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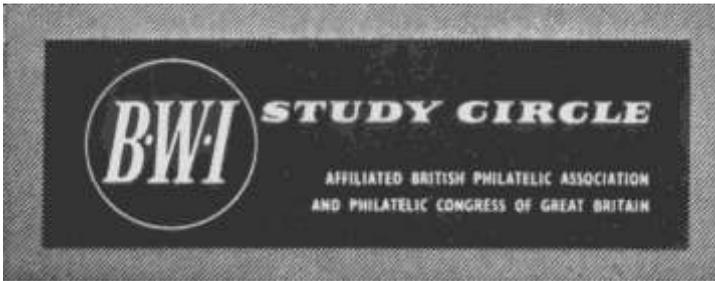
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2. TO issue a quarterly BULLETIN containing articles, items of interest and other features (including 'Opinions' Service and a 'Wants' Section) which it is hoped will widen the knowledge of members.

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AUTUMN MEETING

The Autumn Meeting was held in the Board Room of The British Philatelic Association at 446 Strand, LONDON, W.C.2, on Saturday, October 8th, at 3 p.m., with the President in the chair. Ten members were present and apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. A. Parker, Miss Titford and Mr. J. B. Marriott. The Hon. Secretary announced that of the 130 post cards that had been sent out in connection with the holding of a Luncheon or Dinner in 1967 only 40 % had been returned and of these a slight preference was indicated for a Dinner to be held on a weekday other than a Saturday. Further discussion ensued and it was finally decided to suspend holding this function for the time being. With regard to the usual nomination form for the Roll of distinguished Philatelists it was proposed by the President and seconded by Mr. L. E. Britnor that the name of Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown should be put forward. It was also announced that 145 copies of Paper No. 4 'MONTSERRAT' had been sold which included 55 to the trade and that the cost of production had thereby been covered. The final item of business was the proposal by the Hon. Secretary that the date of the Autumn Meeting in 1967 should be Saturday, September 30th, which was unanimously approved.

This was followed by a display of DOMINICA (pronounced DO-MI-NEE-CA) by our Founder (Mr. P. T. Saunders) details of which are as follows:

Three pre-adhesives dated November 6th 1835, March 25th 1847 and March 13th 1857 respectively. Each bore the Dominica c.d.s. R.L.Type 1. The one dated 1847 is addressed to John Greg Esq., Caton, Lancashire. The Greg family acquired a number of estates in the island in 1765, the chief one being at Hillsborough in the Parish of St. Joseph. It was not until 1899 that a member of the Greg family, John Tylston Greg, took over the management of this estate which he finally sold to a local resident in 1928.

Examples of all the Q.V. issues (except S.G.18) either mint, used or 'specimen.' Of particular interest were the 1877, CC, ½d., 2½d. and 4d. imperforate plate proofs overprinted 'SPECIMEN.' Mint and used examples of all the Provisional Surcharges (1882 and 1883) including a fine mint strip of four of S.G. 19. Both definitive and commemorative issues of subsequent reigns were fully represented. The variety of shades to be found in the issues with the View from the Sea especially that of 1907-8 was interesting. Throughout, the used examples were outstanding. A selection of mint and used Postal Fiscals including a fine copy of S.G.R.1 on cover dated December

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5th, 1883, addressed to A. C. Shillingford, Esq., Hillsborough, who was then the Manager of the Estate belonging to the Greg family mentioned above. This was followed by six sheets of Leeward Islands stamps used in Dominica (NOTE: These were in use from 31st October, 1890, until 31st December, 1939, concurrently with the local stamps). Included were two covers one dated May 21st, 1891, addressed to Dominic Brosnan, Esq., 27 New Oxford Street, London - a stamp dealer - and the other dated July 28th, 1892, addressed to William Barnard, Esq., 3 New Court, Lincoln's Inn, London, W.C. - a barrister-at-law. Of particular interest was the example of the Q.V.1d. (S.G.2) with the rare 'WESLEY' cancellation and K.E.VII 2d. (S.G.24) and 2½d. (S.G.25) with the scarce 'POINTE MICHEL' cancellation. Various examples of 'PAQUEBOT' cancellations were followed by a fully representative collection of Postal Stationery, (including OFFICIAL). Two fine used examples of the two types of 1½d. postcards one bearing a small and the other a large 'A07' strike. Examples were shown of no less than eleven different types of cancellers used at the General Post Office in Roseau. These were followed by a selection of postmarks of PORTSMOUTH (opened in 1893) and each of the following Post Offices that were established in 1900 viz: COLIHAUT, COULIBISTRTE, DELICES, DUBLANC, GRAND BAY, LA PLAINE, MAHAUT, MARIGOT, POINTE MICHEL, ROSALIE (Note: Business transferred to GRAND FOND in 1959), ST. JOSEPH, SOLJFRIERE.VIELLE CASE and WESLEY. Mr. Saunders mentioned that since World War II 9 new Post Offices and 23 Postal Agencies had been established and his collection of postmarks from all these new offices now ran into 5 volumes. He had therefore restricted his examples of these to just four sheets. The first showed the cancellation of ANSE-DE-MAI (a Postal Agency in the Parish of St. Andrew which was opened on June 1st, 1958). The other three were of BELL (a postal Agency in the Parish of St. Joseph which was opened on July 1st, 1955, and closed on 31st January, 1965). Mr. Saunders recounted his interesting experience in obtaining his examples of this BELL cancellation on the current issue. In December, 1964, he sent a set up to 24c. to the Postal Agent there with a covering letter and despite two reminders sent by AIRMAIL no reply was received. A year later he mentioned the matter to another correspondent in the island who in her reply said that they had had a policeman on relief in her village who she thought had been the Postal Agent at BELL and she had heard that the Postal Agency had been transferred to PONT CASSE. Another letter with a further set of stamps was then sent by registered post to this latter village. Some weeks later a letter was received from the Colonial Postmaster at Roseau stating that there was no Postal Agency at

PONT CASSE and enclosing the set of stamps having the 'BELL' postmark. It was further stated that the Postal Agency at BELL was opened as a temporary measure at a camp for the use of a labour force engaged on road construction. The camp subsequently moved to PONT CASSE but the BELL canceller continued in use. The Colonial Postmaster concluded by stating that the original letter must have been lost when the camp buildings were dismantled. He confirmed that the policeman stationed at PONT CASSE had been in charge of the Postal Agency throughout the period that postal facilities had been available in the camp.

The meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.

NOTES AND QUERIES

Supply of material for future issues of the Bulletin is again very short. I would like to remind members that articles written for publication in the Bulletin may be accepted for judging in the Gilbert W. Collett Memorial Trophy award.

To overseas as well as country members, the Bulletin is the only means of contact with the Circle and it is therefore essential that we maintain a lively and interesting Publication. May I therefore urge members, particularly those who have never contributed, to send in articles or short notes on their particular interest for inclusion in future issues of the Bulletin. I would appreciate receipt of copy not later than 6 weeks prior to publication.

Editor

BRITISH HONDURAS

I have recently obtained a P.O. Circular which contains an interesting item re British Honduras, and this is quoted in full below:-

"Postal Official Circular" (Postmasters' Edition) dated Monday, February 12th, 1872. No. 8.

MAILS FOR BRITISH HONDURAS

The Mails for British Honduras will, in future, be forwarded via Jamaica; the Colonial Government having entered into a contract with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for a service once a month between Kingston and Belize.

The first Mail under the new arrangement will be despatched from London on the morning of Monday, the 18th of March next (the 17th being Sunday) and thenceforward a Mail for British Honduras will be made up and forwarded with the Mails for the West Indies on the morning of the 17th of each month, excepting when that date falls on a Sunday, on which occasions the Mail will be made up on the following morning.

Letters for British Honduras will be liable, as at present, to a postage of one shilling the half ounce, but upon Newspapers, Book Packets and Patterns of Merchandise the following reduced rates (which must be paid in advance) will be chargeable, viz:-

NEWSPAPERS

Each paper not exceeding 4ozs.		Above 4ozs. and not exceeding 8ozs.	
s.	d.	s.	d.
0	1	0	2

BOOK PACKETS AND PATTERNS

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s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
0	1	0	2	0	3	0	3

Postmasters will understand that correspondence for British Honduras will now circulate through London, the same as correspondence for the West Indies.

R. Ward

BRITISH WEST INDIES

I am indebted to Mr. M. H. Ludington for sending me a copy of a booklet entitled "GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO A POSTMASTER IN THE BRITISH WEST INDIES" dated 1848. I propose to publish this in full but as it

runs into some 47 pages, publication will be spread over several issues of the Bulletin.

In Mr. Ludington's letter to me he goes on to say:

"I do not believe that the booklet was ever the property of William B. Perot, Postmaster of Hamilton, but suspect rather that it belonged to James Taylor, Deputy Postmaster General in St. Georges, and was brought to Hamilton when the headquarters of the Post Office was transferred in 1879.

I believe that members of the B.W.I. Study Circle would be interested in having these Instructions to Postmasters appear in our Bulletin, and I hope that the same general layout as in the booklet can be followed. There is sufficient material for quite a few numbers of the Bulletin, and this should be of help if you are short of articles.

Only four of the Tables of Rates mentioned in various parts of the booklet were still with it (the back cover and the rest of the tables were missing). Two, Nos. 3 and 4, dealt only with newspapers, and the other two, Nos. 1 and 2, proved to be of no particular interest either. In any case, the most useful postage rates are all given in the text."

I propose to commence publication in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Editor

MAIL BOAT SERVICE - *continued from P. 120, Bulletin No. 50.*

In 1890 a detailed report on the Mail Boat system in the West Indies was prepared by William Millikens, and submitted on the 30th October. (Box File 21):-

The First Packet of the Month from England takes Bags for Jamaica, Barbadoes, Martinico, Bahamas; these are delivered by the Packet: for the Windward Islands (Tobago, Grenada, St. Vincent); these are landed at Barbadoes and sent from hence in a Mail Boat which returns to Barbadoes: for the Leeward Islands (Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts, Tortola, St. Thomas); these are landed at Barbadoes and sent onwards in a Mail Boat which returns to Barbadoes - the mail for St. Thomas is left at Tortola: for Trinidad, Demerara, Surinam; these are landed at Barbadoes and sent hence in (3) separate Mail Boats which return to Barbadoes: The Second Packet of the Month takes Bags for Barbadoes, Martinico, Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitts, Tortola, St. Thomas: these are delivered by the Packet: for Tobago, Grenada, St. Vincent; these are landed at Barbadoes and sent from hence in a Mail Boat which meets the Packet at Tortola with answers and returns to Barbadoes: for Trinidad, Demerara, Surinam; these are landed at

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Barbadoes and sent from hence in Mail Boats which return to Barbadoes.

The Plan pursued when possible has been, on the Arrival of the First Packet of the month from England to dispatch 5 Boats from Barbadoes and 4 on the Arrival of the Second, giving at all times the preference to the Islands.

The Returns from the Postmaster of Barbadoes give details for the Mail Boats for the last twelve months.

Tobago, St. Vincent, Grenada, 21 regularly,

1 detained 6 days,

2 owing to sailing of Mail Boats 3 days preceding their arrival - forwarded with the next Mail.

Dominica, etc. (Leeward Is.) all forwarded within 2 days of arrival.

Trinidad, 13 by special Mail Boats,

6 left at Toco by Tobago Mail Boat.

1 Forwarded by King's Ship,

3 detained for want of conveyance.

Surinam, 11 by regular Mail Boat.

1 detained 4 days.

1 detained 5 days,

1 detained 9 days,

1 detained 10 days,

1 detained 13 days,

7 detained by want of conveyance.

Demerara, 13 by regular Mail Boat,

1 forwarded by King's Ship,

2 lost 7 days,

8 detained by want of Mail Boats.

The above shows, therefore, that there has been due diligence by the Contractor in the Performance of his Contract, and no inefficiency of Control by the Postmaster of Barbadoes.

But the number of Mail Boats is not enough for the Service: it is therefore suggested that there should be an additional Mail Boat; the cost would then be £6,546 13s. 6d. (3 at £1,296 and 3 at £886 4s. 6d.); but the Contractors are applying, on the plea of loss by the Contract, for all to be at £1,296, an increase of £1,229 6s. 6d.; this would make a total of £7,776 per an. The letters carried by the Mail Boats last year amounted to about £8,800.

If the Service were more regular less letters would be carried by Private Ship, which would add to the Revenue, and thus help with the cost of the additional Mail Boat.

The Captains should keep journals of each voyage; these to be handed to the Postmaster at Barbadoes, to be forwarded with his Monthly Returns; these could be studied by the P.M.G. in case improvement in the Service could be effected.

Having studied this report carefully the following recommendations were made by Francis Freeling to the P.M.G. on 21 April, 1810 (Packet Report Book, 1807-12, No. 174A, 1.):-

It is evident by the increased and increasing demand on the Service of our Packets to the Leeward Is., and the Mail Boats in that Quarter, that our present Establishment is not adequate to the accommodation which we profess to give to the Colonies in question, viz. a conveyance of Letters from Europe twice a Month.

It now seems that two additional Mail Boats, at £2,500 per an. can put that Service on a respectable footing (at present 6 Mail Boats). These would bring in more Letters for the Packets - being a regular service - and would therefore diminish the extra expense.

Reminder - last year an application from Surinam and Demerara for 5 Cutters to go direct from Falmouth to those Colonies and touching Barbadoes on their return: Your reply, you could not trust correspondence to such small vessels; the expense of a regular Packet would not be less than £10,000 per an.; therefore request not granted.

The Inspector of Packets now reports: Instead of **2 additional Mail Boats**, used solely in the West Indies at £2,500 per an., it is preferable to establish **3 additional Packet Boats from Falmouth** at £6,175 per an.

The Service would be much better performed by being under the immediate control of this Office: highly beneficial to the public; reduce the chance of frequent Capture of Mail Boats.

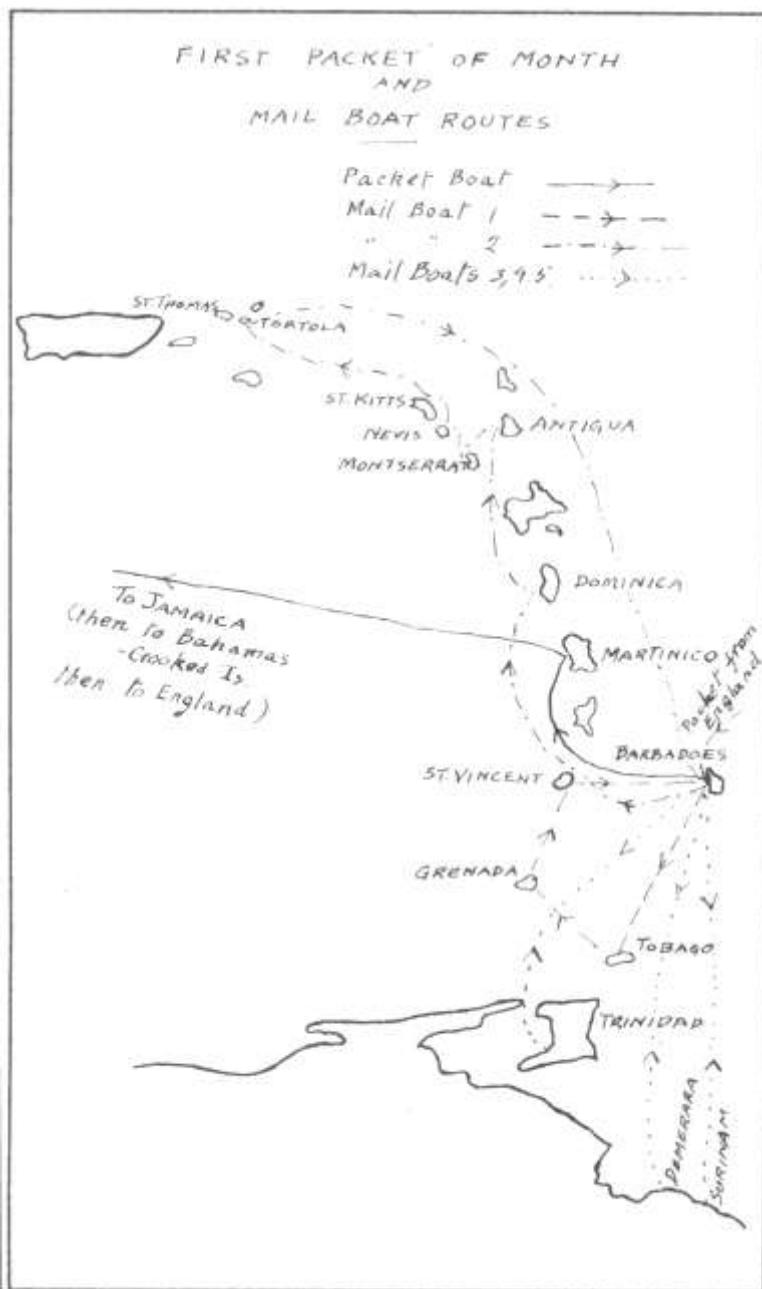
Former proposal :	6 Mail Boats at £7,776	}	£10,276
	2 addl. M.B's. at £2,500		
New proposal:	3 additional Packet Boats at £6,175.		
deduct	2 addl. M.B's at £2,500	}	£3,750
	and reduce from 6 to 5, £1,250		
Therefore:	total increase expense only		£2,425.

This course is recommended because:

1. It secures a regular monthly communication with Surinam, Demerara, Essequibo, and Berbice, and quicker (nearly half the time if via Barbadoes).
2. Relieves other Mail Boats, hence better service for Leeward Is. and Windward Is.
3. Can accommodate St. Croix, and improve service to St. Thomas by having a distinct Mail Boat to sail from St. Kitts to Tortola, St. Thomas and St. Croix.
4. If the Surinam and Demerara Packets touch at Barbadoes (and I suggest also at Martinique) it will greatly improve the communication of those places with this Country.

L. E. Britnor

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SECOND PACKET OF MONTH
AND
MAIL BOAT ROUTES



BRITISH WEST INDIES (Contd.)

POSTAL RATES

Regarding Mr. J. B. Marriott's queries in the last Bulletin (No. 49, p.104) there are just two documents which I have seen since at the G.P.O. Record Office dealing with postal rates in the early 1890's. The first Packet Minute No. 289S/1892, gives the rates for overseas postage from the West Indies; while the second, Packet Minute No. 99T/1893, gives the Inland rates where applicable. It will be noticed that there are one or two interesting differences between the rates charged in the various colonies.

The Treasury warrant dated 4.12.1890 may also be of some interest,

PACKET MINUTES, No. 289S/1892.

Rates of Postage on outward Correspondence

<i>Colony</i>	<i>Letters/ ½oz.</i>	<i>Post Card Single</i>	<i>Post Card Reply</i>	<i>Newspapers</i>	<i>Printed papers, etc /2oz.</i>	<i>Registration Fee</i>	<i>Fee for acknowledgement of delivery</i>
Antigua	Normal Union Rates						
Bahamas							
Union Cnts.	2½d.	1d.	2d.	1d.	1d.	2d.	2½d.
Non-Un "	6d.	1d.	2d.	2d.	2d.	2d.	-
Barbados							
All Cnts.	2½d.	1d.	2d.	1d.	1d.	2d.	2½d.
Bermuda							
to U.K.	2½d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 2d.	1d./4oz.	1d.	2d.	2½d.
Other Cnts.	2½d.	face val.	face val.	from 1d.	from 1d.	2d.	-
	-1s. 3d.	1½d.	3d.	to 2d/4oz.	to 1½d.		
B.Guiana	Normal Union Rates						
B.Honduras							
All Cnts.	2½d.	1d.	-	1d.	1d.	2d.	-
Grenada							
Union Cnts.	Normal Union Rates						
Non-Un "	These rates + amount charged in England to Country in question						
Jamaica							
Union Cnts.	Normal Union Rates						
Non-Un "	5d.	1d.	2d.	1d.	1d.	4d.	-
Montserrat							
Nevis							
St. Kitts							
St. Lucia							
St. Vincent							
Trinidad							
Tobago							
Tortola							
Union Cnts.	Normal Union Rates						
Non-Un "	4d.	1½d.	3d.	1d.	1d.	2d.	-
Turks Is.	Normal Union Rates						

PACKET MINUTES, No. 99T/1893.
Inland Postage Rates of 1892.

<i>Colony</i>	<i>Letters</i>	<i>P.C.s Single</i>	<i>P.C.s Reply</i>	<i>Newspapers</i>	<i>Commercial papers</i>	<i>Samples</i>	<i>Registration Fee</i>
Antigua	1d./½oz.	-	-	½d./2oz.	As Newsprs. Min. 2½d	-	-
Bahamas	"	-	-	free	free	-	-
Barbados	"	½d.	-	½d. ea.	-	½d./2oz.	1½d.
Bermuda	"	½d.	-	free (local papers)	1d./4oz.	As Comml. papers	2d.
Dominica	"	-	-	½d./2oz.	As Newsprs.	-	-
Grenada	"	½d.	1d.	½d./4oz.	"	"	1d.
British Guiana	to 1oz. 1c., 1 to 2oz. 3c., 2oz. to 4oz. 4c	1c.	-	1c. ea.	1c. up to 4oz.	-	4c.
For every additional 2oz. up to 2lb. 1c. In Georgetown and New Amsterdam local letters up to ½oz. 1c							
B. Honduras	2c./½oz.	-	-	1c. ea.	2c./2oz.	1c./oz.	10c.
Jamaica	1d./½oz. local 2c./½oz. others	½d. local 1d. others	1d. local 2d. others	1d. ea. or ½d./2oz.	½d./2oz.	1d./2oz.	4d.
Montserrat	No Inland Postal Services						
Nevis	1d./½oz.				½d./2oz. As Newsprs.		
(These rates are queried in the record)							
St. Kitts	1d./½oz.	1d.	2d.	½d. ea.	½d./2oz.	-	2d.
St. Lucia	1d./oz.	1d.	3d.	1d. ea.	1d./4oz.	Up to 4oz. 1d., 4-6oz. 1½d., 6-8 oz. 2d.	-
St. Vincent	Up to 1oz. 1d. ea. addl. ½oz. ½d.	1d.	-	½d. ea. Up to 2oz. 1d. ea. addl. 2oz. ½d.		As comml. papers	2d.
Trinidad	1d./½oz.	½d.	-	½d. ea. or up to 4oz. ½d. ea. addl. 4oz. 1d.	Up to 4oz. ½d. ea. addl. 4oz. 1d.	-	2d.
Tobago, Tortola, Turks Is.	No Inland Postal Services						

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4th December, 1890.

BRITISH WEST INDIES

Letters

Treasury Warrant

(Published in the London Gazette of December 9, 1890)

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, or any of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same) and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows:-

Definitions

1. In this Warrant –

(1) The expression "United Kingdom" includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

(2) The expression "British West Indies" includes Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, British Guiana, the Leeward Islands, the Windward Islands, Jamaica, and their several dependencies.

Rates of Postage

2. On every letter transmitted by post between the United Kingdom and the British West Indies there shall be charged and paid (in lieu of any rates now payable) for every half an ounce in weight of such letter, or fractional part of half an ounce in weight, a rate of postage of two pence halfpenny.

Unpaid and Insufficiently Prepaid Letters

3. Any letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the British West Indies, or posted in the British West Indies addressed to the United Kingdom, upon which the postage chargeable under this Warrant is wholly or in part unpaid, shall be charged with double the amount of the Deficient Postage.

Application of Provisions of other Warrants

4. All such letters as are hereinbefore referred to shall, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, be posted, forwarded, conveyed, and delivered under and subject to the provisions of any Treasury Warrant now or for the time being in force applicable thereto.

Commencement of Warrant

5. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

Date

Dated this fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

Sidney Herbert

Herbert Eustace Maxwell,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Henry Cecil Raikes,

Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

L. E. Britnor

GRENADA

I recently acquired the ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 8d. and 1/- values of the 1895 issue of Grenada with "Specimen" overprint applied diagonally, reading up from left to right. It is in sans-serif type, measuring 24mm x 3mm. The ½d. value has a square fullstop which does not appear to be present in the other values. A similar overprint is mentioned on page 424 of Robson Lowe's encyclopaedia, Vol. 2, Africa. Is anything known about this overprint? I would be grateful for further information.

The second query relates to mail delivery by the police in Grenada. Peter Jaffe, writing in Stamp Collecting in 1953, mentions that plans were drawn up in 1860 for an internal post between the Colonial Post Office at St. George's and police stations in the six inland parishes and at Carriacou. Is it known to what extent did the police undertake mail delivery in Grenada and whether they still do this? I understand that this is done in several colonies.

I shall be very glad to hear anything which throws light on these two problems.
Robert P. Towers

JAMAICA

New Variety

I am enclosing details of a new variety - the "fishing rod" variety - which I have not heard of before. It occurs on the 2d. grey and green S.G.124 and takes the form of a short line about 1/16in. long extending almost vertically from the head of the left hand figure, at the end of which is a small dot. This occurs on both Plate 3 and 7, perf. 12½. I have a similar block perf. 13 x 13½ but it shows no variety, so evidently it was corrected in 1952 or before.

Jamaica T.R.Ds.

BROADLEAF in small type, the lettering measures 20 x 15mm (dated 26.7.1949) whilst the normal lettering measures 30 x 21mm. This small type is the only one yet recorded.

DUMPHRIES dated 4.10.1946. The normal spelling is, of course, DUMFRIES. The rare Dumphries is one of two so far recorded.

Both these T.R.Ds. are in the common, saw-edged, oval, and are on full cover. I acknowledge gratitude to Mr. Foster and to Mr. Topaz for their help regarding these T.R.Ds.
R. H. Blackburn

MONTserrat

MONTserrat HANDBOOK

I have the following not recorded in this handbook.: S.G.1

- (a) Overprint dropped about 1mm. ? one sheet only - a recognised rarity.
- (b) Wmk. Invtd. and Rvsd. S.G.78 (1/-) on "olive" back.

Maybe these are of interest ?

F. D. Fitzgerald

TOBAGO

I have in my collection of TOBAGO stamps two that are not included in Stanley Gibbons catalogue:

- 1. 1879 (August 1) USED threepence lilac with its value printed in BLACK.
- 2. 1886-93 ½d. on 6d. stone MINT - surcharge double inverted.

I shall be glad to know if any other members are aware of the existence of these stamps.

H. E. Box

EXHIBITION AWARDS - SIPEX, 1966

The following members were successful in winning awards at SIPEX. The Circle's warmest congratulations are extended to them.

<i>Member</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Award</i>
A. E. Beach	Tobago	Silver
C. E. Donne	Virgin Is.	Silver
C. E. Donne	St. Helena	Vermeil
E. M. Erickson	Jamaica	Silver
G. W. Groves	British Sea Post Offices	Bronze
M. H. Ludington	Bahamas	Silver
J. L. Messenger	St. Vincent	Gold
A. D. Pierce	St. Vincent	Bronze
E. K. Thompson	Antigua	Vermeil
J. D. Todd	Chile	Silver
W. A. Townsend	British Guiana	Gold-Silver
R. Ward	Isle of Man	Bronze
L. S. Wheeler	Barbados	Gold-Silver

G. W. Groves

OBITUARY

Mr. EVERARD F. AGUILAR

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mr. Everard F. Aguilar on August 16th. 1966, in Kingston, Jamaica. Mr. Aguilar joined our Circle in 1957 and was well known both as a professional - specialising in the stamps and postal history of Jamaica - and as a prolific writer on all aspects of Jamaican philately. For many years his house organ 'The British West Indian Philatelist' was an informative quarterly magazine: he also was author of 'The Philatelic Handbook of Jamaica' and co-author with our Founder of 'The Cayman Islands, Their Postal History, Postage Stamps and Postmarks' published in 1962 which is recognised as the standard reference work. Mr. Aguilar visited England many times with his wife and family and many members will recall his participating in the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain at Blackpool in 1961. I will always remember his visit to my former home at Ridgmont in June of that year when he not only recounted many interesting anecdotes about stamps but also surprised me by his profound horticultural knowledge - he being a well known rose grower in Jamaica. He was a man of great charm and geniality and will be missed by all those who shared his love of Jamaican stamps. Our sincere condolences are extended to his widow – Fay - and their two daughters.

Rose Tilford

Mr. C. E. PATRICK

C. E. Patrick passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly on the 5th November last. He was a keen philatelist and had been a member of the B.W.I. Study Circle since its formation. He had built up an extensive collection of Jamaica, both adhesive and pre-adhesive material, and he had acquired a wide knowledge of the postal history of that Island, and he was always willing to share this knowledge with others. Many of his happiest hours were spent discussing philately with friends, and his displays to various Societies gave immense pleasure to many. It may be remembered that he won two Silver Medals and one Bronze Medal at the 1966 Stampex.

His quiet, charming manner, and his constant readiness to help others, will be sadly missed by all with whom he came in contact. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and his two daughters at this sad time.

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HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

Dear Member,

I make no apologies for commencing my paragraph on a disquieting note. Elsewhere you will have read the report of our Autumn Meeting when the attendance dropped to an all time low. Normally one does not resort to statistics regarding the attendance of members at meetings nevertheless I am constrained to bring the following figures to your notice:

Attendance at Autumn Meetings

1955	24	1959	24	1963	18
1956	24	1960	22	1964	13
1957	22	1961	13	1965	11
1958	20	1962	16	1966	10

At the present time there are 50 members resident in London and the Home Counties and of these only 2 were present at the meeting on October 8th. The other 8 made return journeys ranging from 50 to 340 miles and but for their enthusiasm this meeting would have, indeed, been a farce. Furthermore having regard to the fact that since 1962 the main feature of the autumn meeting has been a display by a member I am at a complete loss to understand this continuing apathy. Needless to say I shall be happy to place before your committee any suggestion you care to make the adoption of which might overcome this sorry state of affairs.

Following my request in both the June and September Bulletins the response to the postcard questionnaire was inconclusive. It is with regret, therefore, that I have to inform you that your Committee have reluctantly decided to suspend the holding of an annual dinner indefinitely.

I conclude on a happy note by welcoming on your behalf the following who have enrolled as members since our last issue: J. Grant Glassco (Canada), N. Humphreys (Lancashire), B. T. D. Ward (Northumberland), R. J. Watkinson (Surrey) and M. D. Watts (Warwickshire).

P.T.S.

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