December Bulletin) was that we had a total of 337 members, of which 220 were from the UK and 117 from overseas. This represents a decrease of 10 members compared to the same date in 2008.

Over the year we lost 27 existing members (23 of these lost due non-payment of membership renewal fees).

There were 14 new membership applications and 3 members who had dropped out in the previous year were re-instated.

The annual request for information on changes to members details (made in the Bulletin) results in a good response. Members are urged to let the Secretary know of any change of address as soon as possible to ensure that they continue to receive issues of our Bulletin.

5. Report by the Hon. Editor (Steve Jarvis)

Production of the Bulletin over the last year has continued smoothly and, thanks to the contributions of members, I have had little difficulty filling the 40 pages. Indeed some editions have required difficult decisions regarding which articles to postpone and for June I needed to expand to 44 pages to overcome the dilemma. However, I now find that my store of articles is rather depleted and so make an urgent plea for more material, or else I threaten you with an edition dedicated largely to Jamaica, which might send most of you to sleep!

I have been doing the Editor's job for eight years and have decided that ten years in the role is enough; after that, someone with new ideas should take over. I am therefore pleased to announce that Dr. David Watson has agreed to become Deputy Editor, with a view to effecting a smooth transition of responsibilities over the next couple of years. I shall continue to organize the Bulletin printing and distribution, and look after the web site but hopefully I will have more time to return to the Jamaica Encyclopaedia project and publish some more volumes.

My thanks again go to Charles Freeland and Peter Ford, whose advice and scrutiny ensures the finished Bulletin maintains its high quality.

6. Report by the Hon. Treasurer (Ray Stanton)

I have pleasure in reporting that the Study Circle has generated a surplus of income over expenditure in 2009 of £505 which further consolidates the financial position going forwards.

Income from subscriptions during the year increased to £3,761 and covered the cost of the Bulletin production and distribution, after allowing for advertising income. Last year I thought we might have to consider an increase in subscriptions, if Bulletin costs continued to increase but given the 2009 figures we can probably put that in abeyance for another year.

Income from the Study Circle auction continues to be an excellent source of funds and was very similar to the previous year. Income from publications in 2009 was reduced to £1,210 and was less than the amount spent on publications printing of £1,446. Since the year end we have had a considerable outlay on the Trinidad book jointly produced with the BCPSG, the sales and costs of which will show up in the 2010 accounts.

We have been fortunate in receiving a donation of £499 during the year and for which we are exceedingly grateful as without it in the current year we would have just broken even.

With regard to expenses, we have again limited our meeting room costs in London due to the generosity of Spink, with our grateful thanks. There was a deficit of £505 in respect of the Leamington Convention in the Autumn but apart from that other expenses were very similar to the previous year.

During the year the accumulated balance of £3,554 on a publications fund, which was associated with the erstwhile Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society, was handed over to the Study Circle for use on future publications. Previously the Study Circle had benefited from the loan of this money for use on publication projects. This receipt has been shown as an addition to the Accumulated Fund at the 31st December 2009 and shown as a separate heading on the balance sheet. It has not been included in the Income Statement.

As a result the Accumulated fund, has increased from £5,822 to £9,678 although unlike last year we have a small loss on the conversion of our US dollar funds. Due to the prevailing low interest rates we have had limited ability to earn any interest this year.

I would like to thank John Davis again for being our auditor and for the advice and help he has given.

James Podger asked about debtors and creditors appearing in the accounts. Ray explained that the debtors related to auction proceeds still outstanding at the end of the financial year, and to some outstanding literature sales and payments for advertising in the Bulletin that again had carried over to the next financial year. Creditors related to advance membership subscriptions that we had received (membership subscriptions can be paid up to five years in advance).

7. Report by the Hon. Librarian (Ian Jakes)

There has been a loan of sixteen books to six members during the year. This compares with a loan of seven books to four members during the year ended April 2009.

I have provided members with six requests for philatelic information which cannot be found on the internet.

No member has requested a library list. The library list was last up-dated in 1997 and I will attend to an up-date during the next year.

The library has purchased one booklet 'St. Kitts and Nevis Manuscript Cancellations' by Robert J Wynstra.

Our member David King has donated 'St. Kitts Postcards' Volumes 1–6 inclusive to the library.

Our member Chris Southgate has donated 'British Colonial Stamps in Current Use' by R Courtney Cade and 'Virgin Islands' by R E R Dolwick to the library.

Curtis Rawson Limited Stamp Dealers, 3 Wollaton Street, Nottingham have donated a catalogue of the 'Sir Henry Tucker Collection of Bermuda' sold by Harmers on 17 October 1978.

The Reverend Matthew Jakes has donated two book cases to the library.

Many thanks to all donors for their gifts which are greatly appreciated.

An email received in the year suggests that some members are not aware that the library holds all the Bulletins of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. Requests for information from this source are welcome.

At the beginning of 2010 the Royal Philatelic Society London set up its own website with a connection to British West Indies Study Circle. This resulted in four enquiries from non-members for philatelic information and a donation by one non-member of £10 to the British West Indies Study Circle for information provided. I have received no request for information from non-members since March 2010. Perhaps the novelty of the Royal website has subsided.

Donations had also been received on Friday from Edmund Bayley and James Podger.

8. Report by the Hon. Publications Officer (Peter Ford)

The past year has been an exciting one for our Publications Empire; we published the second booklet in our continuing series of Study Papers, 'Cancellations on St. Vincent Stamps 1861–97' by Michael Louka. Although not technically a publication of ours but we had a lot to do with its production, was John Davis's 'War Tax Stamps of the British Empire – The West Indies' which was published by the Royal Philatelic Society London. Our thanks for this has to go to Chris Harman, whose idea it first was to offer it to the Royal when we decided that we could not afford the publication of a hard backed book at that time. Affording to publish any hard-backed book is

difficult for a small society such as ours, so we collaborated with our American sister society, the BCPSG who very generously offered to help finance the long-awaited 'Trinidad – A Philatelic History to 1913' by Sir John Marriott, Michael Medlicott and Reuben Ramkisson. This book went off to the printers in November and has now been published. Steve Jarvis and I had the great pleasure in presenting the first copy of this book to Sir John's widow, Lady Mary in early March. It is a fine book and I can only encourage our members to buy a copy.

Sales last year were again a little thin with Mike Rego's Steamship Lines books being our best sellers with the three volumes accounting for 40 copies sold. The new St. Vincent booklet, published late in the year, sold 12. The remaining books sold a total of 21 copies. We can only hope that the Trinidad book and any future publications will help increase these sales.

At present I am working with the authors on a completely revised Montserrat book, as well as a definitive work on Grenada; I am hoping to reprint both the Deakin Barbados and Borroneo Nevis booklets soon. Both of these last two have sold out. There are other books in prospect but again, I will report on those at a later date.

With the advancement in technology, it appears that we may now be able to have our books printed-on-demand. Basically this means that we can send in a file to a printer and have any number of books printed, however small. This will help us in two ways. One, we will not have to tie up large amounts of money in stock holdings, allowing us the freedom to publish more titles. Second, it also means that no one will have to store large numbers of books. This method of printing, I am just experimenting with this, but hopefully it might relieve us of several problems connected to short-run printing. For instance, if we decided to publish a Study Paper around a less popular subject where we wouldn't expect to sell many copies, we can start by ordering say, 30 copies and top up our stocks by 10 copies at a time when those have sold out. But it's early days yet and I hope to report on it more fully next year.

9. Report by the Chairman of the Committee (Peter Ford)

Every year, when I stand up to deliver my Chairman's Report, I find that I am repeating myself. I say what a successful year it has been for the Study Circle. I report that we had a successful Annual Auction, with better-than-expected realisations. I report that the BWISC Bulletin goes from strength to strength. This is all true for the last year, 2009 with the added bonus of a highly rewarding and enjoyable Convention at Stratford-upon-Avon.

The Convention itself was well attended with some 44 participants; we had the pleasure and delight in the viewing of two superb displays, one by Chris Harman and the other by David Cordon, this last supplemented by a contribution from Sir Geoffrey Palmer. This figure of attendees was slightly down on previous years and may have been the result of the change of venue or the change to a Sunday; I invite members to comment on this.

All of this does not happen by itself; it takes a lot of effort by the members of the Committee to whom I would like to extend my thanks for all their hard work. I am sure all those present would agree.

I now have to make an appeal to all our members. Ray Stanton has been our Hon. Treasurer for 12 years, Steve Jarvis has been the Bulletin Editor for 8 years and I have been Publications Officer for 13. We cannot all go on forever; we need other members to consider helping in the running of our society. A couple of years ago, when Peter Boulton decided to retire as Hon. Secretary, Chas Gee volunteered to assist and has been most successful in this position, having organised his first Convention last year. We need more volunteers like Chas to help us. Please think about it and contact me if you think you can contribute.

10. RE-ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

Peter Ford was re-elected unanimously.

11. RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Officers and Messrs. N. Chandler, P. Fernbank and M. Hamilton have all agreed to continue as members of the Committee. There were no further nominations, consequently, all are automatically re-elected.

12. ELECTION OF THE HON. AUDITOR

John Davis has agreed to continue with this role.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- There was a discussion regarding venues for the Convention with some members expressing a preference for varied locations to be used, Bournemouth and York being mentioned.
- Peter Ford also asked for bright ideas for other potential events (large or small) that may be of benefit to members e.g. the possibility of holding some Regional events etc. It was agreed that an e-mail would be circulated to all members who have provided e-mail addresses (as part of their membership details) asking for suggestions that can be considered.

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INFORMAL DISPLAYS AT BWISC 2010

The following members provided informal displays, these will progressively be included in the web site gallery with extracts in the Bulletin:

Click on Programme and then the link under 'BWISC & BCPSG 2010 MEETINGS'

- Michael Medlicott – Revenues
- Michael Medlicott – St. Vincent Revenues
- Michael Medlicott – Trinidad Maritime PH
- Peter Ford – British Guiana Early Ship Types
- Bruce Walker – St. Vincent: WWII Censorship
- Bruce Walker – Trinidad 1d Manuscript O/P
- James Podger – Cayman Islands 1908 ¼d
- Tom Giraldi – Cayman Islands 1908 ¼d
- Paul Wright – Jamaica PH
- Dingle Smith – Jamaica Early Post Cards
- Peter Fernbank – Bahamas: Queen's Staircase
- Simon Kelly – Bahamas Georgian Miscellany
- Ian Matheson – British Honduras Postmarks
- Ian Matheson – St. Lucia Handstamps & Labels
- Ian Jakes – British West Indies Overprints
- Charles Freeland – St Lucia, QV and early KE Keyplates

JAMAICA

'ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF JAMAICAN PHILATELY' WEB PROJECT

BY STEVE JARVIS

Items mentioned in the Bulletin can be accessed using this link:

<http://www.jamaicaphilately.info/bwisc>

Recent activity has focused on making Everard Aguilar's journal *West Indies Stamps* available on-line. This has now been scanned, ocr-ed and converted to pdf files for viewing. The contents are mostly dull but contain a few useful snippets of information. An index will be developed later this year.

'POINTING FINGER' 'RETURN TO SENDER'

Bulletin #223, December 2009, reported on the US style 'Pointing Finger' 'Return to Sender' marks, and the discovery of the second recorded example of Type 2 dated 7 Jan 1931 on a cover from Trinidad. A third example has now appeared on eBay, this time on a first flight cover from Venezuela, dated 9 Feb 1931 (a new LKD) – the dates are from the Kingston cancellation which may not be the date the pointing finger was applied.

'CANCELLED' MARK

There are at least three types of a straight-line mark reading 'CANCELLED' (Figure 1). These are to be found on Jamaica telegraph stamps, on cut-outs from stamped telegraph forms, on postage and revenue adhesives and even on at least two covers.

We would welcome information and further examples. What strikes exist? struck on what? on what dates? At what stage of the telegraph procedure were they applied? What was the purpose supposed to be? and what were the actual uses?

FIGURE 1



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LATE FEE RATES

Tom Foster in his Postal History book explained how Late Fees on packet letters were charged and applied:

- 3d if posted in the special box at the post office or
- 6d if posted at the quayside or on board the packet – these were stowed 'loose' in the portmanteau (or latterly in a special bag) and cancelled in the UK.

He stated this service and rates were first officially confirmed 2 July 1868 – but in use much earlier.

No mention is made of a Late Fee for internal letters.

My trawls through the *Jamaica Gleaner* have uncovered the following extracts from Post Office Notices:

Packet mail

(By) 22 Nov 1865:

The mails for Great Britain and the Windward islands etc etc will be closed at this Office on the 24th inst. at 5 o'clock pm; Newspaper Bags at 4pm.

Late Letters will be taken till 6pm on payment of a Fee of three pence each Letter.

The supplemental Morning Mail will be closed at 6am on the 25th, letters for which may be posted, together with the Fee of sixpence each letter, in an envelope addressed to the Postmaster for Jamaica.

Alex J Brymer.

[Editor's Note: The Fee could also apply to letter to the USA.]

10 Mar 1873:

Contract Mail Steam Packet – Outward Bound.

In order to afford the Public the fullest possible opportunity for posting correspondence intended for transmission by outbound steam packet from Kingston, a Post Office Clerk will be stationed on board of such vessel during the hour preceding her departure for the purpose of receiving and dealing with such correspondence. Such extra mail will be closed when the Vessel leaves the wharf. A late Fee of One Shilling will be chargeable on each letter so posted on board which, with the postage, must be prepaid by Postage Stamps.

To commence with, the practice will be restricted to the Homeward Bound Bi-monthly Vessels of the Royal Mail Steam packet Company and to the Monthly Contract Steamer for New York.

Fred Sullivan.

(On) 23 Apr 1874:

Late Fee (for posting at the General Post Office)

3d at 2 pm;

6d at 3 pm;

1s from 3 pm to 4 pm on board the packet.

(By) 25 Apr 1877

The fees are:

3d at the Post Office;

6d on board the steamer.

[Editor's Note: The 1s rate still applied for the sailing on 25 Mar 1877. But for the sailing on 25 Apr 1877 the on board fee reduced to 6d. So this change may have arisen at the time of joining the UPU? This rate still applied in 1899.]

I believe this information sheds new light on the fees and process and perhaps should cause us to re-examine covers of the period, as 6d late fee covers were not necessarily carried loose in the bag and the 1s late fee rate could be confused with a double rate packet fee.

Internal Mail

(By) 23 Oct 1873

The outward country mails will be closed at the General Post Office on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, as under:

Registered Letters 1.15 pm

Newspapers 1.30 pm

Ordinary Letters 2 pm

Late Letters (3d extra) 2.30 pm

(By) 13 Apr 1885:

THE TRI WEEKLY MAILS for the country Districts must be closed at this office as under:

LATE LETTERS.

1d Extra 8.00 pm

2d Extra 8.10 pm

(Editor's Note – These two rates still applied 16 Feb 1894).

The existence of a Late Fee on internal mail may also explain some of the apparently odd rates on internal covers.

Further research to try to establish effective dates is required.

JAMAICA

BY ROYAL MAIL COACH, 1887

BY PAUL WRIGHT

Until 1878 the usual Jamaica post conveyance was by bags on a mule, with a postman mounted on a second mule. Between 1878 and 1888 mail coaches were gradually introduced on the main routes, linking with the extension of the railways which also carried post.

The coaches were operated by contractors who tendered for each route. As well as being paid by the Post Office to carry the post, they also accepted fare-paying passengers and parcels for carriage between post offices. The Post Office acted as agents for the contractor in taking passenger bookings, collecting fares and fees for parcels at post offices.

The first service, in 1878, charged 6d per lb for parcels, with a maximum weight of 10lb. Another service in 1885, with larger coaches, charged only 3d per lb with a maximum of 20lb. This 3d rate may by then have been a general standard set in each contract with the Post Office. A memorandum dated 3 May 1887 by the Postmaster of Jamaica mentioned:

"...except as to mail coach parcels, the rate on which must remain at threepence per pound as the Post Office has to pay out to the coach proprietors twopence per pound for their conveyance."

Although these 'mail coach parcels' were handed in to and collected from a post office and the sender prepaid the charge at the post office, they may have been separate from the Post Office parcel post, in operation from at least 1881. The limits and rates for the inland parcel post were quite different: from 1 February 1887 the rate was 1d for each 2 ounces up to a maximum weight of only 8 ounces.

ROYAL MAIL COACH.
KINGSTON and MONTEGO BAY.

Office *St Ann's Bay*

No. *36* Contents Unknown.

Date *4th Oct 87*

Received from *G. Morrison*

for conveyance to *Ewarton*

to be delivered to

Name *G. Morrison*

Address *Ewarton*

Amount prepaid *5s 0d*

In excess

J. R. Naylor
Receiving Officer

M. C. DeSouza, Printer, 7, Church Street, Kingston.

This printed receipt is for the conveyance of a parcel on the Kingston and Montego Bay Royal Mail Coach from St. Ann's Bay to Ewarton on 4 October 1887. The form was printed by M. C. DeSouza, Printer, 7 Church Street, Kingston. The legend 'Contents unknown' is pre-printed.

The weight, entered as "20 lbs. In excess" at a rate of 3d per lb gives the correct 5s total prepaid. The 'In excess' might mean that this parcel was in excess of the passenger luggage allowance of 10lb, above which luggage was charged as freight; or, more plausible, that 20lb exceeds the prescribed maximum of 10lb for a coach parcel, but the Post Office nevertheless accepted it at 3d per lb.

The charge was collected and the receipt was issued at St. Ann's Bay post office, signed as "Receiving Officer" by J. R. Naylor, who was then Postmaster at St. Ann's Bay.

The addressee, G Morrison, was listed in the 1891 Island Business Directory under the Post Office Address, Linstead as 'Morrison, G. Rio Magno, Shopkeeper'.

ST. KITTS-NEVIS**WWII CENSORSHIP (CONVENTION DISPLAY)****BY BRIAN BROOKES**

'PASSED THE CENSOR' First type handstamp 62mm long in red. Known used from 21st August, 1939 until 19th July, 1942 on a cover dated 21st August, 1939 from Nevis sent via St. Kitts where it was censored before being forwarded to New York.



'ST.KITTS/PASSED BY CENSOR 3' double circle in red with crown in centre. Handstamp used from January, 1940 until April, 1942 on a cover dated 5th July, 1940 from St. Maarten addressed to St. Kitts where it arrived and passed through the censors office on the 11th July, 1940.



ST. LUCIA

Request for information from Noel Davenhill (non member – reply through the Editor).

I wish to know a little about the St. Lucia KGV1 4c and 12c perforation varieties. Does anyone know anything about these? Obviously they were not placed on general sale, either in St. Lucia or the Crown Agents. Have Waterlow ever explained the circumstances? Surely they must have perforated several sheets, so what happened to make the stamps so very scarce? I know there have been similar instances in Cyprus and Grenada for example, but these St. Lucia stamps are particularly fascinating. Has anyone ever discovered the circumstances regarding these amazing stamps?

ST. VINCENT

MISSSENT TO ST. VINCENT – 1908 (FROM ST. LUCIA)

BY MICHAEL MEDLICOTT

Neither PML (Note 1) nor Proud (Note 2) record the illustrated straight-line marking, which measures 61 x 3.5 millimetres and is struck a little faintly on the illustrated One Penny St. Lucia postal card from Castries (JU 15/08) to Salzburg, Austria. The reverse bears a G.P.O circular datestamp (PML No. 81) dated 'JU 17/08', code 'A'.

Of the G.P.O St. Vincent datestamp, PML note "Early usages are scarce but there is an example in the collection of Mr. Chin Aleong dated '10 Aug 1908' with the code letter changed to 'A'". Proud (Type D41) notes it with code 'C' as sent 2 Mar 1908 (PML note that the proof sheet is marked "To Town duty 2/3/08") and the dates of use as 23 Mar 1908 to 30 Jun 1927. Its early scarcity may be explained if it were kept for the use of the clerk responsible for redirecting misrouted mail.

'Missent' marks are always scarce, and it is surprising to find a second instrument in use during the currency of PML 97, which Proud records used from 1 Sep 1908 to 18 Sep 1929.



NOTES:

1. *St. Vincent* by A.D. Pierce, J.L. Messenger & Robson Lowe, pub. Robson Lowe Ltd., 1971.
2. *The Postal History of St. Lucia and St. Vincent* by Edward B. Proud and J.Chin Aleong, pub. Proud Publications Ltd., 2006.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

LATE FEE

BY MICHAEL MEDLICOTT

Although roughly opened at the top, the illustrated cover is interesting in several ways, not least for its Boy Scouts Association origin.

The stamps are tied by Colon au Havre/L.No.3 octagon (Salles No. 1.434 used 1936–1939) dated '22-2/37' with a second strike alongside, partly overlaying a magenta strike of 'LATE FEE' in a previously unrecorded format; the unboxed lettering measures 27x8mm. It should be designated Type LF 2.



The only other LATE FEE handstamp (Type LF 1) was assigned to Scarborough, Tobago, and is recorded only twice so far, once on a pair of Tobago SG:21 with TOBAGO 'A' cds for 'JA 20/97', and once on a pair of Trinidad SG:115 (issued 1896) with TOBAGO 'B' cds for 'MR 14/-'.



The Editor has received an email from a 16 years old student Alyssah Xeniah C. Alcala who is building a philatelic exhibit on Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She would like donations of QE II items on cover, specimen, and unusual shape ... but whatever QE II philatelic items you can share would be of great help and much appreciated.

Please send her anything that you can spare to encourage youth philately to: St. John Street, Reyamar Compound, 4301 Lucena City, Philippines

<http://www.freewebs.com/alvier>.

BWISC AUCTION REPORT

Even when one accepts the likelihood that Derek Sutcliffe's Martinique collection would receive only lukewarm support within the membership of either BCPSG or BWISC (an expectation more than borne out in the event) an auction book in which fewer than 200 lots had been bid for in advance looked unusually blank. So the fact that by the end of our occupation of the Crypt at St. James, 379 lots had been sold (only two of these from Martinique) speaks volumes for the combined efforts of the two societies.

Our friends from overseas were present in significant numbers. They swelled the usual number of registered bidders by 15 or 20, contributing in full measure to an afternoon that was lively, competitive and always good-humoured. If we exclude Martinique from consideration, more than 62% of the lots on offer sold under the hammer. The sale total was £27,520.

Things began passively, with Anguilla and Antigua evoking little interest, except for Lot 13, the lovely multiple on piece, at £170 against estimate £80. This was the prelude, for Bahamas collectors were present in force and 37 lots sold, out of 43. Barbados passed rather uneventfully, for the standard of lots on offer was below that of recent years and Bermuda, deservedly or not, was disappointing; but British Guiana opened with only the second item of the day to double its estimate (Lot 141, the curate's egg) and very quickly we were on to the A04 on GB 1s, valued on account of its condition, with the buyer content to surge up to £380 on account of its rarity (Lot 147). Later highlights were 'Richmond Hill' at £90 (E £40) and the attractive postmark collection, bought on the book at £520 (Lot 166).

British Honduras, neglected by postal bidders, sold well in the Room, and both Cayman Islands and Dominica had good support. The final Cayman lot, opening at its bottom price of £15, was carried up to £58 – Jamaica used in Caymans, but in the period that many of us have lived through. If you thought that Dominica village marks on QV Leeward values had gone off the boil, we saw Soufrière steaming (Lot 218 at £70, E £26). Only moments later, the Garraway cover (Lot 224) realised £80, almost four times catalogue expectation.

Grenada was slack but not lifeless. The Imperium quadruplets did not appeal at a perhaps ambitious reserve of £850. So the next eye-opener came with Jamaica, the curious variety on the 1s value at Lot 289. An estimate of £40 lost all credibility: the stamp went for £170, leaving us all wondering how SG would price the variety were they to list it.

On its heels came another high flier, when the £150 estimate for the 2½d on 4d study trebled to £460 (Lot 292). Is there yet more research to come on what is possibly the most carefully studied issue of Jamaica? The passage from there to the mid-session break was fairly smooth. We had started 15 minutes late; so the clock now showed 2:45.

The second half kicked off with War Tax, and Lot 317 fetched £270, against E £160. The next lot also beat its estimate, and it was a surprise that Lot 319 fell well short at £950. This was a high-quality lot, packed with interest, and the new owner should be well pleased.

Lot 326 to 329 each had several book bids, and only one went above them in the Room. Otherwise the Room was having the best of it, and suddenly we reached memorabilia, Lot 359. Estimate £6, opens at £4.50, closes at £37. (If the auction estimator felt humiliated, there was worse to come, but you'll have to wait). Meanwhile the Revenues were catching alight, and we reckon this is a sign of a fashion trend to come. The KG VI era (Lot 364) ran to £200, E £90. QE II, next lot, sold for £105, E £40.

Our half-way break was moving things up a gear, for by now most lots were selling, and there were few flat patches before Martinique; but the opening bids had seldom been stunning, until Lot 386 was reached. Valued at £12, the scarcity of these modest coil-joins suddenly became clear: five book bidders had chased them up to £110, and there of course the hunt ended – with our estimator's reputation in tatters. From this point on, a realisation of double the estimate, such as the combination of fiscal and perfin at Lot 396 has to be treated as par for the course.

Between catalogue distribution and sale time Lots 419 and 420 of Nevis were found to be reprints after all, and these were sold together at a much reduced valuation. A price of £65 (E £30) for the rare Nevis 4d at Lot 428 of course underlines our comment about the upward trend in Revenue stamps.

Nothing of note happened for St. Christopher or St. Kitts-Nevis, so the next ripple came when with the French postal markings on St. Lucia (Lot 453) a Room buyer took the bidding up from its opening £105, to beat the Book at £220. Doubtless it was SG:1, within, that engendered the fight. Then we saw another estimate doubled, for the early Specimen stamp, Lot 463; but here again rarity was seen as more important than perfection.

St. Vincent, like Barbados, fell below our usual standard, only the curiosity at Lot 478 evoking a real battle. We suspect that it has gone to an unusual destination, a feature from which covers, at any rate, enhance their status.

With Tobago there was included the second half of the collection of which part was sold last year. The effect showed up when a few lots containing normal issues in quantity failed to sell – for the time being our Tobago collectors had sufficient. By contrast, the covers were fought over. These were breaking fresh ground. Of 34 Tobago lots on offer, 27 were sold; 18 of these went to buyers in the Room.

Momentum predictably slowed for Trinidad, although we saw an estimate trebled when the strip of three 1d blue (Lot 535) went for £220. Were a 6d bisect to have existed, it could hardly have done better.

The pattern of the auction was briefly reversed when Turks & Caicos was reached. There were eight lots. Each was sold. They all went to buyers on the Book. So did the 1d block of four (Lot 577) when we reached Virgin Islands. An opening at £220 shut out the Room. There had been significant movement behind the scenes. It was encouraging to see more than half the lots in this territory find a new home, because Virgin Islands have been out of favour for most of the years that auctions have been held. Among those changing hands was the 1d 'uncompound perf 15' and presumably one day it will grace a major collection. One only, because the item remains one-off. The sale was at estimate, presumed to be a reserve.

Another source of encouragement came under the category of British Post Offices, where again lots have usually failed to sell in the past. This time seven lots were offered, and only one of these was left in hand. Noteworthy was the £44 paid for the A90 mail-boat cancel at Lot 598. Single-figure realisations or expectations for items such as this are now far out of date.

Martinique need to be mentioned again only for the fact that the single item to receive a book bid was fought hard in the Room, although the book bidder won, at £75. And there were a dozen potential buyers still in their places when we reached the final miscellaneous lot of the day. To see this attain three figures was something of a coup de foudre for the auction teams.

Their efforts should be acknowledged. Distribution of lots to buyers present, immediately each lot was sold. The facility for such buyers to pay up and leave, without interrupting the course of the sale. And the running record of realisations. Never mind that the auctioneer was showing signs of flagging now and then – "I hear just one letter in every two nowadays", he told us – the rest of the organising team most certainly was not. When the hammer sounded for the last lot, and a sale total of over £27,000 could be announced immediately, there was a burst of applause.

The Social Sunday at Spink, two days later, adds a postscript to the preceding account. There was a surge of interest in the unsold lots, from which a further 36 lots were sold. It emerged that time available for viewing had been too limited – only one member having arranged for an earlier session with Simon. In the result, nearly 64% of the goods on offer have found new homes at the date of reporting, and a higher percentage, if one excludes Martinique. But this would slant the statistics, as quite a number of the after-sales were Martinique items.

Without in any way wanting to disappoint those who hope to go on buying from the auction, this year's opportunities will be more limited than usual, because a number of lots have been returned at the owner's request. One can so often not predict what will happen in the auction world, and it usually makes better sense to bid positively while you still can.

The after-sales reported here added another £1,750 to auction realisations, and if one adds on further sales at the Members' Table, the turnover of disposals over the weekend exceeded £30,000.

Realisations and unsold offers enclosed with Bulletin.

AUCTION UPDATE**BY CHARLES FREELAND****SPINK 11 MARCH (BP 20% UP TO £3K, 17% ABOVE THAT)**

This refreshingly slim catalogue contained some juicy Antigua and Caymans consigned by the late Alexander Reid, a new name to me. My spies tell me that in almost empty room the spoils were mainly divided between Gibbons and John Taylor. The highlight of the Antigua was the imperf between pair SG:7a, which sold for a healthy £16k, although that shows not much advance on the £12k in the 1990 Victor Toeg sale. The GV 2d sideways watermark was £1.7k. The Caymans was more exciting. Phone bidders competed for two great ½d on 5s provisional rarities ex Dale and Marston. The inverted overprint soared to £64k and the pair with one missing overprint was a healthy £52k, while the 2½d on 4d double overprint went to a room bidder for £40k (compared with \$42.5k for a similar item in Richard Maisel's collection). No wonder Nick Startup thanked the winning bidders profusely. By contrast Gibbons paid a reasonable £6.5k for the ½d double in pair with normal and £7.5k for the 1d double. After all that, £520 for a block of the GV MCA 3d inverted and reversed watermark seemed cheap, but was it? In total eleven of the sixteen Cayman items sold above the top estimate, an exception being the two 1d/4d fiscal overprint varieties which were as usual smudged. Buyers remain choosy about quality and scarcity!

MURRAY PAYNE 22 APRIL (NO BP)

The two best lots in this auction were both from Bermuda, the upper right block of the rare 5s Nov 1941 printing (£3,500) and the 22a flaw on the 10s line perf (£3,200). But a mounted copy of the Jamaica 5s line perf ran them close at £3,100. Among the lower priced lots a Bahamas 2s MCA inverted watermark u/m went for £250.

HARMERS OF LONDON 29 APRIL (BP 18%)

Frank Deakin's close ties with Harmers led to the first significant BWI offering in Chiswick, and they did a pretty good job for him. The fact that the material had not been on the market for a long time, its compactness and overall fine quality resulted in hammer prices of a resounding £235k, with unsolds estimated at £35k. The predominant buyer, represented by David Parsons in the room, has apparently concentrated on Britannias to date, but now decided to extend forward. Hence Frank's many choice 20th century proofs and essays fetched strong prices. But it was clear long before that that there would be hardly any steals. I thought much of the postal history, whose quality was mostly exceptional, had low estimates but that did not affect the outcome. The Poole concessionary officer's letter went for £850 to a dealer and the spectacular envelope to St Helena was £8k – those with sharp eyes would have spotted it in one of our member's displays the following week. The Prince Edward Is cover was far less important but still fetched £6.5k. The Britannia die proofs were each £2k except for the 5s which cost a happy buyer £4k. The "possibly unique" 1d imperf in black was a mere £500. Despite their number, the small seal imperfs sold well with the handpainted ones going up to £650. The lovely colour die proof for the 1906 Tercentenary was £6k and the equally lovely composite proof for the 1912 high values £4.5k, while the imperf pairs of the 1912 and 1920 sets were £6k each – and these strong results were repeated across the 20th century material and postal stationery. Well done Frank!

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT

I guess we would all be hard pressed to think of a cover from the Caribbean that has reached 6 figures in auction. But in my last report when I mentioned the amazing Risvold sale at Shreves, I overlooked the \$100k paid for the Dr Robert Barrie cover mailed on 14 December 1772 from St. Vincent to Florida via Jamaica that was illustrated on page 10 of PML. The Pensacola and Charles Town markings may have had much to do with it but that is still a breathtaking price.

COMING EVENTS

As announced on the back page we can look forward to John Davis' War Taxes in Grosvenor's autumn sale. And Phoebe is already gathering some interesting material for the next Victoria Stamp Co sale around the end of the year. Top of the list will be Paul Larsen's Barbados, which contains many desirable 20th century items including rare booklets, but a specialised Montserrat collection is also promised. In the meantime, keep your eye on exchange rates...these have been moving around rapidly and at the time of writing favour dollar earners.

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If any member has a book which is not already in the library and which is surplus to requirements, perhaps that member will consider donating it to the library.

EDITOR & WEB-MASTER'S REPORT**STEVE JARVIS**

Peter Fernbank has completed scanning early editions of the Bulletin, which are all now on our web site. Peter has also brought the Index of Bulletins up-to-date (Bulletin #215). An updated listing is now available for download from the web site or printed copy by application to the Hon. Editor at £2.00 or \$US4.00.

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The John Davis Collection



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