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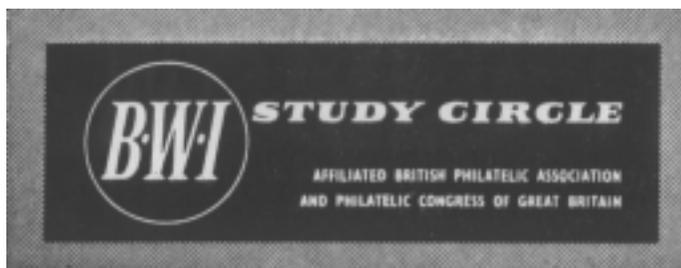
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2. TO issue a quarterly BULLETIN containing articles, items of interest and other features.

3. To loan books from Circle library (home members only). Borrowers bear post both ways.

4. To publicise 'wants'.

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PROGRAMME, 1972-73

1972

Sept. 30th, 3 p.m. - Mr. J. B. Marriott, F.R.P.S.L. The line engraved stamps of Trinidad

Nov. 15th, 6 p.m. - Bermuda and Tobago

1973

Jan. 17th, 6 p.m. - British West Indies generally

Apr. 14th, 3 p.m. - Annual General Meeting

Members are requested to bring up to 9 pages for the meetings on November 15th and January 17th. The main theme of the November meeting will be on Bermuda and Tobago but if members do not have items from these countries, please bring along sheets from other B.W.I. countries.

Mr. Marriott has offered to look at any queries members may have on the stamps of Trinidad at his meeting.

Meetings are held in the B.P.A. Board Room, at 446 Strand, London, WC2R ORA, unless otherwise indicated.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The Eighteenth Anniversary Meeting was held in the Board Room of the British Philatelic Association, at 446 Strand, London, W.C.2, on Saturday, the 15th April, 1972, at 3 p.m. It was attended by 10 members. The chair was taken by the President who extended a warm welcome to all. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. J. Branston, Mr. P. T. Saunders, Mr. J. A. C. Farmer and Mr. W. A. Townsend.

The minutes of the Seventeenth Anniversary Meeting, held on the 17th April, 1971, as published in Bulletin No. 69, pages 23 to 25, were taken as read, and with the approval of the meeting were signed as correct by the Chairman.

G. W. Collett Memorial Trophy

Mr. E. V. Toeg announced that the judging for this trophy had taken place in respect of completed articles in the Bulletin during the years 1970 and 1971. The Judges had awarded the Trophy to Mr. G. W. Bowman, a member living in California, for his fine and scholarly lengthy article entitled "By Air Mail from the Leeward Islands." The meeting instructed the Acting Hon. Secretary to write to Mr. Bowman to tell him of the award and to convey the congratulations and good wishes of the meeting.

Tribute to Mr. P. T. Saunders

Mr. Toeg announced that a Committee meeting had been held earlier in the day and the matter of a tribute to Mr. Saunders had been raised. Mr. Toeg told the meeting that Mr. Saunders had founded the Circle 18 years ago and had worked very hard to bring it

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to the level which it now enjoyed. His efforts had been tireless. However, Mr. Saunders was shortly going to move to Wales and felt that he could no longer continue to act as Hon. Secretary though he would be prepared to continue as Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Toeg stated how difficult it was to express in words the debt of gratitude owed to the Founder of the Circle who had done so much for the members and the hobby and that the Committee had decided to show appreciation in three ways. Firstly, Mr. Saunders was elected an Honorary Life Member forthwith. Secondly, a gift of £25 from Circle funds was to be donated to Mr. Saunders and he was to be asked to purchase something that would remind him of the Circle and which would also be useful to him in his new home. Thirdly, a subscription list was to be opened for members to make any voluntary contributions that they wished. An announcement would appear in the June Bulletin and the list would be open until the 31st December, 1972. Mr. Chard agreed to receive contributions and to administer the fund. The meeting confirmed the decision of the Committee. Mrs. Rose Saunders then told the meeting how thrilled her husband would be when he heard the news, she knew how deeply moved he would be to receive Honorary Life Membership and she wished to take the opportunity to thank the meeting. The President was requested to write to Mr. Saunders.

Report of the Acting Hon. Secretary

Mr. I. P. Chard stated that he had the distinction of serving the Study Circle in the capacity of Acting Hon. Secretary since the resignation of Mr. Saunders on the 31st December, 1971. He would like to pay tribute to Mr. Saunders who had helped him a great deal and who continued to help him in the task of taking on the duties of this Office.

It was with regret that he had to report the death of five of our members who were distinguished philatelists and active members of the Circle. They were: Dr. R. H. Blackburn, Mr. K. J. A. O. Manning, Mr. F. J. N. Nabarro, Mr. G. Moray Stephenson and Mr. G. H. Pilkington.

Current membership stood at 297, however, this figure did not take account of 28 members whose subscriptions were still outstanding. Even if the 28 members did not continue membership, a peak membership of 269 would have been achieved, an increase of 2 members over the last year. There were two other membership enquiries that might bear fruit. The mid-week meetings of the Circle were now well established. Over the last year they were very successful; the meeting on the 12th May, 1971, was attended by fourteen members and one visitor, the meeting on the 17th November, 1971, was attended by nine members and the meeting on the 6th January, 1972, was attended by fourteen members. Although members attending these meetings had brought up to nine sheets for display plans were in hand to have more organised displays in the future.

During his Secretaryship some limited use of the Opinions service had been made. Notes for the Notes and Queries section of the Bulletin had been forwarded to Mr. Radford for publication. Mr. Chard said also that he would like to see more queries raised as a result of articles in the Bulletin, this not only provided 'copy' but it ensured

that all members had access to the information which in any event might be of interest to more persons than the original enquirer.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Mrs. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Toeg and carried unanimously.

Report of the Hon. Auditor Read in his absence by Mr. Chard.

Mr. A. J. Branston stated that he found the accounts to be in excellent order and no small credit to the Hon. Treasurer.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Mr. Toeg, seconded by Mr. Britnor and carried unanimously.

Report of the Hon. Treasurer

Read in his absence by Mrs. R. Saunders (Rose Titford).

It would no doubt be recalled that at our Annual General Meeting held in 1971 confirmation was given to the transfer of £175 to the Main Account from the Publications Account and it was agreed that when circumstances permitted this sum should be refunded. Having regard to the ever-rising costs of the production of our Bulletin, the cost of the March, 1972, issue was £131.15, together with the increased postal charges Mr. Saunders could not recommend that any action be taken at the present time. It also had to be borne in mind that revenue from advertising might fall and the demand for back issues of the Bulletin was only fortuitous. Incidentally, no less than twenty-two Bulletins were out of print and there were five or less of eleven other issues. It would be appreciated if thought was given to having reprints or Xerox copies made. Notwithstanding the fact that the amount of the Circle's subscription, due date and method of payment were mentioned in every Bulletin and this was amplified in the December, 1971, issue by a special boxed notice and a special personal plea in his paragraph Mr. Saunders found it necessary to send out eighty-one reminders. At the time of writing, on the 12th April, twenty-eight subscriptions were outstanding. Mr. Saunders proposed and sought approval to the following action:-

1. To include a half-page boxed notice at the top half of the right-hand page facing the Circle's 'shop window' in the December Bulletin each year.
2. To withhold the June and subsequent Bulletins each year from any member whose subscription is still outstanding. If it remained unpaid at 30th September his, or her, name would be struck off the roll.

Mr. Saunders then stated that he trusted the figures shown in the Statement of Accounts on page 14 of the March, 1972, Bulletin would meet with approval. The only new item of expenditure was 'Insurance - £10' and this covered the Circle Library and its books in transit.

After discussion the proposals put forward by Mr. Saunders were agreed to by the meeting. In the matter of reprints and Xerox copies, Mr. B. B. Benwell agreed to look into the matter of costs, etc., and to report to the Committee.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Mr. C. A. Freeland, seconded by Mr. .J. C. Loach, and carried unanimously.

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Report of the Hon. Librarian

Again, Mrs. Saunders was pleased to report that steady use was made of the Library and it was particularly gratifying to note the increased demand for items in the 'Scrap Books.' These contain many interesting notes but lack some articles of special importance on some Colonies, Antigua for example. Any contributions to these books would be very welcome.

The library had been entirely re-listed and a new list was in preparation. It had yet to be decided by the Committee which process was to be adopted in the final production of the new list, bearing in mind the high costs involved in every direction. The list would not be included in the Bulletin but a notice would appear when it was available upon application. Mrs. Saunders had now made arrangements for the Insurance of the library at her home and books in transit. This meant that members (home) now sent books by first class post or parcel post according to size and weight and obtained a Post Office Receipt which had to be posted under separate cover to the Hon. Librarian. If a book were lost and the borrower did not furnish the required receipt the Circle reserved the right to call upon the member to make good the loss should the need arise.

The library had had an important gift from Mr. J. L. Messenger of the new Handbook on St. Vincent by the late A. D. Pierce, Mr. Robson Lowe and Mr. Messenger. The book was fully reviewed in the March, 1972, issue of the Bulletin and Mrs. Saunders had expressed sincere thanks and warm congratulations to Mr. Messenger on the Circle's behalf.

Mr. Benwell agreed to liaise with Mrs. Saunders on the matter of the library list.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Mr. L. E. Britnor and seconded by Mr. J. C. Loach, and carried unanimously.

Report of the Hon. Editor

Read in his absence by Mr. Chard.

There had been a steady flow of contributions for the Bulletin during the past year, however, the situation had now changed and articles for publication were now urgently required.

For the majority of members, the Bulletin was the only means of contact with the Circle, so would members please help to keep the Bulletin lively and informative by submitting articles for publication. All articles in the Bulletin were eligible for consideration by the judges in connection with the award of the G. W. Collett Memorial Trophy. Many countries have had hardly a mention over the last few years.

Criticism had been raised that the Bulletin did not give enough coverage to more modern matters. The only answer to those critics was a request to them to submit articles on the items that interested them. Once the ball was set in motion other comments usually followed.

In future proofs would not be sent to major 'U.K.' contributors for checking. Delays had occurred in the publication of the Bulletin due to contributors not returning the proofs promptly. The Committee had agreed that the Editor would raise any queries regarding spelling of names, illegibility of writing, etc., with the contributor before the

article was submitted to the printer. In order to reduce the number of queries typing of articles would be very much appreciated.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Mr. Toeg, seconded by Mr. R. H. Austin, and carried unanimously. Report of the Chairman of the Publications Sub-Committee Mr. L. E. Britnor stated that he had contacted Mr. J. B. Marriott on his further book on Trinidad and that he was advised that there were still a number of points that needed to be cleared up before work could proceed. Mr. Britnor hoped to produce his own work on British West Indies Packet Services for publication this year.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Mr. Chard, seconded by Mr. R. H. Austin, and carried unanimously.

Report of the Chairman of the Committee

Mr. Toeg stated that the Committee had held two meetings, one on the 3rd November, 1971, and the other on 15th April, 1972. The first meeting was called to appoint an Acting Hon. Secretary. Mr. Chard was chosen and agreed to take on the duties of Acting Hon. Secretary from 1st January, 1972.

The second Committee meeting had considered the form of tribute to Mr. Saunders about which the meeting had already heard. Other matters discussed were the dates of the future meetings and their programmes. These would be published in the forthcoming Circle Bulletins.

The meeting also considered a new form of membership card and some changes in the conditions governing the award of the G. W. Collett Memorial Trophy. The question of advertising was brought up but was deferred until another meeting when it could be more fully discussed.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Mrs. Saunders, with an expression of grateful thanks and a tribute to the sound Presidency of Mr. Toeg, seconded by Mr. F. D. Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously.

54th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain

This was to be held at Llandudno this year. Delegates would be Mr. W. A. Townsend and Mr. A. J. Branston.

Date of the Autumn Meeting

This had been fixed already for Saturday the 30th September, 1972.

Date of the Nineteenth Anniversary Meeting

Mr. J. C. Loach proposed that this meeting be held on Saturday the 14th April, 1973, and this was seconded by Mr. Chard and carried unanimously.

Election of Officers and Committee

There being no nominations for the offices other than Hon. Secretary and the present holders being eligible and willing to continue, it was proposed by Mr. C. A. Freeland that they be re-elected en bloc. This proposal was seconded by Mr. W. P. Sam and carried unanimously.

Mr. Toeg stated that the office of Acting Hon. Secretary was at present filled by Mr. I. P. Chard who had been appointed by the Committee and Mr. Toeg proposed that Mr. Chard be appointed as Hon. Secretary and this proposal was seconded by Mr. P. T. Saunders through Mrs. Saunders. The proposal was carried unanimously.

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Any other business

Mrs. R. Saunders proposed a vote of thanks to the President for conducting the meeting and this was seconded by Mr. J. C. Loach. A vote of thanks was carried unanimously.

NOTES and QUERIES

ANTIGUA

Corrections and/or comments to article –

THE POSTAL HISTORY OF ENGLISH HARBOUR

(appearing in March, 1972, Bulletin)

Page 8.- Paragraph states: "These regulations prove that English Harbour was again functioning as some type of postal entity at least as early as 28 November, 1881."

Information given to me by Mr. Bill Cornell reveals that Stan Durnin reports a strike of the 1st Type English Harbour cds (without A18) dated 2? September, 1880, on a copy of Antigua S.G. 16. This indicates that English Harbour was closed only from 1 January, 1879, to the date of Stan Durnin's new cds.

Page 9.- Under Key Item No. 6, Col. Seifert has now reported (and as described in BCPJ, No. 61) a strike of the St. Paul's cds dated 27 August, 1924. This advances the LDK of this cds some eleven years, and suggests a three-year overlap of the usage of this cds with that of the 2nd Type English Harbour cds (whose EDK is 17 August, 1921). The theory proposed by the NOTE written under Key Item No. 6 now appears to be invalid.

Page 10.- Under Key Item No. 23, some information was omitted in my original manuscript. The item should read: "Mr. Surtees noted (BCPJ, No. 21) an example of Antigua S.G. 16, dated 1881."

Page 10.- The English Harbour "strike," reported on a 3d. Antigua Tercentenary stamp (Key Item No. 25) has an air of hanky-panky surrounding it, since the Tercentenary Issue did not legally become available until 27 January, 1932. Perhaps somebody filched the canceller after the Post Office closed and applied it later to the stamp, thereby creating another item to purposely confuse future postal historians!

George W. Bowman.

Mr. Bowman's efforts to chart the muddy waters of English Harbour around 1878, on pages 5-13, of Bulletin No. 72, made interesting reading. I have two points which may provide more food for thought.

In a section dealing with Antigua postmarks, on page 180 of the 1935 Regent Encyclopaedia one reads: "The last mail steamer called at English Harbour (deep water anchorage) on 17.5.78. Presumably the P.O. there closed soon after, as the mail steamers lay off St. John's (very shallow harbour) and mails were brought ashore by tender. In spite of this the 1d. CC 14 exists postmarked at English Harbour 23.2.81, in

an entirely different type." Perhaps Mr. Robson Lowe knows where this example is to be found. Could it be, therefore, that the English Harbour P.O. re-opened early in 1881?

For my second point may I refer readers back to the Larsen/ Toeg correspondence in Bulletins Nos. 40 (p. 10) and 42 (p. 53) on the subject of BARHIDA and the A18 'killer.' Mr. Toeg said here that he had never heard of this 'killer' being used in Barbuda. But the Rev. R. B. Earee apparently had. On page 16 of Volume One of "Album Weeds" (3rd Edition, 1906) he wrote: "Our readers will probably be aware that the 1d. was postmarked . . . A18 for Barbuda." He was referring to Antigua forgeries. Also relevant is the fact that Barbuda was sometimes spelt BARBIDA (p. 704, Sir Alan Burns' "History of the British West Indies," 1954). This is nearer BARHIDA. Was there some connection between English Harbour and Barbuda? Was the A18 'killer' used in Barbuda over a limited period for some specific purpose? Perhaps when the English Harbour P.O. was closed. One thinks also of its use on a St. Vincent stamp (Mr. Bowman's point 17). It seems to me that the waters of English Harbour are no clearer!

R. G. Carr

I have three items in my collection on which I would appreciate further information from members:

1. A used copy of S.G. 8 with an 02 watermark. It is obvious that this is a papermaker's watermark but for what purpose?
2. A copy of S.G. 17 with a clear A12 cancellation. S.G. 25 and 26 were used as provisionals in St. Christopher. Is the explanation that the S.G. 17 was used in 1890 as a provisional.
3. An OHMS enveloped with an Official Paid, Antigua hand stamp dated January 21, 08. I would appreciate any information on this handstamp.

A. Thompson.

I refer to Mr. C. A. Freeland's query on page 2 of Bulletin No. 68, March, 1971, concerning white marks on either side of the first "A" of "ANTIGUA" and also between the letters of value on the Queen Victoria six pence green which was printed by the line-engraved process.

From material in my collection these white marks can be found at the sides of all the letters of "ANTIGUA" and "SIX PENCE" and the marks are in my opinion due to faulty printing and flaws of this nature are covered by the term "scooped colour." This type of flaw is mentioned by Dr. H. Osborne in his book entitled "Two Pence Blue Studies of Plates 1 to 15" and I quote from the book, as follows:-

"SCOOPED COLOUR

Appearances caused by faulty inking or overwiping of the plate immediately prior to printing from it, may sometimes be mistaken for definite plate varieties.

Overwiping a line-engraved plate after inking may cause the removal of ink from some of the engraved recesses of the plate, with the result that some of the printed stamps show pale or colourless areas in the place of solid colour. Such effects are more likely to occur in the more extensive solid colour areas, particularly those which intervene between the upper corner blocks and the white-lettered inscription 'POSTAGE':

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the effect may also be seen in the solid colour areas between the white letters 'TWO PENCE,' especially between the 'O' and 'P' where the space is somewhat wider.

When most of the ink is removed from such coloured areas by an overwipe, a hatching of coloured lines may appear in the print, and in the case of the areas at either end of 'POSTAGE,' such coloured lines are predominantly vertical. This hatching effect is evidently due to furrowing of the bottom of the recessed area, which is not dead flat.

'Scooped colour' is the term used to denote the removal of ink by overwiping. Flaws produced in this way may be found in any issue of our line-engraved stamps."

I have, however, not noticed any hatching effect on the Antigua six pence and I consider that this is because the engravers of the line-engraved stamps of Great Britain and Antigua were different people using possibly differently shaped burins or engraving tools when engraving the dies, with the result that in the case of the Antigua six pence die the bottom of a recessed area was not furrowed but flat.

E. V. Toeg

May I add to Mr. Goldblatt's contribution in Bulletin No. 71. I understand that there are 14 offices on Antigua itself:

All Saints	Liberia
Bendals	Nelson's Dockyard
Bolans	New Winthorpes
Cedar Grove	Old Road Freetown
Parham Grays Farm	St. John's G.P.O.
Johnsons Point	Seatons

Additionally, there is a branch post office on Barbuda under the administration of Antigua.

J. C. Loach

BAHAMAS

1884-98 SPECIMENS

The current Stanley Gibbons catalogue lists Q. Victoria specimens only for the 2½d. (dull blue) and the 6d. (mauve). Enquiries by John M. Bailey and myself now show that neither this nor Gisburn's statement, on page 64 of his book, to the effect that all values of this series of stamps (*viz.*, 1d. to £1) exist with the overprint 'Specimen' give the complete picture.

Records show that Specimens of the 1d. and 4d. (100 of each), also the 2½d. and 6d. (400 of each), were supplied, but that only the 2½d. and 6d. are mentioned in the U.P.U. Bulletin and are in the U.P.U. collection with Specimen overprints. Also that the 1d. to £1 with the 1/- green are in the U.P.U. collection without such overprints.

However, the matter has a further interesting aspect as it is known that, in what is probably the finest collection of Specimens, there are two of the £1 value (one with a larger sized overprint), a 5/- together with a 1/-, the latter with a diagonal overprint in violet. It is thought that others exist in the De La Rue collection in the British Museum. It would be very interesting to learn of members who have other than the 2½d. and 6d. values as 'Specimen' and whether the printing figures given above reflect the scarcity of these Specimens in collections to-day.

A. J. Branston

BARBADOS

POSTAL METER IN PARCEL POST DEPARTMENT

The Parcel Post Department in the G.P.O., Bridgetown, are now using a meter frank for postage paid instead of adhesive stamps. This will, of course, much reduce the use of stamps above the \$1.00 value. The frank reads as follows:

Date / Barbados Postage / NCR Meter 0001 / PARCEL POST / Bridgetown.

The above is printed in black; the amount of postage paid and a serial number is printed in red between Barbados Postage and the Meter number. There is no attempt to make the frank look like an adhesive stamp. The machine prints onto yellow adhesive paper which is then affixed to the parcel. The exact date of introduction is unknown.

J. M. G. Adams

NEW REGISTRATION HANDSTAMP

A new oval handstamp, measuring 32mm. x 24½mm., with Registration around the top and Barbados at the bottom in sans serif capitals, 3½mm. high, with the date in one line through the centre, 3mm. high, was introduced on 3rd January, 1972.

The new handstamp is primarily intended for backstamping letters passing through the Registration department but it has also been noticed cancelling adhesives. A subsidiary use is cancelling Postage Dues. The Returned Letter Office also deal with underpaid letters and affix the postage due labels. As they no longer have a date stamp, they borrow the Registration stamp.

S. Cave

BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

The 1972 Exhibition will be held at Seymour Hall, Seymour Place, London, W.1, from Wednesday, 1st November, to Saturday, 4th November.

The prospectus and entry forms are now available from the Secretary, B.P.E., 71 Uxbridge Road, London, W.5.

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BARBADOS USED IN TRINIDAD

I recently acquired a copy (on piece) of Barbados S.G. 252b cancelled with a skeleton postmark 29mm in diameter reading HM FORCES TRINIDAD. The mark is dated 15 SP 47 in a straight line the SP being about 7½mm above the bottom of the circle.

Can any member give me further information on this cancellation and its use on the stamps of countries other than Trinidad?

J. A. Cronin

THE TWOPENNY BARBADOS STAMP OF 1852

By HERBERT BAYLEY

(Continued from page 17, Bulletin No. 72)

This reply was not considered proof enough for this stamp to be listed. No further reference was made to this stamp until April, 1870 when Mr. E. L. Pemberton asked in the same magazine if information could be given as to the character of this stamp. This query elicited a letter from "Fentonia" stating that "he had had thousands of Barbados stamps passing through his hands, from the earliest issue down to 1868, and had examined each singly without discovering this unknown claimant to postal honours." Two months later there appeared in the same magazine a reply to "Fentonia," signed by "Bridgetown," assuring the former that the 2d. stamp was no myth, but that the Postmaster had again assured him that he recollected well when those stamps were used.

The discussion in regard to this 2d. stamp again came to a halt. It was not until February, 1871 that Mr. Pemberton wrote again to the Stamp Collector's Magazine stating that the existence of such a stamp should not be difficult to prove beyond dispute, if the Postmaster of the island remembered it. He asked if there were no official record of its having been requisitioned, ordered or sold to the public.

The most natural thing for "Bridgetown" to have done in support of his claim was either to have referred to old newspapers or to have obtained from the Postmaster a letter to the effect that the stamp in question did have the value of 2d. This would have settled the controversy, but unfortunately it was never done.

The question of the face value of this stamp was not again raised until the Stanley Gibbons Handbook of Barbados was published in 1896. In it the compilers contended that "these half-stamps were issued by the Post Office as provisional One Penny stamps, and not, as we should expect to find, as Half-penny values. Our reason for thinking so is that a reference to the Post Office Ordinances shows that the only half-penny postal rate was one for newspapers, whereas the copies (of this bisected stamp) we have seen have all franked letter sheets. We think this is conclusive evidence that the half stamp was made to do the duty of a whole stamp."

Up to 1932, therefore, when this question was again raised, the face value of this stamp of the first issue of Barbados had not been determined. Stanley Gibbons catalogued this stamp as 1d. - 1d as they had always done, and philatelists had decided that if the stamp did have originally a face value of 2d. no copies had ever been used by the local public, and so the stamp in used condition would be a pearl of great price. It was considered that 1d. stamps had been bisected and each half sold at a penny in order to double the small quantity of stamps on hand in August, 1854 (when they were bisected), not with the idea that this stamp originally had a 2d. value.

Knowing nothing of the controversies which had been raging over this stamp since 1865, in 1933 I commenced searching through old newspapers and records to discover what postmarks and cancellations were in use locally before we had our own Post Office. With this object in view I wrote to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd., asking if they had any literature on this subject, and was referred by them to Major T. Charlton Henry who they stated was one of the leading specialists in Barbados stamps. This I did and at the same time mentioned to him that during my researches I had come across in a newspaper for 1853 the first report on the Post office, prepared by the Postmaster, Mr. Tinling. By first airmail came his reply slating that "to say your discovery of the first report of the Postmaster giving the value of the 10,000 purple stamps is of interest is putting it very mildly. This is the most important discovery, as far as I am aware, that has been made in regard to the stamps of Barbados for years." At the same time he was kind enough to send me a copy of a Paper read before the Royal Philatelic Society, London, on the 5th May, 1932, written by himself and containing all the correspondence that had ever been published on this subject. It is from this Report that I have culled most of my information. Unfortunately for philately, Major Henry died in 1936.

As can be imagined the publication of this Report by the Postmaster caused considerable excitement in the philatelic world, and was considered sufficient proof for Messrs. Stanley Gibbons to make the necessary alterations in their 1934 catalogue.

What I cannot understand is why none of the Barbados correspondents took the trouble to look through the old newspapers for information on this subject, which would have been much easier to do in 1865 than in 1933, or to obtain from the Postmaster a written document to the effect that the stamp did have a face value of 2d. Either one of these would have been sufficient to satisfy the philatelic world. Naturally I am very pleased that my researches have been of some philatelic value, and am especially pleased with the compliment paid to me by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. In the introduction to their 1934 catalogue they wrote:

"Interesting confirmation of the statement that there is always something new to be discovered about stamps is provided by what might appear to be a minor alteration in the list of the first issue of Barbados, where the greyish slate stamp is now described as a 2d. denomination. It was known that this stamp, when bisected, was used for 1d. rate, and at least one British student of these issues had suggested that the undivided stamp would be found to be a 2d., but it was not until a resident

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in the island . . . started delving into the old records and newspapers . . . that definite confirmation of this fact was obtained from the first report of the Colonial Postmaster. It has thus taken over 80 years to establish the face value of a British Colonial stamp!"

As a matter of interest, the Inland Postmaster's Statement for the years 1851-53 as it was published in the newspapers of this period is appended.

STATEMENT of the actual Expenditure in the Inland Post Office between the 1st August, 1852 and the 31st July, 1853.

Amount paid Inland Postmaster and other Officers	£1,923 7 9
Contingent Expenses	864 10 10½
	2,787 18 7½
Received from Colonial Treasury	2,768 14 0
Balance on Hand.	15 4½

ACCOUNT of Postal Stamps and Postal Regulations received by Inland Postmaster, and of the amount received from sale of same 31st July, 1853:-

150,000 blue stamps at 1d. each	£625 0 0
10,000 purple do. at 2d.	83 6 8
30,000 green do. at ½d.	62 10 0
300 postal regulations	3 15 0
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	£774 11 8

Collected up to 31st July, 1852, and paid over to Colonial Treasurer	£71 16 11
Collected up to 1st February, 1853 and paid over to Colonial Treasurer	137 3 11
Collected up to date for stamps sold to 31st July, 1853 and paid same into Treasury this day	222 1 8
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	£431 2 6
Balance for which Postmaster is liable for stamps and postal regulation	343 9 2
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	<u>774 11 8</u>
Paid also into Treasury, being a penalty received for an infringement of the Post Office Act	£0 16 0

C. TINLING

Inland Postmaster,
19 September, 1853.

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BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE

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C – Cancellations and postal markings; D – deals in material specified; M – Mint **only**; PH – Postal history or pre-adhesive material; PS – Postal stationery; U – Used **only**; x – Except.

* - Specialised collection, i.e., a collection including Postal history, Proofs, Specimens, Cancellations, Postal stationery, etc., unless otherwise indicated. The absence of this sign indicates a 'straight' collection of adhesives and catalogued varieties, † Overseas Member.

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

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NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
Adams, D.A	All x BAH and BER	
†Adams, J.M.G.	BAR*	
†Adelson, E. M.	BAH	
†Aleong, J.C.	StV*	
Allan, D. J. American Philatelic Research Library	LEE* MONT*	Barbuda (1922)
†Arnell, Dr. J.C	BER*	
Astridge, G. W.	LEE* BrG*	
Austin, R. H., M.B.E.	BAH*	
Bailey, J. H.		
Bailey, J. M.	BAH*	
Baker, J. W.	St.L*	
Baldwin, N.	VIR*	
†Barrow, T.D.	LEE* WIN*	
†Bartlett, E.		All & C
Bartlett, G. C.	StL*	
†Bayley, C. H.	BAR*	All xBrH
†Bayley, K. H.	BAH*, BAR*, TRI	
Baynes, E.	BAR* BER*	Most & C
Beardwood, Dr. H. K.	GUY*	
Beauchamp, A. R.		All
Bennet, F. H.	TRI and TOB, BrG (before Independence)	BAR, BER
†Benwell, B. B.	BAR*	
Berman, J.	BAR* LEE*	
Berridge, J. M.		All
Bethel, J. F.	BAH*	Others to 1970
†Betts, E. C., Jr.		All & C
Bishop, C. W.	JAM*	
Black, H. Moreton	BAH*	BAR from 1892
Blackmun, A. W.	DOM*	
Blakely, R. H.	BAR*	
Bodily, R.		D all
†Bogg, W. G.		D, All PH
†Bolling, R.	BAR*	DOM
Bolton, K.	JAM*	
Bowman, G. W.	ANT*	
†Box, H. E.		All
Branston, A. J.	BAH*	
†Brassler, N.		All xPH, xPS
Britnor, L. E.	BAR* xPS	PH & C of All xBrG, xBrH
Brooks, B.A.	St.K*	
Brown, Dr. H. V.	DOM*	GRE (C), ANT, StK, StL (C & PS)
Brumby, G. R.	BAH* BER* LEE*	
Bullivant, B. A.	JAM*	ANT, BAH, CAY
Burdett, A.E.	BAR*	
Burns, T.		1958 Federal Issues
Bush, Lt.-Cdr E. R. W.	BER*	
†Butler, W.	LEE	

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
Butt, D.G.	BER	C of BAR, JAM, TRI
†Cameron, Byron R.	JAM*	CAY, TUR
†Campe, G. C.	CAY*	D
Carlaw, B. D.	ANT*	CAY
Carr, Cdr. R. G.		All
Cassidy, Lt.-Col. M. M.		All xBrG, BrH
Cave, Major S. F.	BAR*	
Challis, J. J.	TUR*	
Chard, I.P.	BER*	
Chidley, A. H.	BAR* GRE* JAM	
Churcher, Dr. Mark D.		
†Churchill, J. C.	BAH* CAY* JAM	
Clements, R.	BAR*	
Coasby, L. R.	BAH* GRE	All xBER, xBrG, xBrH
†Coleman, Dr. R. C.	VIR*	
Collins, Cdr. F. W.		D All
Collinson, Miss B. J.	BAR*	
†Cornell, W. G.	ANT*	C of All
†Craig, Dr. R. M.	JAM*	
†Cresed, E. G.	BAR*	Canada
Cribbs, W. D.	ANT*, LEE, MONT*	
†Crider, Dr. D. B.	DOM*	
Cronin, J. A.	GRE* up to 1952	
Crow, W. H. H.	JAM*	C of all
Crowther, B.		All ex BrG, BrH
†Curtiss, J. T.	All ex BrG, BrH	Cuba & Puerto Rico
†Cwiakala, C. E.	BER*, CAY*, JAM*	TUR & CAI
Day, S. J.	GRE*	ANT, BAH, MONT, StV
Deakin, H. F.	BAH* BAR* CAY* StV*	
†De Freitas, R. A.	BAR*, BrG*, GUY*	
Delingpole, M. H.	All	Ascension, Falkland Islands
Dickason, I. T.	GRE* to 1895	Haiti* to 1920
Dickson, I. W. D.	StL, StV & C	
Ditch, R. D.	BAH*	
†Doak, Dr. E.K.		
†Durmin, S. C.	LEE* (C)	
†Eden, O. K.	JAM*	
Edmondson, R.J.	CAY*	
Edwards, D. G.	JAM*	
Ely, R. V.		Chalon and Diedem Heads especially GRE*
Evans, J.F.	BrH*, StL* TUR & CAI*	All others
Fairhead, M.A.	BAH*	
Farmer, J. A. C.	LEE*	
†Fashingbauer, R	BAH*	
Fitz-Gerald, F. D. , O.B.E.		All ex BrG and BrH
Forshaw, E. S.	BrG*	
†Fredrick, J. L.	VIR* to 1900	
Freeland, C. A.	BAH*	BER CAY
†Freeman, F. G.	JAM* ex PS	
Garrard, Dr. N.	BAH*	All ex BrG, ex StV
†Gaston, Howard J.	JAM*	GB used in JAM, CUBA, Dom. Rep., HAITI, JAM used in CAY
Giffin, W. L.		All
Gilmore, J. T.	BAR*	
†Giraldi, T. E.	BAH* CAY*	Ant, StL, Guyana
Giraud-Saunders, N.C.	ANT* BAR*	BER, DOM, GRE, StL & StV,
Gittins, J. W.	BAH*	CAY TUR & CAI
Goldblatt, S.	VIR*	
†Gosney, H. G.	BAR* LEE*	
Gott, A. M.	ANT*	
†Gregson, J. M. A.	BAR* TRI*	D
†Grimble, R.W.	ANT* GRE* JAM*	
†Grinevicius, A.		
†Group, R. E.	C of BrG & BrH,	
Hale, A. B.		PH of ANT, BAR and LEE
Hall, W. ff. D.		All including PH & C
†Halliday, R. W.		D
†Hamilton, R. W.	MONT* VIR*	
†Harper, M. C.		All mint (singles)
†Harris, Dr. F. D.	BAR*	
Harris, Dr. H. C. A.	JAM*	
Harris, M. A.		D Pre-adhesives up to 1935
Hawkins, P. J., O.B.E.	LEE* DOM*	
Heap, J. L.	BrG	
Hellings, M. B. B.	All	
Herbert, J. A. C.	CAY*	
Hershman, R. E.	BAR*	
†Hicks, Dr. H. D.	BER*	
†Higgins, R. D.	ANT* BAH* BAR* BER* GRE*	
Hill, Dr. A. E.	TRI & TOB*	
Hirst, G. H. F.R.I.C.S.		PH and all key type 1890-1956
Hesey, S. Graham	BAH*	
Holt W. C.	BAR*	
†Hopwood, S. A.	JAM*	
Horton, A. G.		
Hutson, T. A. E.	StK*, StL* and StV*	
Irving, W.	Classics of All	

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
†Ishibara, M.	StV* (and PH)	
†Jaffe, Peter	StV*	GRE to 1901, PH of LEE, StL, C of BAR, BrG BrH, DOM, GRE
James, H. A. H.	JAM*	
†James, Winfield H.	BAH* TUR & CAI*	
Jane, C. W. F.		
Jefferson, I. W.	JAM*	
†Jenkins, P. H. R.	StV*	
Johnson, B. E.	GRE*	
Johnson, F. M.		All, particularly PH
Jones, C. E. R.	StL*	BER
Jones, G. E.	BrH* CAY*	
†Jones, Russell	GRE*	
Kilburn, W. G. M.A.	StL*	
Kimber, H. E.	StL, StV	
†Kopf, Dr. K.	TOB* TRI*	BAR, BER
Kyle, J., F.R.I.C.S.	BAH* CAY*	
Lane, S. N.	JAM* TUR and CAY*	Others (QEII and Pmks)
†Larsen, P. A.	BAR* LEE*	German East Africa
Latham, A. H.	JAM (PH)	
Lea, W. E.		D all
Ledger, D. E.	CAY*	MONT StV
Lee, R. A. G.	CAY*	StL
Leverton, A. M.		D All
Lewis, V.		All
Lickfold, E. K.	StV	
Limrick, B.	JAM* MONT* StL*	QEII & postmarks
Lisle, F. B.	BAR, BER, BrG, TRI & C	
Lloyd-Lowles, Lt. Col. D. G. N., O.B.E.	CAY*	
Louch, J. C.	BAR* (& PH) StK* (& PH) TRI (& PH)	ANT, BAH, BAR, BER, GRE, StV VIR
†Lockie, Dr. J. M.	StL* CAY* (up to 1968)	CAY (definitives only after 1968)
Lowe, Robson	BAH Chalon Heads	
†Ludington, M. H.	BER*	PH & C of BAR, TUR
†Lyman, R. W.		D All (Classics)
Lyons, Mrs. S.	TRI*	BAR, JAM
Lythgoe, D. G.	ANT* BARBUDA* LEE*	Pmks other Islands
Macmillan, H. B.	JAM*	
Madgwick, D. A.	DOM*	
†Malin, L. R.	BER, BrG, JAM, TUR & CAI	
Marriott, J. B.	TRI* to 1910	
Marshall, L. M. W.	ANT* ex PS	GRE LEE StV xPS BER
Mason, Dr. S.A.	JAM*	All others
†Matthews, W. H.	TOB* TRI* TRI & TOB*	All others & Venezuela
Meadley, Dr. R. G. S.	ANT*	StK StV StV
Messenger, J. L.	GRE* StV*	All others
Michael, J.N.	NEV*	
Mitchell, Dr. T. J.		All, particularly C & PH
†Moseley, T.E.	JAM*	
†Mounsey, R. C., Jr.	BAR* BrG*	
Murray, Col. A.		D PH & C of all
Neale, H. A.		All (KGV only)
Nissen, H.		D all
†O'Connor, Harvey	GRE*	All
Orr, A.	All	
†Osborn, G. A.	BER* to 1901	GRE to 1901
Oxley, H. M.	GRE	
Palmer, C.	StL*	
Parker, C. Angus		D all, specially PH, C, PS
†Parslow, R. J.		All up to 1940
Partridge, R. F.	GRE & C	
†Paton, C. D.	LEE* JAM (War Stamps)*	
Paton, I. M.	LEE from 1937	All others from 1937
†Pattiz, H. A.	BER* CAY*	JAM Inter Island Mails
Payne, C.M. O.B.E.	GRE*	
Peart, Brigadier A.G.	LEE*	
†Plass, Gilbert.N..	VIR*	LEE
Pratt, R. G.	StV	
Pritchett, G. C.	BAH, BAR, GRE, StL, STV, TRI	All from 1953 M xANT BrG & BrH
Proffitt, B.	JAM*, LEE*	
Proud, E. B.		D all & PH
Pullar, G. L.	MONT*	CAY, DOM, LEE
Puller, G. F.	BAR*	
Puywell, J. G.	ANT, BAR, StV, C & PS	
Raouford, R.	BAR*	
†Ramkissoon, Dr. R. A.	TRI & TOB*	
Ransom, Mrs H. S.	TRI* TOB*	
Ransome, R.	TRI* TOB*	
†Raymond, Gale J.	TRI* TOB*	
Richards, J. A.	BAH (PH) LEE (PH)	ANT, BrH, Anguilla, Barbuda (PH)
Ritchie, Dr. G. G.		D PH
Ritchie, J.M.	StL*	
Ritchie, J.M.		All (QEII)
Roberts, T. V.	ANT, DOM, GRE, StK,	StL, TRI & TOB
Robertson, K. J.	JAM*	
Robins, P. D.	ANT, BAH, BAR, BER	
†Robinson, A. G.	BER* JAM* LEE*	
Rockett, R. C.	CAY*	All others (KG VI & QEII)

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
Rowntree, R. J.		
Sam, W. P.	BrG*	
Samuel, M. F. J.		All (specimens & Revenue)
Sandford, P. D.	BAH*	TRI and TOB, VIR
Sargeant, K. S.		D PH of all
††Saunders, P. T.		PH of Wales
Saunders, Mrs R. (Rose Titford)		Canada (PH), PH of Wales
†Shaffner, Dr. P. H.	ANG* LEE*	StK
†Schut, H. J.	BAR*	
†Seifert, Col. Fred F.	JAM*	C & PS of all
Shaxted, J.	StL*	TRI & TOB
†Shepard, J.H.		All
Shepherd, A.	BAR* StK* StL*	
Sheppard, M.	BAR*	
†Shilstone, H. M. Jr.	BAR*	All others
†Shrine, R. G.	DOM* GRE*	All others, LEE and Win Is
†Sibley, R. A.	BAH* MONT* StK* VIR*	
Silk, D.		
Smith, C Hardeman		
Smith, Lt.-Col. G. Saville	ANT, GRE, MONT, StL, StV	
Spaven, J. M. L.	JAM*	
†Spelman, H.M. III	LEE*	D all (C)
Spencer, E. B.Sc.	BAR*	
Spreckley, A. E.	BAR*, StV	
†Storer, H. D.	StL*	
†Strachan, T. J.	LEE*	
†Stubsgaard, Dr. O.	DOM*	BAH, BER, BrG, BrH
Sugarman, S.	DOM*	
Surtees, V. N. F.	JAM*	
Swarbrick, R. V.	JAM*	All others ex BrC and BrH
Swetland, M. W.	ANT*, BER*, JAM*	
Tatham, W.C.	JAM*	
Taylor, J.		D All P.B. issues & covers
Taylor, John	PH	
†Taylor, Mrs. P. K.	BER*,	BAH (PH) and BrG (PH)
†Tennison, P. J.	JAM*	
Terry, W.	CAY*	BER
Thompson, A.	JAM*	
Thompson, B. E.	All (KGVI & QEII)	
Thompson, E. K.	ANT*, BAR*	D all
Thompson, Mrs M. M.	BAH* JAM* TRI*	
Thomson, A.	ANT*, BAR*, LEE used in ANT	
Todd, J. D.	DOM*	TUR
Toeg, E.V.	ANT*, LEE*, MONT*	
†Topaz, R.	JAM*	All
†Towers, Dr. R. P.	GRE*	All others
Townsend, W. A.	PH of all	
†Tucker, Sir H. J. K.B.E	BER*	BrH* GRE, StV
Turnbull, Miss S. J.	ANT*	CAY
Vance, G.	JAM, CAY, TUR	
†Van Ooijen, A. P.		DC
Vokins, M. D. J.	CAY*	JAM, TUR and CAI
Walker, B.	JAM*, TRI & TOB*	BAH, BAR, BER, StV
†Walker, W. D.	GRE*	
Walsh, R.C.	LEE*	
Walter, S.		D of all
Ward, R.	BrG from 1953	C of all
Ward, T. D.	JAM*	
Warren, Major D.C.	TRI & TOB*	
Watson, W. K.	JAM*	NEV, StC, StK
†Weeks, C. A.	BAR* BER* BrG* GRE* JAM* StV* TRI* TRI & TOB*	
†Wellum, F.E.	TRI*	
†Whalen, J. B.	JAM*	
Whitfield, J.R.	'IMPERIUM' proofs	
Wilkins, S.	ANT* BAR* CAY*	PH
Willem, J. M.	ANT* MONT* StL*	BAR, DOM, GRE, StV, Anguilla
Wilson, Dr J. P.	JAM*, CAY* TUR & CAI*	
Wilson, M. R.		CAY, JAM, TUR and CAI (QEII)
†Winters, Dr. F. A.		All M & on cover
Wood, Dr. P.J.	ANT*	
Woodward, R. G.	JAM*	
Wolfson, Dr. D.	DOM*	
Worner, R. E. T.	VIR*	
Wright, Mrs B. E.		
Wright, G. S.	BrG*	
†Yarry, Dr. I. M.		PH & C of all ex BrG* and BrH
†Zell, L. E. Jr.	TUR from 1901	All from 1953

† Overseas Member

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BRITISH GUIANA

CORRECTION

In my article on page 18, Bulletin No. 72, I incorrectly stated that a stamp (S.G. 183) bore a Georgetown postmark. In fact, this stamp has a Carmichael St. Georgetown postmark.

S. Goldblatt

Mr. W. A. Townsend has drawn my attention to the remarks by Mr. Goldblatt (March Bulletin, page 18) on a British Guiana cancellation, "POSTMASTER CANCELLED / GENERAL" (Type PMG 1 in our book).

Either a batch of these "P.M.G." marks has been found, or Mr. Goldblatt has been fortunate in finding three of them and knowing of others. In over twenty years of ardent collecting I found one only and had another reported to me by Mrs. Taylor of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group (too late for mention in the book). They must still be reckoned as fairly rare. My own example was struck, together with a Kitty postmark, on S.G. 219 and not on any of the 1888/9 "Revenue" stamps.

The purpose of this mark is still not clear. One guess might be that it was to cancel stamps which had been detected at G.P.O. as having been improperly used (cleaned-up fiscals, for instance). I came across a lot of Grove postmarks on stamps which bore traces of fiscal marks. Mr. Goldblatt's note agrees with this. There was a lot of chicanery by postal officials, or ex-postal officials, in B.C., as witness the now famous "Amacura fakes." If the P.O.s at Grove and Santa Rosa are now to come under suspicion of malpractices, the collector need not worry unduly. The Amacura "fakes" are now considered almost (not quite!) as desirable as the genuine postmarks.

Mrs. Taylor also recorded a "Treasury, British Guiana" boxed mark similar to Mr. Goldblatt's (hers being on a stamp postmarked Santa Rosa).

Mr. Goldblatt's theory that these were Departmental marks, denoting official privilege of sender, may be correct, but would need covers to prove it. Most of these marks are seen on stampless O.H.M.S. covers. Only if the letter was not on official business would the Treasury official put adhesives on his letter and possibly use his rubber stamp as well. All the 19th century covers of this class which I have seen have borne the rubber stamp on the envelope, clear of the stamp, which has been properly date-stamped. Even on modern examples, the date-stamp will be that of the office of origin, not an arrival mark. E.G. official communications from the District Commissioner, North-West District, would be posted at Mabaruma Post Office. In the 19th C. they would have borne a Morawhanna postmark (Morawhanna being the old H.Q. of that District).

F. G. Howe

BRITISH WEST INDIES

MAIL CARRIED BY WARSHIP

Up till 1815 Great Britain was almost continuously at war, and the frequent loss of packet boats, due to enemy action, interfered seriously, at times, with the smooth running of the service. In the circumstances many letters were conveyed by naval vessels.

Such letters fall into two distinct classes:-

1. Ship Letters

As warships were frequently travelling between England and the Caribbean, either to take up station or on convoy duty, the opportunity was taken to hand letters to the captain to deliver to the postal agent on the completion of his journey. Such letters normally bear a S/L mark and were charged at ship letter rates. An example of this is a letter from Jamaica, carried by the "Racoon" in 1812. It bears the directive "p. H.M.S. Racoon," and the oval S/L marks of Jamaica and Portsmouth. The charge was 1s. 1d. (S/L rate 4d., Captain's gratuity 2d., inland rate from Portsmouth to London 7d.). (See Fig. 1).

2. Packet Letters

Occasionally the Post Office found itself so desperately short of packet boats that application was made to the Admiralty for the hire of a naval vessel to convey the mail. Such a case was that of the "William Pitt," in 1798. Early in that year Francis Freeling, the Secretary to the P.M.G., instructed the South Western Surveyor, S. Lott, to contact the navy regarding the sending of the Jamaica mail. Lott replied as follows:-

Plymouth, 24th March, 1798.



BRITISH WEST INDIES (Cont.)

Dear Sir,

In pursuance of your favor of the 20th, I repaired immediately to Exeter, and from thence with the extra mail for Jamaica, etc., here (all night). On my arrival I found by the Admiral, Sir Richard King, that the William Pitt armed cutter, Lieut. Haswell, commander, was ready for sea, and last evening the mail was put on board and she sailed. I took care that all the letters which came up from Falmouth and which I brought with me, together with all others by the cross-road from the Exeter office, were forwarded.

To-day arrived two more bags of letters from the General Office for Jamaica and St. Domingo. I suppose the best way will be to send them to Falmouth to be forwarded from thence by the usual packet. . . .

I am, . . .
S. Lott."

The "William Pitt" left Jamaica on its return voyage (still acting as a packet boat) about 20th May, bringing the homeward mail. It should be noted that such letters, being carried as packet letters, were charged at the normal P/L rate. A letter I have been shown by Mr. A. Latham bears the directive "p. H.M.'s Cutter Wm. Pitt." and is addressed to Hillsborough, Ireland. The original charge. 1s. 8d. (the normal P/L rate from Jamaica to London at that time) has been deleted and replaced by the fresh charge of 2s. 6d. (P/L rate to London 1s. 8d., Inland rate London to Dublin 6d, rate from Dublin to Hillsborough 4d.). (See fig. 2).



Other cases when naval vessels were pressed into service for the Post Office have been recorded:-

1800, July. H.M. Cutter "Sprightly" used as a packet from Jamaica.

1805, October. H.M. Brig "Pert" took the mail from Barbados to Surinam when the mail boat "Francis Freeling" was lost.

1805, November. H.M.S. "Emperor" took two mails from Barbados to Surinam.

1805, November. H.M.S. "Tilly" took two mails from Barbados to Demerara.

1805, December. H.M.S. "Emma" took two mails from Barbados to Surinam.

1806, May. H.M.S. "Hippomenes" took three mails from Barbados to Surinam, when the mail boat, "Harmony," had gone to Antigua for a re-fit.

1806, September. H.M.S. "Cygnet" took the mail from England to Demerara.

1810, August. H.M. Brig "Crocus" took out the Jamaica mail.

1810, October. H.M. Gun Brig "Gleaner" took the mail for the Guiana Settlements, leaving Falmouth on 29th October, returning on 22nd February, 1811.

1813, July. H.M. Sloop "Pelican" took out the Jamaica mail.

1813, November. The mail for Jamaica was taken out by a naval ship. (Name of vessel not yet traced).

1814, February. H.M. Schooner "Vesta" took out the Jamaica mail and brought back the mail of May.

I should be extremely grateful if members would let me have details of any letters carried in this manner, or of any other warships which were used by the Post Office as packet boats prior to 1816.

L. E. Britnor

GRENADA

'SPECIMEN' STAMPS QUEEN VICTORIA

The first stamp recorded overprinted SPECIMEN is the 1/- of 1875 - Two sheets (240 stamps) were sent to the Colony, the overprint in black, covering two stamps, SPEC on one stamp IMEN on the other. Has any member a joined pair? Most pairs available are two separate stamps and do not always line up.

The second stamp in my collection is 2½d. on 8d. S.G. 47 and exists in the two types of fraction. Has anyone a joined pair, also a pair showing the two types"

GRENADA (Cont.)



The third stamp, at the moment is the most interesting, this is S.G.48 ½d. Key type, SPECIMEN reading diagonally upwards (see illustration), black, letters 3mm. high by 24mm. long overall. Can any member throw any light on this variety? Also are any other stamps known to exist 'Specimen' between 1875 and 1891 ?



The last item I seek information on is Postal Stationery Card Penny halfpenny deep brown, overprinted SPECIMEN in black, letters 5mm. high by 49mm. overall including the full stop. The type is similar to that of the 1875 stamp (see illustration).

Bryan E. Johnson

POST OFFICES



Further to the list of post offices in Bulletins Nos. 71 and 72, I thought members would be interested in seeing a reproduction of a SNUG CORNER cancelled, which reads, SUNG CORNER.

J. C. Loach

LEEWARD ISLANDS

THE SEXAGENARIES

The following reply has been received from Mr. Bowman to a request for the number of overprinted stamps offered for sale in the Leeward Islands Gazette of 20th July, 1899.

It is my pleasure to supply the information that Mr. Farmer has solicited. The Gazette of 20 July, 1899, offers the following Jubilee remainder stamps for sale:

Denomination	Sheets	Odd Stamps
½d.	13	46
1d.	14	27
2½d.	28	92
4d.	7	3
7d.	3	16
1/-	2	8
5/-	2	8

The tender notice in the Gazette goes on to say . . . "Of these stamps, 248 complete sets are offered in lots of not less than 3 sets and the remainder in lots of not less than 10 shillings face value."

George W. Bowman

ST. CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

I fell into error when I wrote on page 67 of the Bulletin for September, 1971, "The 6d. CC . . . is known with types (1), (2), (3) and (7) . . .", since I was there referring to overprints on S.G. type 5 (key-type).

The reference to types (1), (2) and (3) is correct: but the reference to type (7), on subsequent reflection, even puzzled myself!

The solution is this: the relevant overprint is not on a stamp of Nevis at all, but is, on the contrary, on S.G. 8 of St. Christopher. Moreover, the overprint is by no means the same as that on R3 to R6; it is a local overprint executed in seriffed capitals, the upper line 'SAINT KITTS' being in letters 13mm. high, and the lower two lines in letters 2mm. high. In the latter case the fount is probably the same as that which was used for the surcharges on S.G. 23, 24 and 26 of St. Christopher, although the R has a tail on S.G. 23, whereas on the fiscal stamp it has none.

It would be useful to know the date of this stamp, since it marks the transition from 'St. Christopher' to 'St. Kitts': the copy I now possess is stamped with a date - but inevitably the year is no longer legible.

For the sake of future accuracy it would be best to retain the type number (7) for the 6d. stamp here described and to alter the overprint on R3 to R6 to type (8). My apologies for misleading readers (as well as myself) in the earlier article."

S. Goldblatt

VIRGIN ISLANDS

POST OFFICES

Following Mr. Goldblatt's article in Bulletin No. 71, page 79, I give details of the post offices now in operation:-

G.P.O.: ROAD TOWN (Tortola) :: CANE GARDEN BAY (Tortola) :: WEST END (TORTOLA) :: EAST END (TORTOLA) :: CARROT BAY (TORTOLA) :: VIRGIN GORDA:: NORTH SOUND (also VIRGIN GORDA) :: ANEGADA :: JOST van DYKE.

CARROT BAY is a Mail Distribution Centre only and does not have a CDS or sell stamps. All others have their own Cancellers and which are the normal black CDS with yet again, one exception, that of JOST VAN DYKE and which is blue (example I have has the year 71 inverted); in addition to the blue CDS, there is a rubber stamp impression reading:-

Sub-Post Office
JOST VAN DYKE I
Br. Virgin Islands

and I must say that the Postmaster goes to a lot of trouble to provide clear strikes.

The Road Town G.P.O. used three cancellers during the 7-year period I was living close by in the U. S. Virgin Islands: these were:-

ROAD TOWN TORTOLA W.I. :: ROAD TOWN TORTOLA V.I. :: and the machine cancel ROAD TOWN TORTOLA BVI in conjunction with the slogan (boxed) CARIBBEAN TREASURE CHEST. Every year in October, this was changed to read POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS. I cannot recall any other slogan in use. During 1970, the TORTOLA W.I. was withdrawn from GENERAL use: however it was available if requested and I had it used on many occasions. I am now informed that this CDS has been completely withdrawn for all time, this from late last year.

In February, 1971, the sub-offices of EAST END and LONG LOOK were closed and re-located at LONG SWAMP in a new building, midway between the two original sites. The words LONG LOOK, are not included on the new CDS. In my seven years, I never saw an EAST END or LONG LOOK cancel although I do think that many years ago EAST END did have a CDS in use. Information is sparse on this subject, but from what I saw, these two sub-offices were, until late 1970, merely local shops with a licence to sell stamps. Seeking information re opening and closing dates from the Postmaster, produced only the reply that his records were incomplete.

The number of the FIELD POST OFFICE was 385 and when Britain produced a new issue, these were always on sale at FPO 385 for first day use. I have examples of all the CDS cancels mentioned above, plus some duplicates. Some of the duplicates are on pieces, some 'socked on the nose' stamps only and a few on covers, which I am willing to exchange with St. Lucia and Dominica of particular interest.

R. C. Coleman

Any member wishing to exchange with Dr. Coleman please contact the Editor.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

After several years of gazing at the Welsh hills, our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. T. Saunders, has now moved over the border into the Principality. His new address is:

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Please forward all outstanding and future subscriptions to the above address.

Congratulations are offered to the following members who gained awards at the 1972 Stampex.

Silver Gilt: H. F. Deakin, B. E. Johnson, W. E. Lea.

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AUCTION GLEANINGS

ROBSON LOWE LTD.

(Postal History Auctions)

Sale of September 22nd, 1971

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| Bahamas: 1833, entire to London showing, across the join "BAHAMAS" | £28.00 |
| Maritime: entire, 1827, from Tortola, Virgin Islands showing, on the reverse, step type "LANCASTER / SHIP LETTER" | £55.00 |
| Jamaica: 1840, F. to Liverpool showing "KINGSTON; JAMAICA" surmounted by "PAID" c.d.s. in red, June date (Foster records latest as 30 Mar. 1840), and c.d.s. "MANCHIONEAL/ JAMAICA (P2a.) of which Foster lists only one, a later date than this example. (<i>Auctioneers' notes</i>) | £40.00 |
| Jamaica: 1890, back of an enve. with "H.M.S. BUZZARD" on flap and printed label issued by the Postmaster of Jamaica for letters recovered from the mail bag which was washed away in the <i>Haughton River</i> . A few slight stains. | £33.00 |

AUCTION GLEANINGS (Cont.)

Jamaica: S/L hand stamp, 1799, local E.L. from Kingston to Spanish Town, with "KING / STON" and "JAMAICA / 14 Feb. 99" (J4) (Foster records earliest as April). (<i>Auctioneers' note</i>)	£27.00
Jamaica: "Post Town" S/L Hand stamp, 1789, E.L. from Martha Brae to Dumfries showing very clear albino "DRY / HARBOR" (TI). The example recorded by Foster. (<i>Auctioneer's note</i>)	£32.00
Montserrat: 1884, enve. to Basseterre, St. Kitts bearing bisected 1d. used with trisected 6d. green (making up 2½d. rate). B.P.A. cert.	£165.00

Sale of December 8th, 1971

British Ship Letter: Romney, 1810, E. to London, showing faint oval framed "Ship Letter / Crown / Jamaica" and a similar strike for "NEW-RUMNEY"	£100.00
Jamaica: 1838, E. to Kingstown showing, across the join, m.s. "Robins River," not recorded by Foster. (<i>Auctioneer's note</i>)	£32.00
Nevis: 1812, E. from England addressed to Charlestown, Nevis, then re-directed to Tortola (V.I.), showing on the reverse, two line d.s. "NEVIS".	£28.00

H. R. HARMER LTD.

Sale of February 28th, 29th, March 1st, 1972

Antigua: 1884-86, 2½d. block of 4 from left of sheet, one var. "2" with slanting foot, S.G. 27a, large part o.g.	£27.00
Bahamas: Undated letter wrapper to Nassau, "per Sloop Mary," showing "BAHAMAS / SHIP LETTER" marking in black (a little stained and damaged)	£135.00
do. ,, 1st Type 1d., Die Proof in black on India paper, the central portion browned, 6mm.-8mm. margins, a little creased	£270.00
do. ,, 4d. Die Proof showing guide lines, in black on card, 1½mm. margins	£230.00
do. ,, 6d. Die Proof showing guide lines, in black on card, 1mm. margins	£230.00
do. ,, 1d., 4d., 6d., Imperf. Plate Proofs in black on card, large margined blocks of 4 (a few small stains)	£180.00
do. ,, 1860, clear-cut pert., 1d. lake, S.G. 3, lightly cancelled	£52.50
do. ,, 1862, perf. 11½, 12, compound with 11, 1d. carmine-lake, S.G. 12, unused (perfs. clipped at top). R.P.S. cert.	£62.50
do. ,, perf. 11½, 12 compound with 11, 4d. dull rose, S.G. 14, lightly cancelled (slightly stained, tiny corner crease). R.P.S. Cert.	£135.00
do. ,, perf. 13, 4d. dull rose, hinged to enve, to New York, dated on rev. "BAHAMAS FE 12 1863" and with New York Ship Letter marking and oval "FORWARDED BY SAUNDERS & SON, NASSAU" on front (cover has small tear and a trifle soiled).	£200.00
Bahamas: 1863-80. wmk. CC. 4d. rose. Imprimatur, part o.g.	£60.00
do. ,, 1863-80 CC, perf. 12½, 4d., dull rose, horiz. pair (top left corner rounded) and 6d. dp. violet, horiz. pair (top R. corner damaged), used on large enve. to New York, c.d.s. "BAHAMAS No. 18 1865" on rev., red ms. "18" on front (cover trifle damaged)..	£200.00
do. ,, 1863-80 CC, perf. 12½, 4d. dull rose, well tied to slightly soiled enve. to Jamaica: "BAHAMAS JA 5 1871" and St. Thomas and Kingston date stamps on reverse, straight line "UNCLAIMED" in red and boxed Jamaica Returned Letter Brand marking in black on front	£180.00
do. ,, 1901-10 CC, 1d. black and red, Imperf. Plate Proof with wmk. inverted, hor. pair (slightly creased at places)	£57.50
Barbados: 1852-55, blued paper, 2d. greyish slate, two vert. bisects, used on small piece with Dominica dated marking (a little stained). B.P.A. Cert.	£150.00
do. ,, 1875-78 perf. 14, 1/- violet (aniline), S.G. 82, part o.g., centred top left	£100.00
Grenada: 1854, wrapper to London bearing red "PAID / AT / GRENADA" crowned circle mark, also black "GRENADA / AU 25 / 1854" back stamp, red transit mark and ms. "2/-" (a little torn and somewhat soiled)	£80.00
Jamaica: 1919-21. 1/- orange yellow and red-orange, var. frame inverted. S.G. 85a, slightly cancelled (two perf. missing and a little thinned and top left corner, faint vert. crease)	£700.00

Rose Titford

HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

Dear Member,

Last year's postal strike resulted in the List of Members being published in the September, 1971, issue of the Bulletin. I have returned to the practice of having the list printed in the June issue of the Bulletin. In preparing the list I used the ancient and time honoured method of looking back to last year to see what had been done and repeating it! Should any member feel that his interests are not accurately described or that his interests have changed please notify me and I will make the necessary amendments ready for the next publication of the list.

It was my pleasure to write to Mr. G. W. Bowman after the Anniversary Meeting in order to advise him that he has been awarded the 'G. W. Collett Memorial Trophy' for his fine article entitled 'By Airmail from the Leeward Islands.' I am sure that we all congratulate him for his well won award.

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome the following new members to the Circle: Mr. Robert Blakeley (Middlesex), whose interest is chiefly Barbados; Mr. Denis G. J. Charlesworth (Stafford), who specialises in Jamaica; Mr. Winfield C. Holt (U.S.A.), who specialises in Barbados; Mr. Winfield H. James (U.S.A.), who specialises in Bahamas and Turks and Caicos; Mr. William G. Kilburn (St. Lucia) who specialises in St. Lucia; Mr. Brian G. Lythgoe (Nigeria), whose interests include Antigua and the Leeward Islands; Mr. Andrew Orr (Scotland), who covers all the islands of the group; Dr. Geoffrey G. Ritchie (Yorks.), who specialises in St. Lucia; Mr. Norman G. D. Smith (Cheshire), who specialises in St. Vincent and Bermuda; Mr. W. P. Sam (London), whose chief interest is British Guiana; Mr. Geoffrey Vance (Warwickshire), whose interests are Jamaica, Cayman Islands and Turks Islands; and Mr. S. Curmark, Consul General (Sweden).

Ian Chard.

MISCELLANEA

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ST. VINCENT

S.G. Nos. 99, 100, 101; 103, 107 overprinted 'Specimen.'

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S.G. Nos. 30, 30a, on cover.

GILBERT W. COLLETT MEMORIAL TROPHY

At a Committee Meeting of the Study Circle held on the 15th April, 1972, amendments were made in the conditions governing the award of the Trophy.

The conditions, as amended, are as follows:-

- (a) Articles based on research extending the knowledge of British West Indies philately and or postal history;
- (b) Such articles to be published in the first instance in the Circle Bulletin in one or more parts as determined by the Hon. Editor;
- (c) A limited number of illustrations will be permitted;
- (d) Acceptance of the articles for the Circle Bulletin to be at the discretion of the Hon. Editor, who if in doubt, shall refer the article to the committee of the Study Circle whose decision shall be final;
- (e) The trophy to be awarded bi-annually for what is judged the best contribution to the Bulletin(s), commencing with the March issue in even years;
- (f) The articles for the award to be judged by three persons to be appointed by the Committee.

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The collection is one of the finest of its kind and comprises pre-adhesive correspondence (including selections from the well known Codrington correspondence). Great Britain stamps used in Antigua, Queen Victoria issues, and proof and 'specimen' material of Edward VII and George V.

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