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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.  
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4. TO publicise 'wants' and furnish opinions on stamp(s) and/or cover(s) for a nominal fee.
5. TO encourage, assist or sponsor the authorship and publication of definitive handbooks, monographs or other works of reference appropriate to the aim in para 1 above.

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**PROGRAMME**

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1987

Fri. and Sat.	Caribbean Collectors Convention.
30th. and 31st October	Venue The Regent Hotel, The Parade, Leamington Spa.
Wed. 2nd December 6-00 pm.	Nine Page Display by Members.
	Venue The Law Society Building, 113, Chancery Lane, London, WC1 1PL.

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Thu. 28th January 6-00 pm.	Display to be arranged.
	Venue The Law Society Building, 113, Chancery Lane, London, WC1 1PL.
Wed. 2nd March 2-30 pm.	Display by two members.
	Venue STAMPEX, Royal Horticultural Hall, London, SW1.
Sat. 23rd April 2-15 pm.	AGM and Auction Sale.
	Venue The Bonningron Hotel, Southampton Row, London, WC1 48H.

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**PHOTO-COPYING SERVICE - BULLETINS Nos. 1 100**

The Library is in dire need of a set of good, clean, unmarked copies of the earlier Bulletins to permit the above Service to be implemented. Some Bulletins have already been acquired but we still need a copy of Nos. 1-7 (Abridged) and Bulletins Nos. 8 to 49, 51, 52, 54, 55, 60 and 68 to complete the set. If any member can supply any - or all - of these please advise the Hon. Librarian of the Issue Numbers which are available and quote any price required.

## CARIBBEAN COLLECTORS CONVENTION

In a few months' time those of us who are able to do so will be meeting at Leamington Spa and I am expecting it to be a very busy and happy occasion for all concerned, with I trust a number of new faces joining us as 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 we can look forward to.

One very useful new amenity has been negotiated with The Regent Hotel for those of you who are booking residential accommodation at the Hotel on Friday, 30th and or Saturday 31st, October, 1987. In addition to booking a room with full English breakfast, it will now be possible, as an alternative, to book a room with full English breakfast and also a three course dinner with coffee as well. This dinner will cost an additional £8-50 per person and this sum is a special price which will only apply to people booking dinner, bed and breakfast and will not apply to people booking bed and breakfast and then deciding to take dinner as well at the last moment. The Hotel Restaurant will be open assuming that there is a sufficient demand for dinners and, if not sufficient places will be available in the Vaults restaurant for those who have booked the full package. As those of you who have attended the Luncheon in the past will know the Hotel has always given us a meal of excellent quality and value, and I feel sure that the dinners will also be eminently satisfactory. I understand that the dinners will probably involve a choice of 4 starters, 5 main courses, sweets from the trolley and coffee.

Regarding the Car Park at the rear of the Hotel, I understand that there is now a barrier issuing an automatic ticket which must be exchanged for a token at the Hotel Reception in order that the car can leave the Car Park.

At our last Convention in October, 1985, the Informal Displays ran out of steam by 4 p.m. on the Convention Day, and I would remind each of you to make certain of bringing with you to the Convention up to thirty pages for the Informal Displays which help to provide such a rich variety of material shown at our Convention.

There will be a number of dealer members taking tables at the Bourse and there will be greater variety in their stocks than on previous occasions. In addition, there will be the Members' Approval Table as usual where you will be able to buy material belonging to members of the Study Circle.

David Atkinson will again be Chief Steward and will be pleased to fear from Members willing to act as stewards on Saturday, 31st October next, i.e. the Convention Day.

It will be very pleasant to see as many wives as possible, and I am looking forward to meeting personally everyone attending the Convention.

E. Victor Toeg.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE 33RD. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE HELD AT 2.30PM ON SATURDAY 25TH. APRIL 1987, IN THE MARGARET ROOM OF THE BONNINGTON HOTEL, SOUTHAMPTON ROW, LONDON. WC1 4PH

The chair was taken by Mr E. V. Toeg, the president, who extended a warm welcome to all. (25 members attended).

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. John Marriott, Bill Townsend and Robin Martin.

The minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday 26th. April, 1986, were published in the June 1986 issue of the Circle's Bulletin, pages 23 to 28 inclusive. 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.

Mr. Chard reported that the membership level was fairly static and had remained so for several years. In the first report I gave as Assistant Hon. Secretary on March 8th., 1969, the membership level had reached a high at 266. The present level of around 313 had been static for some years although there is evidence of a falling off by 7 per year. This rise from 266 is due in no small part to the high standards which have been maintained by the editors of the Quarterly Bulletin. Also worthy of mention is the list of members published as a separate item and which includes the addresses and interests. The introduction of the biennial Conventions held at Leamington Spa has also played a part in popularising the Circle. Tribute must also be paid to the Treasurer and Librarian for their work in maintaining the level of service offered to members. However, the dynamo which powers and co-ordinates all the activities of the Circle is the President, Mr. Toeg who has, throughout the years, provided leadership, dedication and inspiration.

Although membership levels remain satisfactorily high it has been evident that attendance at meetings has been poor in the past few years. These are both expensive in terms of room hire and difficult to organise. In this connection, therefore last year we held fewer meetings. These too were poorly attended. I do not know what the answer is to this problem. Some years ago I tried writing to people who live close to London and who do not normally attend with a view to securing their attendance with the opportunity to show parts of their collections. The response was poor. We have tried altered times of meetings, altered formats of meetings and, a long time ago, different venues. All to no avail.

This is my last report as Hon. Secretary. I took over the Secretaryship on the resignation of Mr. Saunders, on 31st December, 1971, although I had been Assistant Hon. Secretary for two years before that. My retirement is long overdue and I must thank Mr. Mike Wilson for undertaking to take over. He will have new ideas and new energies which will add much to the Circle. However, he will need the support and encouragement of you all. I urge you to give him, and the Circle of which we are all proud to be members, your support.

Passed unanimously.

## 2. Report by the Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen

My Report this year commences by drawing attention to two annual declines. Each of the past five years has produced a Surplus of Income, BUT the amount has been decreasing at a fairly steady Annual Rate of some £250. It is difficult to get an actual count of members on the first day of each year as it takes four months or more to extract from a few dozen tardy payers our very low Subscription. Our numbers are, however, falling on average by seven members per year.

From the various graphs which I produced to accompany the Accounts you will have noted that Subscription and Advertising Income matches Bulletin Expenditure. All other costs thus have to be met from our other income sources. I believe Auction receipts are at a level from which they are unlikely to vary to any extent; any sales of publications will produce only a modest income each year; the interest earned on invested funds, which has increased as a proportion of the whole, will rapidly reduce once Capital is used, as it must be on occasion; and other income sources produce but miniscule sums, profit from ventures may eventually replace Capital used, but loss of Revenue will have a knock-on effect in future years.

I have to budget this year for an expenditure of £2,000 which is needed to cover publication of the "Index to Bulletins Nos. 1-100", a "List of Members" later in the year and a leaflet concerning the forthcoming Convention in Leamington. This sum must be met from invested funds and it is hoped that sales of the Index during the year will recoup most, if not all, its initial costs. The other two items, which are non-Revenue generating, will be a burden on future income. Thus I estimate that the end of 1987 will show a deficit which may be substantial.

To return to a position as at the end of 1966, I consider an extra £650 per year needs to be generated for at least the next three years. Our Subscription rates were last reviewed five years ago in 1982 and the rates then proposed and agreed were thought to be adequate for three years. Believing that the time had arrived for another review your Committee earlier today considered suggestions submitted to them, and a formal proposal based on their decision will be made later.

Our Capital, represented by Invested Funds, is the under-pinning of the Circle. Remove it, or any part of it, and our anchorage becomes less firm. That it should be put to the best possible use is, I am sure you will all agree, only right and proper. Only under the most extraordinary circumstances should it be used for wasteful purposes one of which is the underwriting of any annual deficit. Our Capital must be protected, and when it is used, some action taken to eventually replace it.

As usual I am prepared to answer any questions you may have on the Accounts as presented.

Proposed by E.V.Toeg; seconded by Tony Farmer.  
Passed unanimously.

A motion seeking permission for the Committee to increase subscriptions when thought desirable for the next year: i.e. 1988 was sought. After discussion a motion was proposed by Mr S. Papworth and seconded by Mr. Farmer:

“This meeting gives authority to the Committee to review and change the existing rates of the subscription to not more than £6.00 to UK and EEC members and not more than £8.00 to other overseas members and as and when it is deemed necessary or desirable to do so.

This was passed unanimously

### 3. Report by the Hon. Editor.

After two years I now feel that I am becoming au fait with the job, and hope there have not been too many mistakes during that time. The main problem as always, is the availability of material for publication. I have never had a surfeit and do tend to produce each Bulletin on a hand to mouth basis. At present I just have enough material to produce a June Bulletin. Please may I have members contributions so that can I produce a balanced and interesting journal. I would like to introduce a free Members Wants facility as I know several members are inhibited from publicising their wants owing to the fee and feel this would add some interest to the journal. I would also like to report that the Hon. Treasurers computer and word processor are making my task much easier.

Proposed by Ian Chard; seconded by Mr. Sutcliffe.  
Passed unanimously.

### 4. Report by the Hon Librarian.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen

1986 was a quiet year for the Library with fourteen loans being made to eleven members. Forty seven items were borrowed with quantities of the Bulletin and or the BCPJ counting as a single item. The postal costs amounted to £55.28 all of which, of course, has been refunded, The first quarter of 1987 has produced almost identical figures so possibly a busier year lies ahead.

No loans were requested in January, May, September or October. Only one request was received in each of February, March, April, July and August. Three loans were made in each of June and November with December producing a frenzied period of activity with four loans that month!

Additions to the library have been recorded in the Bulletin. I have nothing further to report.

Mr Farmer commented that he greatly appreciated the helpful comments made in the Bulletin on the new additions to the Library.

Proposed by Mr. Farmer; Seconded by Mr. Wilson.  
Passed unanimously.

## 5. Report by the Chairman of the Committee.

Since we met here last year there has been one meeting of the Committee which took place earlier today. The agenda at the Meeting proved to be a busy one and a number of topics were discussed and decisions made.

The Hon. Treasurer made a lengthy submission in writing in support of his proposal for an increase in subscriptions for both our types of membership in order to halt the deterioration in the Study Circles finances.

The Index to Bulletins numbered 1-100 has now been printed and the Committee came to several decisions concerning the same including the arranging for a copying service relating to any Bulletin covered by the Index which the Study Circle is no longer able to supply. Details relating to the cost of the Index and the copying service will be published in the June, 1987 Bulletin.

Subject to ratification by the members at the Annual General Meeting, Mr. E.V.Toeg proposed that Mr. M.R.Wilson should become the Hon. Secretary as from today in place of Mr. I.P.Chard, and this was approved by all Committee members present.

Mr. E.V.Toeg reported on the arrangements made for the Caribbean Collectors Convention which will take place on 30th. and 31st. October, 1987 at The Regent Hotel, Royal Leamington Spa.

The question of the Programme of Meetings for 1987/88 also arose and, on the assumption that there would be a change of Hon. Secretary approved at the Annual General Meeting, it was decided that Mr. M.R.Wilson would arrange the programme.

As Mr S.Goldblatt expects to be absent abroad during the first three months of 1988 arrangements were made for the preparation of the 1988 auction catalogue in his absence.

A number of more minor matters were also discussed and disposed of under the heading 'Any Other Business'.

Proposed by Mr. Ledger; seconded by Mr. Sutcliffe.  
Passed unanimously.

## 6. Report of the Hon. Auditor.

Mr Farmer reported that the statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st. December 1986 are in accordance with the books, vouchers and explanations given to me, and that the balance sheet shows the financial state of the British West Indies Study Circle at that date save that the stock of Publications, whilst correctly valued at cost as consistent with previous accounts, may not have a market value of that sum on that date.

Proposed by Ian Chard; Seconded by Mr. Toeg.  
Passed unanimously.

### 7. Election of the Committee.

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

Messrs. B.B.Benwell  
S. Golblatt  
M. Hamilton  
D. Nathan

Member, Mr. Mike Wilson, is offering himself for election as Hon. Secretary. If elected he will automatically sit as a Committee member, ex officio.

The Committee was re-elected unanimously.

### 8. Election of Ian Chard to the Committee.

The Chairman observed that Mr Chard had served the Circle as Hon. Secretary since the retirement of Mr. Saunders on 31st December, 1971, and as Assistant to the Hon. Secretary for two years before that. His experience would be valuable to the Committee and he would also be able to offer continuity and support to the new Hon. Secretary. Mr Chard would be willing to serve on the Committee.

Proposed by E.V.Toeg; seconded by D. Nathan.

Passed unanimously.

### 9. Election of Officers.

The present officers were willing to be re-elected:

President	Mr. E.V.Toeg
Vice presidents	Mr. J.B.Marriott Mr. W.A.Townsend
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. S. Papworth
Hon. Librarian	Mr. S. Papworth
Hon. Editor	Mr. D.W.AtkinSon

There were no other nominations for these posts and the president declared that they were elected en bloc.

### Election of Hon. Secretary

Mr. Mike Wilson had agreed to be nominated as Hon. Secretary upon the retirement of Mr. Chard from that office. Mr. Wilson had served as member of the Committee for several years. He had liaised with Mr. Chard for some time on matters relating to the Secretaryship.

Nominated by Mr. Chard; Seconded by Mr. Farmer. Passed unanimously.

### 11. Election of Hon. Auditor.

Mr. Farmer was willing to be re-elected and there were no other nominations.

The Chairman declared him to be re-elected.

## 12. Programme of Forthcoming Events.

30/31 Oct 87	Convention at Leamington Spa
2 Dec 87 6.30 pm.	9 page Display at Law Societies Building
28 Jan 88 6.30 pm.	Speaker with display at Law Societies Building
2 Mar 88 2.00 pm.	“Stampex” 2 Speakers with displays at Stampex.
23 Apr 88 2.15 pm.	AGM and Auction Sale at the Bonnington Hotel

Mr. Papworth suggested that a summer meeting should be held. This view was endorsed by Mr. Nathan.

Mr. Goldblatt suggested that any such meeting should be organised to coincide with a visit by a group of visitors. An overseas guest week could be arranged in which London members might host visitors for meetings.

The matter was referred to the Committee.

Proposed by E.V.Toeg; seconded by I.Chard.  
Passed unanimously.

## 13. Any Other Business.

There was no other business.

The Meeting closed at 3.20 pm.

## **DISPLAY**

Ten members and one visitor attended a meeting at 6 pm. on Thursday 5th. February. 1987 in Committee Room J at the Law Society Building, 113, Chancery Lane, London. WC1 1PL when a display and talk was given by Mr. J.S.Greenwood on pre-adhesive letters, entires and the early stamps of Antigua.

Mr. Greenwood showed a wealth of material gathered together over the last few years.

The first section, commencing with an entire of 1734, showed off numerous ship letters with no Antigua markings although a 1755 entire to Haverfordwest displayed a Bishop mark. Other entires covering the period from 1767 onward received Dover, Deal, Portsmouth, Isle of Night, Liverpool and Plymouth Ship Letter marks depending on arrival at the first port in the United Kingdom. These items came either from the Codrington Correspondence or the Tudway Correspondence. There was also a batch of entires from both these two Correspondences with Antigua markings. Examples of the straight line ANTIGUA Types PD 7, 8 with and without stop, 9, 10a, 11, 12 and 12a were followed by scarce Types PF, PFa and PFc. The large Fleuron Type PG1 with full date in centre and the variation Type PG1a showing month and day of month only were also shown; and included as well was a large fleuron with missing date except for an inverted 4 only. The next group of Antigua marks were comparatively numerous being the small Fleuron Type PG2 with entires displaying many variations in the date numerals. This type of handstamp was invariably applied on the reverse side of the

entire letters usually across the folds which overlapped each other. All the Antigua markings which have been mentioned so far were from handstamps belonging to the Colonial Postal Service. There was, however, the comparatively common circular dated Type PH which was only applied to correspondence carried by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Line and a number of examples of this type were shown by Mr. Greenwood.

The G.P.O., London, opened Branch offices at St. John's in 1850 and at English Harbour in 1857 using obliterations A02 and A18 respectively. To commence with, these obliterations were applied to Great Britain stamps sent out to the island. Mr. Greenwood showed five 1857 1d. reds on piece obliterated A02 and also an 1858 2d. blue from plate 9 with the same cancellation, followed by the 1857 4d. rose and the 1856 6d. lilac on and off cover respectively similarly obliterated.

A series of three covers then followed, each handstamped with the Crowned Circle Paid At Antigua and respectively dated 1850, 1854 and 1867.

It is not often that an early cover from Great Britain to Antigua is found and Mr. Greenwood has been fortunate in acquiring such an item with the strip of three 2d. blues from plate 8.

The Antigua adhesives were preceded by plate proofs of the 6d. green and yellow green in pairs and singles, a 6d. green cancelled vertically with a pen cancellation and finally a 6d. black plate proof in a block of four and two pairs. Of interest also were the reprinted proofs from the defaced die of the 6d. value. These proofs are in black and were pulled in about 1920: in this collection there is a block of thirtysix (9x4), a block of four and a horizontal pair.

The 1862 6d. was exemplified by two mint horizontal pairs, seven singles and three used examples.

Several examples of the 6d. with trial perforations were also displayed.

The 1863-67 1d. rosy mauve, the 1d. dull rose and the 1d. vermilion were also exhibited mint and used in blocks, strips and horizontal pairs including a mint block of eight (2x4) of the 1d. vermilion.

Covers with adhesives from Antigua are scarce. However, Mr Greenwood has a plethora of the 1863-67 1d. vermilion on cover enclosing prices current - to be exact four covers, each with a "1" marked in black and a "1" in red crayon as well.

A complete sheet of the 1d. value (5x5) of Spiro Forgeries with the bogus curved and straight bars obliteration invented by the Spiro brothers came next and this was followed by a block of nine (3x3) by Spiro of the 1d. vermilion shade with the Spiro bogus dots cancellation.

The 1863-67 6d. green and dark green stamps were displayed mostly in used condition, some with re-entries. There was also a lovely cover with a horizontal pair of the 6d. yellow-green cancelled A02 and a loose single with the A18 English Harbour obliteration.

Examples of the 1872 6d. blue-green in mint and used condition and with watermark reversed came next.

The 1876 6d. blue-green was also shown on a wrapper from the James Ewing & co. correspondence with a horizontal pair of the stamps cancelled A02.

Die proofs with the name of the Colony and “2 PENNY” and “FOURPENCE” respectively were displayed: these two die proofs were on thick card, dated 13/8/79 on the reverse and are ex De La Rue archives.

The 1879 2½d. red-brown used and exhibited with the large “2” in “2½” with slanting foot and the 4d. blue mint as well from the same set.

The 1882 ½d. dull green was shown in a mint block of eighteen (6x3) from plate 2 with the E.K.Thompson flaw on stamp 3/3 on the right pane. This flaw is to be found on other values from the Colony and on the stamps of other colonies as well. The 2½d. red-brown mint was also displayed with the large “2” in “2½” with slanting foot.

The 1884-86 2½d. ultramarine was well represented by examples of three specimen stamps, two mint blocks of four from plate 2 and a page displaying eight examples of the large “2” in “2½” with slanting foot, one example being comprised in a mint block of four stamps.

An 1890 cover to London with the then current St. Christopher ½d. and 2\*d. adhesives and an Antigua 1d. carmine-red cancelled with the St. Kitts A12 obliterator was also shown.

Finally, the 1884-86 1/- mauve was displayed with examples of two specimen stamps one being a variety showing a broken “M” in the overprinted word “SPECIMEN”; a mint block of four of the stamp followed and four mint singles including one example from plate 2 and one used example with the Antigua c.d.s.

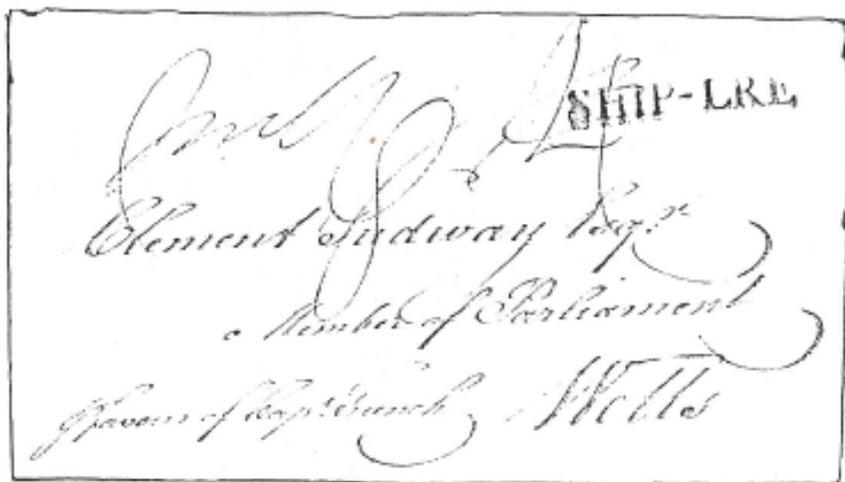
Mr E.V.Toeg proposed a very warm vote of thanks to Mr. Greenwood who throughout the display spoke most interestingly on his subject. Mr. D.Sutcliffe seconded and the meeting showed its appreciation with considerable applause.

## NOTES and QUERIES

### ANTIGUA

#### 1778 Ship Letter

The illustrated Ship Letter from Antigua to Wells bears certain anomalies from that normally found and may be of interest to other Postal Historians. The letter which is dated June 10th. 1778 and carried by favour of Captain Trunch has a ship letter handstamp measuring 41mm x 5½mm and is back stamped with a Bishop Mark of 17 AV. The interesting point of the handstamp is that no port of entry is given.



We know that from the mid 1760's special town handstamps were gradually introduced and applied to ship letters at their port of entry so that postal clerks could assess the amount of inland postage due. At the time of the letter all mail was despatched to its destination via London and if the ship docked at London this may account for the fact that it carries no town handstamp. Postage of 4d. however seems to have been charged and this would include the Master's gratuity of 1d. By the 1765 Post Office Act inland postage would have been assessed at 4d. since the mileage was greater than 150 and this would not have included the Master's 1d. gratuity.

It is possible however that the letter was delivered to Clement Tudway at the Houses of Parliament though I think this explanation for the discrepancy in postal rates most unlikely. Even if this was the case the total rate of 4d. seems to be excessive for a letter landed at London. There seems therefore to be two points of interest on this letter.

1. Was the letter landed at London and this fact accounts for no town handstamp?
2. If the letter was landed at London why was the postage only assessed as 4d. and not 5d. to include the Master's gratuity?

I should be pleased to hear the reactions of members to the above.  
Alex Thompson

## **BARBADOS**

### FORGERIES

Only one type of forgery has been identified so far. This is litho printed whereas the genuine stamps are recess.

In SG Type 1 (Barbados at the bottom) the 4d. brownish red with a paler shade of 1855. This is on lightly blued paper, no watermark and imperforate as per Catalogue.

In SG Type 2 (Barbados at the top) the 6d. rose red and pale rose red of 1858. Also the 1/- black of 1856. These are incorrectly imperf.

**Comment** The printing of the background on these forgeries, especially the two rose red colours, is very indistinct. That on the 1/- is markedly better which suggests that this value was printed first of all.

**Idents**

1. The first finger is overlong and there are only three fingers.
2. On the genuine stamp the ship on the right is going bow foremost with the waves clearly shown but on the forgery the ship is no more than a white patch.
3. The ship on the genuine stamp has a triangular jib sail but this is absent on the forgery.
4. The forgery does not show the tie on the smaller bale.

A Fournier proof cancellation. In the collection is a piece of the Fournier book paper with a strike in black of a 1½" circle with Barbados in sans serif letters in a top arc. Below are:

1  
JY 4 Note: the figure 4 is a very large one.  
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It is particularly desired to know if the forgeries exist with this cancellation and if so the details and Idents which apply.

Al Branston

## BRITISH GUIANA

### Early Datestamps

The following early datestamps may be of interest to members. The two PLAISANCE covers, dated Oct 5 1878 and May 6 1879 (the day is inverted) are Townsend and Howe Type 2 and earlier than earlier recorded. The former has backstamps of Georgetown OC 5 78 and Huntly OC 29 78. The latter has backstamps of Georgetown MY 6 79 and Huntly MY 30 79. The cork cancellations on the stamps may show why Townsend and Howe classify the Plaisance date stamp as very rare.





The third item is a large piece cancelled by the Bellfield CDS Type 5a, DC 5 82, Demerara Railway and Georgetown of the same date and the Demerara octagonal datestamp, also OC 5 82 (in black), an LRD for this is shown on page 228 of Townsend and Howes book. The piece also has an octagonal datestamp inscribed LIGNE A/PAQ FR No 1 dated 10 OCT 82. This in red. Finally the Huntly receiver dated Oc 25 82.

Ed Addis

### Mail Bag Seals

Considering the number of seals which would have been distributed to those in charge of the British Empire, one might expect to see them used as cancelling devices far more often than actually occurs. There must have been innumerable occasions on which such seals were available to hand, when the regular cancelling instruments were not; and in the period when killers were in regular use. A mail bag seal would have done duty almost as well. Yet, if one leaves out the early stamps of the Gold Coast, the use of such seals seems never to have been more than very sporadic and the B.W.I. (where usage is well established in the Bahamas, British Guiana, British Honduras and Cayman Islands) probably produce as wide an incidence of use as any other region.

One factor which may reduce ones prospects of finding these unfamiliar marks is that they are seldom legible, and even more seldom handsome. For all but the most informed collectors, it is far less collectable than one cancelled in almost any other way; so that the survival rate may be low.

Having said which, I can now illustrate for those interested in the Wakenaam seal of British Guiana, virtually complete.

The two stamps which make up the illustration complement one another almost perfectly. Not that it helps: I have several other partial examples of seal cancellations from British Guiana, where I am quite unable to decide whether they belong to Wakenaam or somewhere else.



The problem gets worse in the Bahamas, and I doubt whether anyone will work out just how many of the out-island offices brought them into occasional use. Tempting as it may be to ignore the whole category of mail bag seals on aesthetic grounds, I think that these marks have a significant part to play in any postmark collection; and we simply have to count legibility as a substantial bonus.

Simon Goldblatt

## BRITISH HONDURAS

Postal Markings used at Belize  
Continued from pp78 Bulletin 131, December 1986.

### British Field Force Cancellations and Handstamps

Type S1  
Certified Forces Airmail  
Triple line, capital and small  
letters 5.3mm high;length 57mm,  
11mm and 53mm.  
EKD 1958 LKD

Certified Forces Airmail  
Capt,  
Adjc Det. 2. Glosters,  
Type S1

Type S1(a)  
Straight line, capital and  
small letters 5.3mm high;  
length 57mm  
END 1958 LKD

Certified Forces Airmail  
Type S1(a)

Type S2  
B Company, The Worcester Regt.  
49x30mm, horizontal double oval  
frame. Used in complement with  
type S1(s)  
EKD 1958 LKD



Type S2

Type S3  
Quartermasters Office, 1st. Bn.  
The Worcester Regt.  
48x31mm diam., horizontal  
double oval.

EKD 1961          LKD



Type S3

Type S4  
OC Troops  
43mm diam., triple outer  
circle.

EKD 1961          LKD



Type S4

Type S5  
Field Post Office  
27mm diam., double circle with  
thick separation bars at sides, asterisk

EKD 1961          LKD 4.8.61



Type S5

United Fruit Company Steamship Service Handstamps.

Type U1  
United Fruit Company Steamship  
Service  
30mm diam., double circle,  
rubber  
Known for S/S Castilla

EKD 17.12.32      LKD



Type U1

Type U2  
35mm diam., rubber.  
Known for S/S Cholutca.

EKD 16.7.33          LKD



Type U2

Type U3  
39mm diam., double circle,  
double outer line, rubber.  
Known for S/S Trives

EKD 20.7.36 LED

Type U4  
39mm diam., double outer line, rubber  
Known for S/S Santa Maria.  
EKD 10.7.39 LED



Type U3



Type U4

Ralph Group

## JAMAICA

### 1946 Victory Specimen

I have recently acquired a pair of these stamps OVERPRINTED 'specimen' in red. The lettering is 4mm high and the width of the overprint is 36mm. The perforations of the stamps are 13½x14. Normally, the Victory stamps were perforated 'specimen' so can anyone supply any information please? For example, was there a local overprint? And does anyone know of any other Jamaican stamp overprinted with such large letters.

Malcolm Mattick

### AUCTION REPORT

The unfortunate suggestion that this years auction would be held at the 'Bravington Room' - wherever that might be - did not inhibit a useful attendance and lively bidding for the goods on offer: it was the postal bidders who stayed away, their numbers down to less than two thirds of our better years. So the Auction total, at just over £3,000 was another disappointment for those who put so much effort into organising this annual event.

Come forward, please, with your suggestions and criticisms, you abstainers! Why didn't you participate? Have you got all the items that we can offer? Did you find the catalogue, in its latest format, too tiresome to read and decipher? Did you set off for the AGM and not find us? Did you forget? or could you simply not be bothered?

Over the years, auction proceeds have kept our subscriptions down to about the lowest level of comparable societies - but without the support of the abstainers, subscriptions are bound to rise. For members whose conscience has been stirred, the Circle will be pleased to receive donated material for sale on behalf of BWISC either at this year's Leamington Convention, or our auction next year: please contact Simon Goldblatt, Derek Nathan or the Editor.

In the event, 228 lots were sold, divided exactly equally between buyers on the book and bidders in the room. Every country has its year and this year's star was British Honduras where each of the lots sold, and postmarks of Barracks, Caledonia and Wellsport did really well.

Of course, postmarks of quality tend to sell well in every country. As witness lots 78 and 79 (examples of Barbados 'B' from different sources), lots 110 and 113 ('14' and '16' of Bermuda), Cayman Island lots 164/5 (the rural TRD's) and lots 345 and 346 of Tobago (the set of three numerals and the difficult Late Fee). For Anguilla, St. Lucia and Trinidad - normally popular countries - there was patchy support, with even the rare Anguilla Forest TRD attracting only one bidder, the quite attractive items in lots 345, 356 and 361 going unsold and only Anse La Raye (lot 322) engendering real competition.

The same cannot be said of St. Vincent, whose fans competed firmly for the few postmarks on offer: Canouan almost doubled its estimate at £22; Colonarie, unusual on the ½d. drab, reached £16; while a lovely Biabou was fiercely contested and finally went for £54. This was probably better value than the Soufriere mark of lot 228 where the bidding opened at £20 and didn't stop until it reached £56. We are aware of the scarcity and popularity of this strike; the fairly low valuation reflected our assessment of its calibre with which both purchaser and under-bidder disagreed. Lot 244 (the block cancelled A91) was another instance of low valuations (£8 against £21 realised). We were influenced by the obviously philatelic origins of this item, the buyer by its scarcity.

On the whole, demand for Leeward Islands items was modest and this might be a time to start to buy. For instance, lot 226, which was a cover of quality went too cheaply, while the scarcer of the two wide 'A' varieties failed to sell, although the sexagenary kiss-print and the dropped 'R' variety both made sensible prices.

The most unusual item was the silk (lot 274) which made £26, after some fierce bidding, the purchaser showing no interest in the map that went with it. In Montserrat, the Lady Drake postcard went well at £16 and three other postcards, lot 278, fetched £20; perhaps the describer missed something here but we didn't think so. In this category, lot 316 was rightly fancied. We shall see the outstanding picture postcards reach much higher levels before very long.

An inverted watermark in Bahamas (lot 19) proved popular as did excellent strikes of Wemyss Bight and the Marlin's Head; but everyone missed lot 33 (The Ferry) whose quality was almost as fine. In Barbados, buyers had more faith than we had in

lot 59 and the CH.CH. cover was supported well. The key lot of all turned out to be the Inland Island card, lot 122. A postal bidder apologised for a book bid of £60, explained that the lot was really wanted; then didn't get it! The item opened at £22 and was knocked down in the room at £65. The next lot, which looked scarcer to your describer realised a modest £21.

In the literature section, as expected, the earlier catalogues that we seldom see were in demand while the more familiar, if better, more recent ones were harder to sell.

Of the items which sold, realisations were some 3% above the level of our estimates.

Results as under (unsold lots omitted):

Lot	£										
1	3.00	5	26.00	13	4.00	14	4.50	15	8.50	17	4.50
18	6.00	19	28.00	20	25.00	21	15.00	27	10.50	28	8.00
30	4.50	32	9.00	34	17.50	35	10.50	36	11.00	37	21.00
40	4.50	43	23.00	49	7.50	50	75.00	53	16.00	54	6.00
59	21.00	60	12.00	61	11.50	64	26.00	65	24.00	66	23.00
67	22.00	71	8.00	73	21.00	75	10.00	76	7.50	77	12.50
78	38.00	79	31.00	81	9.00	82	5.50	83	26.00	84	34.00
85	13.50	86	3.50	88	8.00	89	14.00	90	4.50	91	3.25
92	6.00	96	4.50	98	9.50	100	11.50	101	7.50	103	3.75
104	5.25	105	3.50	106	6.00	107	5.50	108	21.00	109	10.00
110	35.00	111	8.00	112	7.50	113	17.50	115	7.50	116	7.50
117	5.00	118	2.25	122	65.00	123	21.00	126	5.25	127	3.25
128	7.00	129	4.25	130	3.25	131	7.50	135	4.00	136	13.00
139	3.75	140	15.50	142	7.00	150	6.00	151	5.50	152	8.00
153	12.00	154	29.00	155	35.00	156	11.00	157	35.00	158	6.00
159	8.00	160	1.50	161	1.50	162	11.00	163	7.50	164	32.00
165	35.00	166	6.50	168	9.50	169	9.00	171	9.00	172	16.00
176	2.50	177	11.00	178	15.00	180	5.50	181	9.00	182	16.00
183	5.25	186	12.00	187	15.00	188	9.00	192	5.50	197	13.00
199	4.50	200	6.00	201	7.50	203	3.00	205	3.00	206	6.00
208	5.50	211	11.50	213	4.50	215	4.50	216	6.00	220	4.50
221	11.00	226	35.00	227	9.00	228	56.00	229	17.00	230	4.50
231	9.00	233	13.50	234	8.00	235	24.00	238	2.50	240	5.00
242	9.00	244	21.00	250	12.00	256	10.00	257	3.00	258	21.00
259	13.00	262	9.00	266	26.00	271	6.00	272	4.75	274	26.00
275	21.00	276	27.00	278	20.00	280	16.00	281	3.00	282	14.00
287	80.00	288	15.00	293	9.00	294	9.00	295	7.00	297	34.00
298	90.00	299	21.00	300	9.00	301	10.50	302	23.00	303	9.00
304	60.00	305	24.00	306	13.50	308	10.50	310	12.00	314	3.25
315	9.50	316	26.00	317	3.75	318	2.25	319	3.00	321	19.00
322	21.00	323	12.50	325	11.00	327	9.50	338	7.00	340	9.00
344	3.00	345	31.00	346	12.00	351	7.00	352	14.00	355	16.50
358	7.00	362	4.50	363	10.00	366	6.00	370	1.50	371	1.50
372	7.50	373	9.00	374	12.50	375	16.50	377	7.50	379	3.75
380	10.50	382	3.75	383	3.25	385	9.00	386	8.00	387	13.00
388	17.50	389	7.50	390	7.00	392	16.50	395	6.00	397	4.50
401	3.00	407	3.50								

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Recently joined member Mr. J.E.A.Shawley of Curzon House, Drews Park, Beaconsfield, Bucks. HP9 2TT is requesting information from Circle members on a range of overprints and bisects they may have in their collection. The particular stamps of interest are:

Dominica	1882-3 ½d. bisects SG.10-14 1886 ½d. and 1d. surcharges SG.17-19
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St. Lucia	1891-92 Surcharges/bisects SG.53-56

Mr Shawley is also interested in acquiring covers and blocks of the St. Lucia stamps in particular.

Congratulations to Bob Bolling whose Bahamas War Tax and Charity issues 1917-19 won a Silver at ARIPEX (Tucson, Arizona) and a vermeil at SANDICAL (San Diego, California). Bob incidentally has a mint Bahamas 1941 Provisional postcard (Bull 130 Sept. 86, p47, and 132 March, p15).

A second Edition of Paquebot Cancellations of the World is being published by R.M. Hosking. It is a 307 page publication surveying the subject comprehensively.

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