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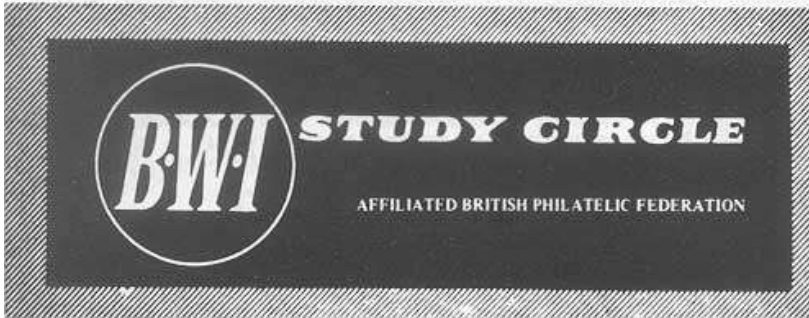
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1. TO promote interest in and the study of the stamps and postal history of the islands that comprise the British West Indies and in addition BERMUDA, BRITISH GUIANA (GUYANA) and BRITISH HONDURAS.
2. TO issue a quarterly BULLETIN containing articles, items of interest and other features.
3. TO loan books from the Circle library (home members only). Borrowers bear postage both ways. List supplied upon application.
4. TO publicise 'wants'.
5. TO furnish opinions on stamp(s) and/or cover(s) for a nominal fee.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE 31ST. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE HELD AT 2.30PM. ON SATURDAY 27TH. APRIL, 1985, IN THE MARGARET ROOM OF THE BONNINGTON HOTEL, SOUTHAMPTON ROW, LONDON

The chair was taken by Mr. E.V.Toeg, the President, who extended a warm welcome to all. (24 Members attended).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Alfred Branston and Mr. John Marriott.

The Minutes of the 30th. Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday 28th. April, 1984, were published in the June 1984 issue of the Circle's Quarterly Bulletin (pages 21 to 26 inc.) These were taken as having been read and, with the approval of the meeting, were signed as correct by the Chairman.

1. Report by the Hon. Secretary.

As usual, the difficulties encountered by the Hon. Treasurer in gathering the annual subscription makes an exact tally of the membership impossible. The indications are that the membership is stable at 350 members.

The meetings of the Circle were generally well attended.

On Saturday 20th. October, 1984, 15 members and 2 visitors attended the meeting at the Horticultural Halls where I displayed Bermuda and Mr Benwell, Barbados.

On Wednesday 28th. November, 1984, a disappointing 8 members attended a Bring, Buy, Swap or Display meeting. A meeting of this kind held in the previous season had been very successful.

On Thursday 24th. January, 1985, 13 members and one visitor attended a successful 9 page display meeting.

The meeting held on 30th. March at Fleetex was reported to be very successful and a tribute to the organisers.

A programme of meetings has been prepared and will be outlined later in this meeting.

The Circle's meetings will only continue to be successful if members take the trouble to come. The meetings are set for 6pm. to enable people to get to the meeting from the central London area and still get home at a reasonable time. Please come and give your support.

I note from the Circle's records that I was made Assistant to the Hon. Secretary, then Mr. Saunders our Founder, in 1968 and that I took over the full secretaryship on

1st. January, 1972. This makes a total of 17 years in the post in some form. I feel that it is high time another member took over as Hon. Secretary. This will have the effect of injecting new ideas and supporting a gradually changing team and I am sure it will be in the best interests of the Circle which is of prime importance.

On a personal level I find that I am becoming increasingly busy and I am approaching the period when I might retire. When I do so I may well move and it would be difficult to conduct the Circle's business from a remote spot of the Western Highlands of Scotland. This move will not take place in the very near future but it is better to prepare in advance and give the new Secretary as much support as he or she needs in the beginning. I am, therefore, willing to be re-elected later and serve as Hon. Secretary for as long as the Circle has not found a replacement.

Anyone who wishes to be considered as a prospective Hon. Secretary should write to me in order that the Committee may consider the matter and act accordingly.

Acceptance of the Report was proposed by Mr. Sheppard and Seconded by Mr. Atkinson. The report was approved by the meeting without dissent.

2. Report of the Hon Treasurer.

The increase in our Accumulated Fund was some £400 more than I was anticipating this time last year. This increase came from four sources. Firstly, an extra £70 of Building Society interest due to a change in the Societies financial year. Secondly, £175 was received in respect of arrears of subscriptions which I had hoped for but felt it more prudent to discount. The third source was from sales of publications which were higher than expected. Finally, my pessimism concerning the Auction proved unfounded.

The growth of the fund was therefore a little under 30%. For the present year my anticipated growth is about 16%. The proportion of the Fund held in the form of publications for sale fell from 52% to 40%, a decline which I hope to see continue.

Although the position today is satisfactory, our Fund will come under some strain in the next two or three years. We currently have two publications in preparation. The first of these, which will hopefully appear later this year, will require all our available funds to finance. Sales during the first year after publication should meet production costs and perhaps provide a small surplus, but revenue in the form of interest - which incidentally met 12% of our expenditure last year - will almost certainly be reduced, if not this year then next year. As a result our net worth may well be maintained but our ability to generate revenue will be restricted.

The second publication will, on the best evidence available at present, require nearly double the funds we currently have available and some external financing may be needed to bring this work to fruition in late 1986, or during 1987. Whilst we can plan for some of the costs to be met from, say, pre-publication sales it remains most desirable for the Accumulated Fund to continue to grow and so form the firm financial base needed to both fund publications and to provide that element of revenue needed to support annual expenditures.

As usual I will be pleased to answer any questions you may have on the Accounts as presented.

After delivering his report a number of points were raised.

Mr. Knott asked if the Committee had considered advertising in the Circle's published books. Mr. Toeg responded by observing that the matter had not been considered but that the suggestion had merit and should be considered in future.

Mr. Farmer raised a technical question of accounting procedure. He suggested that the considerable stocks of publications should be accounted for in a book entry on the balance sheet which would give a total provision for the stock. This suggestion was followed by a short discussion in which Mr. Goldblatt suggested that the matter be referred to the Committee. Mr. Sharp suggested that the accounting procedure be left as it is since to alter it in the manner suggested would mean a return to the system of a few years ago.

Mr. Chard proposed that the report be adopted and this was seconded by Mr. Benwell. The report was accepted without dissent.

3. Report of the Hon. Editor.

Looking back through earlier bulletins the recurring theme appears to be my urgent appeals for articles. I make no apologies for this and would indeed repeat this appeal today so that my successor, David Atkinson, will not have too many problems.

Happily, during my twelve year period of office, I have always been able to fill the Bulletin and with minor hiccups managed to produce it on time. If David Atkinson gets as much pleasure and satisfaction as the job has given me over the years I am sure he will be more than satisfied.

In conclusion may I thank, most sincerely, all those members who have most ably supported me during this period.

Mr. Atkinson proposed the acceptance of the report and this was seconded by Mr. Farmer. The report was accepted without dissent.

4. Report of the Hon. Librarian.

1984 saw an increase in library usage with 16 members making 35 requests for over 100 different items. Regrettably, the Postal costs also increased with an average of £2.65p per sending.

The new packaging has been brought into use and, as no adverse comments have been received, I assume this has been found to be satisfactory to members.

The Library has also seen a small expansion with a number of new books being acquired - and particularly as a result of the Leonard E. Britnor bequest - and details of these will appear in future Bulletins.

Once again the pressure on space has necessitated a re-arrangement of the shelves, some weeding of auction catalogues and as a result some changes to referencing has had to be made. In consequence a new Library List is being prepared and this will include all items acquired prior to 31st March 1985.

Finally I would like to point out that as time passes I grow older. Although still happy, willing and, I hope, capable, of continuing in this office, it might, I think, be wise if some thought for the future is given to obtaining a successor. I am hoping to move house sometime in the near future and any new home may be too small to house the Library and the stock of Bulletins and publications held for sale.

It is not too early to give thought to this matter and if there is any member who might like to take the task on at some later date perhaps he, or she, would let either the President or me know.

The acceptance of the report was proposed by Mr. Benwell and this seconded by Mr. Nathan. The report was accepted without dissent.

5. Report of the Chairman of the Committee.

There has been only one Meeting of the Committee since the Annual General Meeting last April as the Study Circle's affairs have been running smoothly on the whole since then and therefore it was not necessary for the Committee to meet before today. This morning the Committee did meet and discussed a number of matters.

First Mr. E.V. Toeg reported that the arrangements for the Convention on the 11th and 12th October, 1985 have now been largely completed and that the most important requirement from now on will be support by attendance at the Convention by all those interested in the philately of the British West Indies. Mr. Toeg said that he would place a reminder note of the advantages of attending the Convention in the June, 1985 Bulletin.

The Hon. Secretary Mr. I. P. Chard put forward some suggestions for the Programme of Meetings of the Study Circle for 1985/86. The Committee then discussed this difficult subject and the result of their deliberations will be placed before the members in Annual General Meeting later today.

Our long standing Hon. Auditor has decided to retire having audited the Accounts of the Study Circle since its inception. Alfred J. Branston has audited the Accounts each year speedily and unobtrusively and the Committee felt that some mark of appreciation should be shown on behalf of the Study Circle and recommended that at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting he should be made an Honorary Life Member and that some token of appreciation should be rendered by making him a gift.

Mike Sheppard has been our Hon. Editor of the Bulletin since April, 1973 and has elected to retire from office as from today. During his tenure the quality of the Bulletin was maintained at a very high standard in the opinion of the Committee thus contributing to the steady increase in membership of the Study Circle over the years he was in office. The Committee felt that he should also be made an Honorary Life Member and that some token of appreciation should be conferred by making him a gift.

The Hon. Treasurer Steve Papworth then reported briefly on the subscription position, that is, arrears outstanding up to the end of 1984 and the subscriptions outstanding for 1985; the arrears position seems to have improved considerably.

Under "Any other business" several small matters were discussed and dealt with as necessary.

The acceptance of the report was proposed by Mr. Chard and seconded by Mr. Goldblatt. The report was accepted without dissent.

6. Report of the Hon. Auditor

I have examined the books and accounts of the B.W.I.S.C. and find them in excellent order. They represent the true and correct position of the Circle as at 31.12.84.

The acceptance of the report was proposed by Mr. Chard and seconded by Mr. Farmer. The report was accepted without dissent.

7. Retirement of Mr. A. Branston as the Circle's Hon. Auditor.

Mr. Toeg reported that Mr. Branston has served the Circle as Hon. Auditor since the Circle started in 1954. It was known that Mr. Branston had recently been ill and that he had therefore, been unable to attend this meeting.

Mr. Toeg observed that such sterling work for the Circle must not go unrecognised and that in a case of this kind he felt sure that the meeting would wish to pass a vote of thanks. This was accepted immediately by the members.

Mr. Toeg also proposed that Mr. Branston be made an Honorary Life Member of the Circle and that a gift be purchased from Circle funds at a cost of about £30.00. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Chard. The proposal was accepted without dissent.

Mr. Chard was instructed by the meeting to write to Mr. Branston to express their thanks and to ascertain what gift he might like.

8. Retirement of Mr. M. Sheppard as the Circle's Hon. Editor.

Mr. Toeg reported that Mr. Sheppard had served the Circle as Hon. Editor for many years and that in that time the standard of the Bulletin had been maintained at a consistently high level. Indeed it was probably largely due to his efforts as Editor that the Circle's membership had risen.

As with Mr. Branston, such sterling work must not go unrecognised and, therefore, Mr. Toeg proposed that Mr. Sheppard be made an Honorary Life Member and that a gift be purchased from Circle funds at a cost of about £30.00. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Goldblatt and was passed unanimously.

9. Election of Mr. Farmer as the Circle's Hon. Auditor.

Mr. Toeg advised the meeting that Mr. Farmer had been approached and asked if he would take on the responsibility on the resignation of Mr. Branston this year and he had agreed to this.

Mr. Toeg proposed that Mr. Farmer be elected as the Circle's Hon. Auditor for the forthcoming year.

This proposal was seconded by Mr. M. Wilson and was passed unanimously.

10. Election of Mr. D.W. Atkinson as the Circle's Hon. Editor.

The meeting was advised by Mr. Toeg that Mr. Atkinson had been working closely with Mr. Sheppard over the past year in order to learn what needs to be done and with a view to his taking on the responsibility in full.

Mr. E.V. Toeg proposed that Mr. D.W. Atkinson be elected as the Hon. Editor of the Circle for the forthcoming year.

This proposal was seconded by Mr. Sheppard and was passed without dissent.

11. Election of remaining officers.

No nominations having been received for the remaining posts and the present officers being willing to continue in office, the President declared that the officers were re-elected en bloc.

President ; Mr. E.V. Toeg.
Vice Presidents ; Mr. J.B. Marriott.
; Mr. W.A. Townsend.
Hon. Secretary ; Mr. I.P. Chard.
Hon. Treasurer ; Mr. S. Papworth.
Hon. Librarian ; Mr. S. Papworth.

The election of the officers "en bloc" was proposed by Mr. Farmer and seconded by Mr. Ward. It was approved unanimously.

12. Election of the Committee.

The following members of the Circle are members of the Committee and are willing to be re-elected:

Messrs. B.B. Benwell.
S. Goldblatt.
M. Hamilton.
M.R. Wilson.

Officers of the Circle automatically sit on the Committee.

Mr. Toeg proposed that they be re-elected en bloc, seconded by Mr. Papworth and passed unanimously.

Mr. Sheppard, the retiring Hon. Editor is willing to sit on the Committee. His experience as a former officer of the Circle would be an invaluable help in the Committee's deliberations and, Mr. Toeg proposed that he be elected to the Committee and this was seconded by Mr. Benwell.

Mr. Sheppard was elected unanimously.

13. Programme of forthcoming meetings.

Regent Hotel, Leamington Spa. 11th-12th October, 1985. Convention.

Law Society's Building, Chancery Lane. Committee Room J. 6pm.

Wednesday 27.11.85 9 page displays by members.

Thursday 13.02.86 Bring/Buy/Swap.

Wednesday 12.03.86 Display to be arranged.

Margaret Room, Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, W.C.1

Saturday 26.04.86 AGM and Auction Sale.

The acceptance of this programme was proposed by Mr. Atkinson and was seconded by Mr. Wilson. The programme was approved unanimously.

14. 1985 Convention.

Mr. Toeg announced that the necessary steps had been taken to hold a Circle Convention at the Regent Hotel, Leamington Spa on Friday 11th October, 1985 and Saturday 12th October, 1985. Previous Conventions at this venue had been very successful. The main events would take place on the Saturday. There would be displays, a bourse, a luncheon and the opportunity to meet in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. The formal displays are by Dr. Woolfson and Mr. Oliver. A leaflet outlining the events would be published with the next issue of the Bulletin.

15. Any other business.

There was no other business.

16. Vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Mr. Chard proposed that the vote of thanks to Mr. Toeg for chairing the meeting be linked with a vote of thanks to the Auction sub-Committee who worked very hard to make the Auction sale a success. This proposal met with unanimous approval.

The meeting closed at 3.10pm.

1985 CONVENTION

A Convention has been arranged to take place on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th October, 1985 at The Regent Hotel, Royal Leamington Spa which has proved to be a most suitable venue on previous occasions.

With this Bulletin you will receive the Convention leaflet and Booking Form which will give those of you attending full details of what is in store.

Can I please remind you that you are all able to take an active part in the Convention by bringing along up to thirty pages from your own collections for inclusion in the informal Displays during the Convention Day and, if you do so, you will get a greater satisfaction and pleasure from the Convention than by just seeing the stamps of other people.

On the gastronomic side, the Convention will start with a sherry party at 6 p.m. on Friday 11th and I am sure that the Luncheon at The Regent Hotel fixed for the Saturday will be eminently satisfactory after a busy morning.

There will be a number of dealer members, including I hope some new dealers, taking tables at the Bourse. You will also be able to purchase material belonging to members at the Members' Approval Table.

David Atkinson will again be Chief Steward and will be pleased to hear from members wishing to act as stewards.

I hope you will bring your wives if at all possible, and I look forward very much to meeting you at Leamington.

E. Victor Toeg

NOTICE

Some disruption of the Library Loan Service may take place during the second half of the year due to a possible move by the Hon. Librarian to pastures new and his intention to take his first holiday in ten years. Exactly when this will take place is not at present certain but is likely to be when members most need the service! Please continue to send your requests - the Hon. Librarian will keep you informed of developments.

LITERATURE - Library acquisitions and Reviews.

The following books have been acquired for the Library from the Leonard E. Britnor Bequest (see Bulletin No. 121, pp 24 item 7).

"CARRYING BRITISH MAILS OVERSEAS" by Howard Robinson

Professor Robinson is not only a Postal Historian but also a most "readable" author. His book covers the growth of the overseas postal service from the Cross-Channel Service which started during the reign of James I (and necessitating the appointment of a separate 'Post Master General for Foreign Parts') to the world wide network of the early 1960's. It deals not only with sea-borne mails but also the growth of Air Mails, Cable communications and the Airgraph's of World War II. Anyone wishing to gain a good grounding in the history of overseas mails should certainly include this work in his reading list.

"NORTH ATLANTIC SEAWAY" by N.R.P. Bonsor

This work was first published in 1955 with a Supplement in 1960. The edition under review is not only greatly revised it is also vastly expanded into five volumes. Primarily it is a collection of "potted histories" of the majority of the shipping lines linking the old world with the new, but the histories also include detailed lists of the various ships of those lines and many technical details about them. Volume 5 is to all intents and purposes the main index to the other four, although it also contains other material such as the Bibliography, Addenda and Corrigenda. Although not philatelic there are some details of Mails carried. From the amount of research needed it is obviously in a class of its own but as a work of reference for the philatelist/postal historian it is necessary to really search through the entire content as there is no comprehensive index of place names. Various West Indian place names have been seen in the text but there is no mention of any of them in the ten page section "Ports of Call" in the General Index. This is a work which, to be of use to the West Indian philatelist, requires much "slogging" through a great deal of irrelevant (albeit most interesting) data if the odd "pearls" are to be found.

"SOUTH ATLANTIC SEAWAY" by N.R.P. Bonsor

This is a companion work to "North Atlantic Seaway" by the same author and follows the same format and subject matter. Again the lack of a "Place Name" Index means careful reading as can be seen from the first and second paragraphs of the first Chapter in which references are made to both the West Indies in general and some specific Colonies. Most of the shipping lines operated direct services from Europe to South America (and mainly via the West African Coast) so West Indian connections are somewhat sparse. It is, however, still a very useful work of reference for the Library shelves.

"THE TRANSATLANTIC MAIL" by Frank Staff

As an eminent member of the Postal History Society the author needs no introduction. His book, containing much information of the struggles for coveted mail contracts, makes quite fascinating reading. As might be expected the West Indian connection is rather peripheral the main items being about the Dummer service and Packets. Most interesting for those whose primary concern is maritime history this book is sure to be an "authority" for many years to come.

"ATLANTIC MAILS" by J.C. Arnell

Should anyone say that a history of the mail service between Great Britain and Canada has no place on a "West Indian Philatelists Bookshelves" I would most strongly disagree. Mr. Arnell's work is a masterpiece indeed. It is not only beautifully produced but it also contains some very fine natural colour illustrations of entries and their marking which surely are unbeatable. The closest reference to the West Indies is Bermuda which from the end of the eighteenth to the middle of the nineteenth century could well have become the western terminus of the mail routes across the North Atlantic.

A HISTORY OF WRECK COVERS" by A.E. Hopkins

Here is a superb book for what I would consider ideal "bedtime" reading for it is best assimilated in small doses and can be dipped into at will. It is, of course, a very "general" work of reference with odd little interesting details no matter with what geographical area the reader is primarily concerned. For example, the "Kent", an East Indiaman bound for Bengal and China in 1825 caught fire during a violent gale in the Bay of Biscay. One of the young officers of the 31st Regiment wrote a note to his father when the situation on board seemed hopeless and threw it overboard in a bottle. This was picked up a year and seven months later (in September 1826) at Bathsheba, Barbados but apparently it has not survived.

THE MILITARY MAIL OF JAMAICA" by A.P.D. Sutcliffe

To quote the author (but completely out of context let it be said) Postal History forms the "theme" of this work, and for that reason it has been included in the Britnor Bequest. Jamaica was an important "military" (in its widest sense) station and "military" mail must as a consequence be an important part of its history. Personally, I would have liked to have seen this work in a printed form rather than what appears to be a duplicated one. Also its format would, I think, have benefited if it had not been in foolscap size (very awkward for the normal bookcase) and far better bound for it will be well used by the Jamaica enthusiast. Well illustrated many of these look rather "tatty" due to the form of production. This book will remain a basic work for some time and it really deserves better production because of that alone.

The following items have also been obtained for the Library;

British Post Office Numbers 1844-1906 by G. Brumell.

United States Letter Rates to Foreign Destinations 1847 to GPU/UPU by Charles J. Starnes.

The Development of Rates of Postage by A.D. Smith.

History of Letter Post Communication between the United States and Europe 1845-1875 (2nd Edition) by George E. Hargest.

The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 1 ; The Caribbean by S. Ringstrom and H.E. Tester

Bahamas Early Mail Services and Postal Markings by M.H. Ludington (Presented to the Circle by the author).

The Postal History of the Forwarding Agents by Kenneth Rowe (1984 Edition) (Presented by Leonard H. Hartmann, the Publisher of this Edition).

Time permitting, reviews of these works will be included in a subsequent issue of the bulletin.

Stephen Papworth

NOTES and QUERIES

BRITISH HONDURAS

POSTAL MARKINGS USED AT BELIZE.

Continued from p.14 Bulletin No. 124, March, 1985.

ADVERTISING AND SPECIAL EVENT HANDSTAMPS.

Type A1 British Empire Exhibition
65 x 33mm rectangular frame.
Known used as cancellation.
EKD 1924 LKD



Type A2 Buy British Goods
Double line, letters 8 & 4mm high,
length 58mm, rubber.
EKD 10.1925 LKD



Type A3 British Honduras Grapefruit
Double line, letters 5mm high, length
85mm, 32mm, rubber.
EKD 1935 LKD 1936



Type A4 Visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret
50 x 31mm diam. horizontal double
oval frame, rubber.
EKD 1958 LKD 1958

No example

Type A5 We Unite To Build A Nation. Double line,
letters 3mm high, length 35 & 24mm. Enclosed in
irregular frame 51 x 25mm, point to point, rubber.
EKD 1965 LKD



CENSORSHIP MARKING

Type C1 Passed by Censor
30mm diam. double circle. Used during WWI. Strong probability that this is a U.S. receiving censor marking. Nos. 1102, 1118, 1121, 1133, 1140 and 1142 are known on covers originating in British Honduras.



EKD LKD

Type C2 English Language
Straight line, letters 3mm high, length 42mm. Used during WWII.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE



EKD LKD

Type C3 V
43mm high. Used during WWII.

EKD LKD

Ralph Group

To be continued.

I read with interest the article on postal markings used at Belize in Bulletin No. 123, Dec 1984.

From my own collection I can supply the following dates.

Type 1	EDK 12 Feb 1849	LDK 17 May 1860
Type 6	EDK 18 Mar 1843 (in red).	
	EDK 20 Nov 1846 (in black)	LDK 21 Apr 1852
Type 7	Cover dated 14 Jan 1859	
Type 8	Cover dated 9 Sep 1865	
	Covers dated 19 Jul 1884 and 6 Apr 1866	
	both with a 22mm diameter strike.	
Type 9	Covers dated 22 May and 14 Aug 1888.	
Type 11	Common.	
	EDK 12 May 1891	LDK 16 Mar 1894
Type 12	This is found with both A and C code letter.	
A	EDK 27 Feb 1897	LDK 11 Oct 1901
C	8 Jul 1890	LDK 23 Mar 1894

I hope these will fill a few gaps and I look forward to reading the continuation in due course.

S.E. Richards

May I add the following information on Belize General Post Stamps and make the point that the numbering for these marks is unsatisfactory. If any other General Post Stamps are identified the numbers will not be easy to adjust. I would suggest a prefix for these "PAID" types e.g. P1, P2 or PD1, PD2 or something similar.

Specific Comments on Each Type

1. Crown Circle. The latest I know of is my own copy (17-7-56). I know of nine examples and have an unconfirmed report of a later date.

- 2b. This was used before 2a so the numbering should be reversed. One of the rarest Belize markings. The only three dates I have seen are 17-7-60, 18-3-61, 15-12-61. The first and last are in my own collection.
- 2a. Much more common than 2b. Seen used from 1862 (my earliest is 1863).
- 3. What period does this belong to?
- 5. It has been widely speculated recently that this type does not exist.
- 6. This should be subdivided as 6a. in red and 6b. in black. The red was used first. The latest black example I have seen is 17-7-56 (my collection).

A later form of this type exists of 21mm. diam. with slightly larger letters. See Fig. 1 from my own collection. This was replaced by a 22mm. c.d.s., different from type 11. See Figs. 2 and 3.

- 10. I don't know of this mark.
- 12a. Also known with code A. 12a and 12b should be different types. See Figs. 4 and 5.



Fig.1



Fig 2.



Fig 3.

21mm Belize cds
 ERD 27.2.58
 LRD 14.6.78

One type has been omitted - inscribed "BELIZE / B. HONDURAS". A very scarce marking. See Fig. 6. I have only seen three copies - two dated 1893 and one (mine) dated 1894 in error for 1893.



Fig 4.



Fig 5.



Fig 6.

I hope response to the article proves fruitful. I am very keen to see the follow-up articles.

Ian Matheson

BRITISH WEST INDIES

THE MANUFACTURE OF BISECTS.

Russell Jones' article 'A new Grenada date-stamp' on p. 72 of Bulletin 123 would support my view that spurious bisects were manufactured in considerable numbers. These items, usually a piece, consist of genuine stamps, bisected and stuck to older paper, usually with a trace of writing, and then cancelled with forged circular date stamps. The date-stamp forgeries are none too clever and differences from the genuine are usually obvious.

In Antigua the 1884 perf 14. 1d. is found thus, always with the date JY 29 89. The letters and figures are unlike the genuine and the ANTIGUA with code 'A' letters are too large.



A further clue to the spurious nature of these bisects is that in one of my examples the paper is creased, but the bisected stamp is not!

Bisects on cover are a different matter, although many of these from the B.W.I. were obviously prepared for the philatelic market.

Peter Brooks

In the autumn of 1921 Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News (an American publication) featured an article entitled "The British West Indies Regiment" by Harry E. Huber.

The article was in serialised form and commenced in issue No. 37 (Whole No. 1601) dated 10th September 1921 and was concluded in the same issue dated 15th October 1921, and I have copies of both these sections of the article together with that in the issue dated 8th October.

As nearly all of the Colonies, together with British Guiana, British Honduras and Bermuda provided contingents to the West Indies Regiment I would like to be able to have copies of any sections published in the issues of September 17th, 24th and/or 31st - for it is quite obvious that at least one other part was produced.

If any member has a copy of this article would they please either let me borrow it for photocopying - or provide a photocopy of the "missing link(s)". It will help to fill one of the many missing gaps in the Library.

Stephen Papworth

LEEWARD ISLANDS

LEEWARD ISLANDS KG VI STAMP.

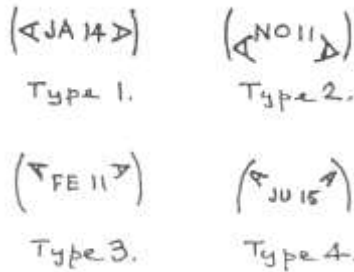
Correction.

In Bulletin No. 124 March 1985 p.19 the stamp referred to is the One Shilling value. This was unfortunately omitted in the note.

Peter Brooks

c.d.s. ANTIGUA on Queen Victoria Stamps.

A c.d.s. was used on ANTIGUA stamps about 1889 in the format 'ANTIGUA-A-date' (Bulletin 64, p.10, E.V. Toeg). This c.d.s. may have carried through to the LEEWARDS stamps issued in October 1890 but I have not yet found it. I have however identified four other c.d.s. Three are 23mm diameter and the fourth 21mm. All have the format 'ANTIGUA-month/day-two figure year', and in the case of the 23mm diameter types, an ornament. In each the month/day line is in the centre of the postmark, the basic difference is in the size of the letters of 'ANTIGUA'. This causes the name to start and finish in different positions and I find these easier to recognise than the letters themselves.



- Type 1. (23mm) The 'A's of ANTIGUA enclose the month/day line. The ornament is 'Birdlike' with detached wings.
- Type 2. (23mm) Very much wider lettering needs more space. The 'A's are predominantly below the month/day line. The ornament is similar to Type 1.
- Type 3. (23mm) Lettering smaller than Type 1. The 'A's are almost completely above the month/day line. The ornament resembles a Maltese Cross.
- Type 4. (21mm) Lettering smaller than Type 3. The 'A's are clear of the month/day line. No ornament.

My legible dates are as follows:-

<u>Type 1.</u>	JA 14			
	91			
<u>Type 2.</u>	SP 13	NO 11	FE 6	
	93	93	95	
<u>Type 3.</u>	NO 7	FE 11	AU 14	SC 19: 02 or later
	99	02	02	
<u>Type 4.</u>	MR 13	JU 15		
	01	03		

These dates suggest a pattern but I consider my sample too small to draw conclusions. Some member with wider collecting range than mine may be able to add flesh to these bones.

Arthur Peart

ST. VINCENT

UNLISTED POSTAL MARKINGS 1840-1940.

It is now getting on for 15 years since the publication of 'St. Vincent' by Pierce, Messenger and Lowe. Various additional postal markings have since come to light and it seems worthwhile setting them out for the record:

1. ST.VINCENT'S SHIP LETTER

Proofed 27 August 1841.

ST-VINCENT'S
SHIP LETTER

2. ST. VINCENT'S SHIP LETTER

Proofed 1842-1844 (undated in PO.Records).

ST-VINCENT'S
SHIP LETTER

3. SHIP-LETTER

Proofed 9 May 1863

SHIP-LETTER

4. SHIP-LETTER

Proofed 14 December 1866

SHIP-LETTER

5. LATE FEE

Not proofed apparently. Usage noted 24 Dec 1897 and 14 Oct 1898. The instrument measures 30mm x 4mm but the easiest check is to measure the gap between the 'E' of LATE and the first 'E' of FEE.

LATE FEE.

6. LATE FEE

PML 77 shown for ease of comparison.

LATE FEE.

7. DEFICIENT-POSTAGE-----

FINE-----

Not proofed. Usage noted 25 Jan 1895 and 28 Nov 1902

DEFICIENT-POSTAGE _
FINE-----

8. RETURN TO SENDER

Not proofed apparently. It seems possible however that this may have been the instrument on the proof sheet of 7 May 1905, which was cut out of the P.O. Records and was 'observed violated on 17 June 1964'. I would be glad to hear from anyone who inspected the records prior to that date.

RETURN TO SENDER

9. MONEY ORDER OFFICE

Not proofed apparently. Usage noted 25 Jan and undated on the 2½d. and 1d. blue (SG 55a).



10. MONEY ORDER OFFICE
Proofed 18 January 1901



11. MONEY ORDER OFFICE
Proofed 27 February 1908. However, the P.O. Records note that there is 'no type', and the actual date in the proof strike is 21 Jan 1907, presumably borrowed from another instrument.



12. UNCLAIMED
Not proofed apparently. Seen on 1934 cover.

UNCLAIMED

It should be re-iterated that the P.O. Records are incomplete so far as St. Vincent is concerned and nothing at all appears between 14 December 1866 and 1 June 1894. It is for this reason that nothing definite is known about the origin of the abbreviated village handstamps and most of the extended marks.

Vincent Duggleby

VIRGIN ISLANDS

VIRGIN ISLANDS SQUARE AND CIRCLE.

So conditioned am I to regard the Virgin Islands as near enough bereft of postmark opportunities, that I have almost given up looking. The odd Virgin Gorda crops up, of course, as does West End, here and there. Once in a blue moon, a philatelic Anegada; and every other year or so, an East End TRD. At any rate, I tell myself, G.P.O. is G.P.O.

Or was, almost without comment I offer the accompanying illustration. Date of the cancellation is SP 25 05, and I read the central 'code' marking as either I or 1.



Have I been walking around with my eyes shut? Is everybody other than myself aware that they squared the circle in Tortola? Or have I stumbled across something rather exciting.

Simon Goldblatt

AUCTION REPORT.

"I do hope I don't have to pay as much", said the under-bidder for lot 7, in commissioning a purchase at more than five times our estimate. It would be against our practice to reveal how safe his money was. Suffice to say that the realisation of £220 is our highest by far to date for an individual lot, and puts the pessimism of your estimator to shame. Indeed, the items which sold averaged more than 12% above valuation, which suggests that the market is beginning to rise again, even if much of the surplus can be explained by a few lots which took off.

About 30% of the 478 items on offer were left unsold. St. Lucia was rather in the doldrums, and there was almost no demand for modern material from St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Some of the goods on offer here are quite elusive, and there will be members who regret a lost opportunity in a few years time. Though in general our bidders showed considerable discrimination, there were a few more lost opportunities in this category. How about the Leewards £1 cancelled All Saints (lot 303) or even the Montserrat booklets (315)? Amongst the earlier ones which did not find a purchaser, we rather fancy the pin-perf ½d. of Barbados (lot 52), the St. Lucia taxed cover (344), the Zieher postcards of Trinidad (414 and 415) and above all the used reply card (418). What are sellers going to think of us, when we don't find a buyer for items like these?

Perhaps they won't be too critical: for the tight deadline for submission of material for sale this year did not prove inhibiting. We had as much to offer as in previous years and from just as many different sources. With book bids from 87 would-be buyers, and 22 potential bidders present on the day, it was as lively a sale as we have ever administered.

Some bidders are curiously reticent, though. Take that little tit-bit, the Leewards Sexagenary 2½d. used in Tortola(265). One room bidder confessed afterwards that he wanted to go higher, but was sure that he would be outbid! Try your luck, dear customers! You may lose - you probably will but at least you do a favour to the seller and to our Circle, which thrives on a prosperous auction. The best example was with that charming early Barbados court card (90). An overseas bidder rang up after the sale to find out what it had fetched and whether he had got it. Informed of failure (the lot had reached twice estimate at £52) he proclaimed in loud lament, "I'd have gone to double my bid, if only I had known".

By contrast, one postal bidder competed for 15 lots. He was out-manoeuvred on three of them; the rest we acquired for him with over £120 in hand - almost as much again as we had spent on his behalf. Other significant savings were: £30 authorised, £13 paid; £75 authorised, £32 paid; and best of all, £50 authorised, £12.50 paid. The other side of the coin was lot 54, "three even bids of £40", announced the auctioneer, and he knocked it down for that sum. Lot 288, where again three bidders hit the same top mark of £25, fared otherwise, for a room bidder sneaked in and paid another £1.

The most popular lot was another St. Phillips postmark, lot 16, which attracted nine book bids, and made £11 (from two sources). It was no surprise to see Leewards postmarks generally in favour, with realisations amply justifying the premium element in our valuations; but it was unexpected that lots 275 and 276 should go for an identical

£13.50. Whilst we accept that there are those who view Pointe Michel with caution, the 2½d. orange is never an easy stamp to find used outside Montserrat.

Looking at individual countries, Bahamas attracted less support than hitherto, although the merits of Crown Circle cover (lot 22) were appreciated. Barbados and Bermuda were up to strength, with considerable demand for the booklet, lot 125, £52 against an estimate of £24; and at this point let us mention the two-volume history, lot 468. Estimated at £10, the bidding started at £13, and closed at £70; a welcome boost for the last stages of the auction which more than made up for your estimator's even redder ears. It was pleasing to see demand for British Guiana, where the rare "Registered at Leguan" cover did nobly at £85 (est. £30) and the mention of R.M.S. Esk (lot 159) deservedly attracted attention too. There was little excitement this year for British Honduras (this cannot last), Cayman Islands or Grenada, but a brief flurry of interest in Dominica postmarks, whilst in Jamaica members bought selectively and sensibly. After the strong Leewards section, Montserrat, Nevis, St Christopher and St Kitts-Nevis were all quieter, although the postcards, lots 322-4, were much in demand. Some years back we forecast a substantial rise in the value of picture postcards, and time is bearing this out. At the same time, we were rather cautious about specimen stamps, which were shooting up too fast, too soon. We now feel that the recession in the value of Specimen stamps is drawing to an end. They are still difficult to move, but are gaining strength, and we think that they are due for a slower but healthier upwards move.

St Vincent has always attracted room bidders, and the auction was really lively at this point. The competition for Biabou (361) and Rabacca (364) was predictable, with each fetching more than twice its estimate; but it was pleasing to see Georgetown (368) opening at a modest £2.50 and selling at £13.50, after 30 rounds of bidding. The modern covers (371) did very well too.

Tobago was healthy, Trinidad a bit patchy, except that numeral postmarks of decent quality have clearly taken root. Our faith in the used Officials (404) was fully justified; they realised about six times their catalogue price, and who knows whether there was still something to spare on the book? There were no sensations to come in Turks and Caicos or Virgin Islands, and we looked to the Literature section to restore the tone. Only two lots were left unsold in this category, and purchase price closely matched estimate in almost every case, saving the legendary lot 468, with its 39 escalating bids!

The sale was completed in 2¼ hours. At the close the President moved a hearty vote of thanks to all the auction team.

Prices realised were as under:

1	11.00	2	8.00	3	6.50	4	13.00	5	12.00
6	21.00	7	220.00	9	16.00	11	5.25	13	3.50
15	17.00	16	11.00	18	5.50	19	44.00	20	10.50
21	4.50	22	32.00	25	9.00	28	22.00	29	15.00
31	4.00	35	4.75	36	4.50	37	2.50	38	9.00
39	2.50	40	4.75	42	4.00	44	1.25	45	34.00
46	21.00	49	38.00	50	15.00	53	7.00	54	40.00
55	20.00	56	22.00	57	22.00	59	52.00	60	2.50
61	10.00	62	2.00	63	30.00	68	46.00	70	15.00
71	16.00	72	2.50	73	11.00	74	12.00	75	19.00
76	8.00	77	32.00	79	3.00	80	8.00	81	60.00

82	2.00	83	25.00	85	19.00	86	8.00	87	8.50
88	34.00	89	2.50	90	52.00	92	9.00	93	5.50
94	7.00	95	5.00	96	2.00	100	3.50	101	17.00
102	8.00	104	8.50	105	4.00	106	1.50	107	3.00
108	6.00	109	5.25	113	6.50	114	60.00	115	7.00
116	8.00	117	7.00	118	36.00	120	56.00	122	34.00
123	58.00	125	52.00	126	2.00	127	58.00	128	20.00
129	9.00	130	8.00	131	3.00	132	3.75	133	9.00
134	19.00	135	15.00	136	28.00	137	12.50	138	9.50
139	8.00	140	5.25	142	5.25	144	7.00	145	9.50
146	4.00	148	4.25	149	9.00	150	6.00	151	32.00
153	10.50	154	10.00	155	27.00	156	38.00	157	19.00
159	13.00	161	4.50	163	5.50	164	5.00	165	5.50
166	6.50	167	7.00	168	7.00	169	7.00	170	11.00
171	85.00	172	13.50	173	6.00	174	15.00	177	3.75
178	11.50	180	2.75	181	7.50	183	4.50	184	4.25
185	48.00	186	9.00	187	2.25	189	3.00	191	12.00
192	48.00	193	3.00	194	1.50	195	5.00	196	4.00
197	3.00	198	7.00	199	16.50	200	2.00	201	6.50
202	9.00	205	7.50	206	6.50	207	8.50	212	9.00
215	6.50	216	5.25	218	8.50	219	10.50	220	12.00
221	11.00	222	28.00	223	5.50	224	36.00	225	10.00
227	32.00	228	4.50	229	19.00	234	11.00	235	3.00
236	2.50	237	6.00	238	5.50	239	2.50	241	7.00
242	5.50	243	13.00	247	9.50	249	12.00	252	15.00
253	14.00	254	8.00	256	21.00	257	6.00	258	12.50
259	12.00	260	17.00	261	20.00	262	14.50	263	7.00
264	6.00	265	28.00	266	26.00	267	13.00	268	15.50
269	50.00	270	70.00	272	7.00	273	7.50	274	3.75
275	13.50	276	13.50	277	12.00	278	16.50	279	21.00
280	28.00	282	23.00	283	21.00	284	32.00	285	30.00
286	23.00	287	15.50	288	26.00	290	34.00	291	29.00
292	1.50	293	7.50	294	9.00	295	8.50	297	7.00
298	8.50	299	2.50	300	3.00	302	6.00	304	10.00
306	7.00	311	27.00	312	1.50	313	1.50	316	21.00
317	5.50	318	125.00	319	7.00	320	8.00	321	11.00
322	13.00	323	11.00	234	13.00	325	19.00	326	30.00
327	9.00	328	17.50	331	3.00	334	5.25	335	8.00
336	14.00	339	4.00	340	2.00	341	3.50	343	38.00
345	5.00	348	6.50	349	13.50	350	4.00	351	2.75
352	2.00	353	2.25	354	4.50	355	4.25	358	9.00
359	9.00	361	32.00	362	5.50	363	3.75	364	21.00
365	18.00	366	7.00	367	5.25	368	13.50	369	25.00
370	9.50	371	30.00	372	13.50	378	12.00	380	11.50
387	11.00	388	25.00	389	9.00	391	35.00	392	16.50
393	14.50	394	22.00	396	40.00	400	6.00	401	9.00
404	12.50	405	9.50	406	16.50	407	21.00	409	15.50
411	15.00	412	24.00	416	5.25	419	12.50	420	20.00
421	10.50	422	9.00	424	4.75	425	2.50	427	5.50
430	7.50	431	15.00	432	3.75	433	75.00	434	16.00
439	12.00	440	4.00	443	12.00	444	5.00	445	4.00
447	4.00	449	13.00	453	5.00	454	6.00	455	6.50
456	8.00	457	5.50	458	4.25	459	6.50	460	4.50
461	4.00	462	5.25	463	5.25	464	2.25	465	6.00
466	4.00	467	8.00	468	70.00	469	4.50	470	11.00
472	8.00	474	3.75	475	6.00	476	3.25	477	11.00
478	17.00								

Lots not listed were unsold. The sale totalled £4,936.50.

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