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Editorial

BWI Philatelist

The British West Indian Philatelist is now entering its seventh year of production, and it's hoping in the near future to again increase the size of this magazine to twenty-four pages. Over the past six years every endeavour has been made to bring to its readers, news of the British West Indies, and reliable and authentic articles on first flights and postal history, etc.

Complimentary copies of this magazine have been sent to leading stamp organizations, philatelic clubs, and publishers, and we are glad that in very nearly all cases we have been reciprocated with their publications. However, there are instances where we have withdrawn the complimentary copies from our files as publications from overseas have not been reciprocated.

Readers interested in the British West Indian Islands are asked to tell their friends about this magazine, and recommend their obtaining a subscription. It is now read in very nearly all the leading countries throughout the world, and any special article or articles readers would like to have, they should write in and every endeavour will be made to have this done as early as possible. If you like this publication, let us know.

Jamaica Tercentenary Philatelic Displays

On the 9th of May the Philatelic display was opened at the Institute of Jamaica, Exhibition, Hall, which was staged by the British Caribbean Philatelic Society, featuring the stamps of Jamaica, Cayman and Turks Island. Also the Olympic and Athletic stamps of the world.

His Excellency the Governor opened the show, shortly after noon, and inspected all the frames in the Exhibition Hall. The Jamaica collection displayed by E. F. Aguilar in 9 frames, featured the original die proof of the slavery stamp which was originally printed in 1919, but due to unrest these stamps were not released in the Colony. However, a few copies did manage to get out, this mint copy was obtained over in Europe the die proof, along with the specimens and colour trial. The first stamps of Jamaica were the pine apple issues, and featured in this lot, was a block 12 of the 1/- yellow brown, beside which was a pair of the imperf. 1/- brown. In the Crown CC and CA a number of blocks and plate dies were shown.

One of the most interesting items which was on display for the first time. was a complete set of essays submitted in the competition held years back for the Jamboree stamps. The Late Claude DeSouza, had 6 designs out of which two of these were selected for the Jamboree series. The original photos used for the Childs Welfare set, signed by the artist, was to be seen along with a condensed display of Postal History featuring postmarks, obliterator numbers, Temporary Rubber Date marks, and two frames of Cayman Islands were also shown by Mr. Aguilar. A few items in this frame were of great interest particularly the Jamaica stamps used in Cayman on cover, and a couple of the early rubber postmarks on piece and cover. These were all very interesting items. The collection of Turks displayed by Mrs. C. Pringle in two frames contained very nearly all the Provisionals listed in Stanley Gibbons Catalogue and included most of the imperf.

The Olympic and Athletic series which was on display was the property of Mr. Herbert Macdonald, O.B.E. Of the 7 frames (90 pages) shown, this is but a small section of the collection. Each individual page has been artistically drawn giving the motive or design of the athletic event, on the page, on which a set of the stamps are mounted. The Olympic series is complete while the Athletic series on display, gave a very wide and broad collection of all the different games.

It was interesting to see the various types of printing taking place in countries other than the Empire, in these Athletic stamps.

The Central frame, which contained the four designs of the Tercentenary was presented by the Crown Agents, to the Institute of Jamaica. This frame contained the four photos, along with the four stamps. The original prints were hung beside this frame, which His Excellency the Governor, in his opening speech presented to the Institute for safe keeping.

The Post Office was one of the features at the display, as this was open for the full week. The first marks being on the 9th of May. Although no Tercentenary stamps were postmarked until the 10th, the Post Office was kept very busy throughout the whole week.

It was pleasing to see how very popular this display was, and we are glad to say that next year another display will be held, mainly George VI in which many schools will take part.

Notes Here And There.

Jamaica – Slogan cancels

ENGLAND. Mr. G. W. Collett, England, has sent the following notes on slogans:-

- No. 1. Come to Jamaica B.W.I. the ideal Tourist resort this is known as early as 5/1/1923.
- No. 2. British Empire Exhibition 1924-this is known 27/8/1923.
- No. 3. Spend Your vacation in Summerland. Jamaica - came into use 18/1/1927.
- No. 4. Buy British Goods. I have this dated 7/10/1927.
- No. 5. Jamaica welcomes H.R.H. Duke of Gloucester. Was in use 6 to 16th March, 1935.
- No. 14. Visit the Jamaica Tattoo 1953. I have dated 27/2/1953.
- No. 11. Buy Premium Bonds. Came into use 2/10/1950.

A number of meter marks have appeared namely "PRINCESS ALICE APPEAL" oblong 47X15 mm. in use only about six weeks up to the end of April. From the middle of April the above meter mark was replaced with "GIVE TO THE-PRINCESS ALICE-APPEAL FUND" in three lines 48X22. This mark should be in use for 3 months locally only.

For overseas mail a special Tercentenary mark came into use on the 1st of May which reads "VISIT JAMAICA". The outline of Jamaica with the "300"- "1655-1955" either side of the outline of the Colony. The bottom line has "TERCENTENARY YEAR" size 48X15 mm. So far this mark has not been used locally.

A new meter mark appeared early in July, with the solitary words "BUY JAMAICAN" for use only locally.

Jamaica – 1955 Tercentenary Set Sales

Sales of the Tercentenary on the First day at the GPO Kingston exceeded £3,400.

Jamaica – (1955) New Postal Agencies

News of no less than 16 New Postal Agencies to be opened in the near future. Opening on June 10th, 1955 was Scotts Pass in the Parish of Clarendon.

British Guiana – Govt Purchase of British Guiana Airways

The British Guiana Government purchased the British Guiana Airways Ltd. early in June this year, for \$822,500 (B.W.I.) This Company operates very nearly all small sea 'planes which fly up to St. Vincent, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts, and back down through the Islands. They are well known in these parts.

Cayman Islands – LACSA Air Service

New air service started two months ago (April) by LACSA the route being Miami, USA. -Havana, Cuba-Grand Cayman-San Jose, Costa Rica-Panama.

Jamaica – Aerovias Panama Airways Service

Many saw the opening of a direct flight between Jamaica and Panama by Aerovias Panama Airways (A.P.A.) Agents Keith Clark Co. Ltd. (Jamaica)

Jamaica – AVENSA Air Service

A new air line flying from Miami, USA to Maracaibo, Venezuela via Montego Bay "AVENSA" agents in Jamaica Pan American Airways Inc. First flight June 15th. No Mail.

Trinidad – 1955 Souvenir Folder

A new souvenir folder for Trinidad and Tobago has just appeared in the Colony 7½X4½" in size. The stamps are hinged inside making an appropriate gift to anyone. On the cover is the crest of Trinidad and Tobago. On the back cover the map of the Colony. These can be obtained by writing to the Editor.

Trinidad – Slogan Cancel

New meter mark was introduced recently with the following words "FIGHT TO-SUPPORT YOUR - T. B. ASSOCIATION".

Cuba – CUPEX Philatelic Exhibition

The International Centenary Philatelic Exhibition of Cuba "CUPEX" will take place in Havana from the 12th to the 19th of November. The Exhibition will be on a competitive basis, and will be dedicated exclusively to the stamps of the Western Hemisphere, and will also include the Americas, Spain, and the Philippines. A full report will be in the December edition of the B.W.I. Philatelist. This Exhibition is being held at the Palacio de Bellas Artes, Havana.

Jamaica – PAA Philatelic Display

Arrangements are now being made to have an Exhibition of world wide stamps which will be displayed by Pan American Airways at the Institute of Jamaica between December 5th to the 21st.

BWI – New Viscount Air Service

By the end of this year, the B.W.I. Islands will be having a new Viscount service. The exact route will be in the B.W.I. Philatelist December edition.

Reviews.

The Croatian Philatelic Bulletin (Argentina)

... has been received giving a detailed illustration of all stamps issued during 1941/45. This should be of great interest to the collectors and specialists in this country.

Philatelic Handbook

The new Philatelic Handbook received from J. Sanders (England) and feel sure that this publication will be of great interest as it covers the British Empire, and has leading articles on the British Empire as well as foreign stamps. The yearly sub. is 7/6d, by air mail 14/-. This magazine is printed on good quality Art paper. Subs. can be sent direct to Mr. J. Sanders, 7 Commercial Road, Southampton, ENGLAND.

De La Rue Centenary Journal

Their Centenary year of printing postage stamps. Their Handbook was of very great interest to many, and contains quite a number of the classical issues during the last 100 years all reproduced in colour. An Exhibition of which was held at the Royal Philatelic Society in London this year.

The Philatelic Congress Of Great Britain

The 37th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain was held this year in the fine old city of Norwich from May 17 to the 20th, and I was glad to act as a delegate for the British Caribbean Philatelic Society. Our other delegate, Mr. L. A. Courtney, was unable to be present.

I arrived in Norwich on the Monday evening. The long train journey from Chippenham, of over 200 miles, however, was pleasant and quick, taking only five hours.

No matters concerning the West Indies came up for discussion at the business meetings, but on the Thursday evening we had the usual West Indies Study Circle meeting; a large number attended and 12 members brought along a few sheets each for display and discussion of various problems.

Mr. E. E. Ainger brought some of the rarities of the Cayman Islands. The choice pieces included several examples of Jamaica used in the Caymans and many of the rare surcharges and Mr. P. Saunders showed photos of a Cayman pre-stamp cover, which he had recently seen, but at present unable to acquire. We had other sheets of Bahamas, Bermuda, Trinidad, and Jamaica shown by Messrs. J. D. Fielding, L. P. Voller, F. H. Thompson, and myself. Altogether a very pleasant and profitable couple of hours.

The weather was cold and stormy at times but on the two outings I attended it was fine and sunny. On Wednesday afternoon to Wroxham and trip on launches on the Broads, and Thursday to the lovely old residence of Blickling Hall with its beautiful gardens all in their spring glory.

Three papers were written for Congress and fully discussed. Mr. Bentley Kettle's "Specialist approaches to re-entries and varieties" was well received, but the "fly speck" variety was constantly referred to.

Mr. W. B. Haworth's paper The Philatelic Press from an editor's viewpoint, and Mr. A. J. Abigail's "Reflections of an Idealist" both created much discussion on the Friday morning. In the afternoon the signing of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists took place in the old Assembly Rooms, a lovely setting for an impressive Ceremony. Three of the new DP's this year were present and signed - Major K. D. BEAUMONT, COL. G. R. CROUCH, AND G. A. HAGEMANN of SWEDEN, MAURICE BURRUS was unable to be present. After this the Melville prizes were awarded to the Juniors and the closing address given by Mrs. Doris Green.

The final item of Congress, the Banquet, is always a gay and sociable meeting, and on this occasion amongst the many guests and visitors were Sir John and Lady Wilson. The verdict was another very successful Congress, with all good wishes for next year at Brighton.

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Jamaican Obliterators As I Have Found Them - Part Four -

By R. A. GIBSON

I have had several inquiries as to what I mean by "all of the usual CA's." To clarify this, I wish to advise that I mean all CA's with the exception of the 3d, 6d, and 2½d overprint; and, of course, the shilling values. The 3d and 2½d overprints are scarce, and the 6d is a rarity indeed with any obliterator cancellation. I have never seen any of the shilling values so cancelled. Also when I say "known on all CC's", I mean all CC's from the ½d to the 1/- inclusive.

- A79, Type VI is indeed a rarity. Mr. Collett has a 6d Pine which is the only known copy of this complete cancellation, and which came out of the Nicholson collection. He also has a 3d and 6d CC cancelled A 9, presumed to be this obliterator used after the figure 7 was broken out.
- A79, Type J, which replaced the broken 'Type H at Richmond about 1865 is very scarce on the Pines. I have this on the 6d and 1/- Pine, but none of the other Jamaican specialists on the check list have this on any Pine. On the CC's, it is known on the ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d and 6d. I am short the 3d but have the balance including two copies of the 2d and 6d; and also a pair of 1d tied on a dated piece used at Richmond May 31, 1880.
- A79, Type K was sent to Balaclava in 1876 and is a common cancellation. It is known on all CC's, and while I am still short of the 1/- value, I do have all other values including 6 pairs showing the full cancellation. This shows up on all of the usual CA's, the 1d and 2d Key Plate, the 2½d Overprint, official's and Postal Fiscal's, of which I am short a couple.
- A80 is a rarity on any stamp. Mr. Collett has this on the 1/- Pine, which I believe is out of the Nicholson collection; and inasmuch as this obliterator was not in use until 1876 it can easily be understood why this is rare on the Pines. This number is known on the ½d, 1d, 2d, 4d, and 6d, CC's, and on the 1d blue and 2d red CA's. I am short the 6d: CC and the 1d blue CA.
- A81 is a very scarce number. It is not known on the ½d and 1d CC's, but shows up on the other values on rare occasions. It is found on the ½d, both colours of the 1d, 2d grey and 4d CA's: the 1d and 2½d Key Plate's and one Official. My choice item is a 4d CA, tied on cover with this obliteration and backstamped Pedro Dec. 17, '89, and which was received in Peacedale, R. I., on Dec. 26.
- A82, Type M, which has a dot after both the A and the 2 can be found on all CC's with the exception of the 1/-. This number is common and shows up on all of the usual CA's, all three Key Plate's, and also on the 3d and 2½d overprint and one official.
- A.83 with period after the A only, is in my opinion a very scarce number and hard to obtain on any stamp. It is only known on the 1d and 2d CC's, and I have both. While Mr. Nicholson stated this was a fairly common, I cannot agree, as on the CA's I only have it on the 1d Ted, 2d grey and all three Key Plate's. It is also known on the the. and 4d CA's, but no one on the check list has many copies of this number. Mr. Brassler has this on the 1d Official, but we have no record of this obliterator on any Postal Fiscal.
- E06, Type K, in use at Newmarket in 1869 is known on the 1d, 2d, 3d, and 1 /- Pines, of which I am short the 2d. It is found on all CC's, except the 1/- but I am short the ½d and 3d. This number shows up on all of the usual CA's with the exception of the 4d and 2½d Key Plate. It is found on the 2½d overprint and I have all of these known values. We have no record of this cancellation on the Official's or Postal Fiscal's.
- E30 was also in use in 1869, and shows up on the 1d and 1/- Pines, and I have two superb copies of the 1d and one of the 1/-. This number has not shown up on the 4d and 6d CC's, but is known on all of the other values, and while I have some 15 copies including two pairs. I am short the 1/-. On the CA's it can be found on all of the usual values, but is only known on the 1d key Plate. It is not known on the 2t/2d overprint or the Official's, but Mr. Collett has this on a Postal Fiscal. I have this number on a Post.Card used at Lacovia on Jan. 5, 1891.
- E58 is known on the 1d Pine but is a rarity. It can be found on all CCs, with the exception of the 1/-, and is occasionally cancelled in blue. On the CA's it shows up on all of the

usual values, all Key Plate's. and 2½d overprint; but is not known on the Official's or Postal Fiscal's. I am short a couple of the known values, but I do have a strip of three of the 3d CC showing the full cancellation, and the 1d and 6d CC's cancelled in blue. I also have a Post Card used at little River Jan. 23, 1885 so cancelled.

- F80, Type O was in use in 1872, and can be found but is rare on the 1d Pine. It is known on all CC's, and all of the usual CA's, but the 1d blue; but as far as I am personally concerned it is much scarcer on the CA's than on the CC's. This can be found on all Key Plates, 2½d overprint and official's, but I have no record of this number on the Postal Fiscal's.
- F81 according to Mr. Nicholson is a very scarce number on the Pines, which may be an understatement as he did not have a Pine in his collection and no one on my composite check list has this number on any Pine. It is known on all CC's, and I have these complete including pairs, of the 1d and 2d It shows up on all of the usual CA's, with the exception of the 2½d Key Plate, and in addition can be found on the Postal Fiscal's but so far it has never come to light on the overprint or the Official's.
- F95 is known on the 1d Pine but is a rarity on this issue. Otherwise it is one of the most common of the obliterators and is known on all CC's, all of the usual CA's, and also on the 3d the 2½d overprint, Official's. Postal Fiscal's. and both Llandoveries. I have all of these except the Official and the red and black Fall's stamp, and do have several pairs, strips and covers.
- F96 was in the Nicholson collection on one of the Pines, but no one on the check list has this on any Pine. However, I have never found this number as scarce on the CC's as Nicholson always maintained it was, and it is known on all values, except the ½d. On the CA's it shows up on all of the usual values except the 4d and is known on all three Key Plate's. We have no record of this obliterator on the 2½d overprint or Postal Fiscal's. but I am very proud of a block of 9 of the 1d Official cancelled F96 on each stamp.
- F97 shows up on all CC's, except the ½d and in my collection are a dozen copies including all known values. However I will agree with Mr. Nicholson who had 4 CC's and 4 CA's in his collection that this is really scarce on the CA's. Known only on the ½d both 1d values, 2d red, 4d and 1d Key Plate, I consider myself fortunate in having all known values.
- F98 has not shown up on the 6d CC, but can be found on all of the other values. It is known on all of the usual CA's except the 2d red and the 2½d Key Plate. In addition Mr. Surtees has this on the 3d and I have it on the 2½d overprint and two Official's, but it is unknown on any Postal Fiscal.
- G13 is not known on the 3d and 1/- CC's, but is quite common on the CA's, and can be found on all of the usual values except the 2½d Key Plate. I also have this on the 2½d overprint and an Official, and Mr. Surtees has it on a Postal Fiscal.
- G14 is not known on the 3d and 6d CC's, and so far I have failed to obtain the 1/-. It is found on all of the usual CA's, and I also have it on the 2½d overprint, both Llandoveries, a cover and a Post Card. It is known on the Official's, but not on the Postal Fiscal's.
- G15 is not known on the 3d and 1/- CC's, but only the 1d is common. I have a cover to England bearing a 6d CC, posted at Blue Mountain Valley, Dec. 10, 1877. This number shows up on all of the usual CA's except the 2½d Key Plate, but none of my correspondents have this on the overprint, Official's or Postal Fiscal's. Mr. Collett alone has this number on both Llandoveries.
- G16 is not known on the 3d and 1/- CC's, and although I have several copies including three pairs, I am short the ½d This is found on all of the usual CA's except the 2½d Key Plate. I have this on the 2½d overprint and Mr. Collett has it on a Postal Fiscal, but I have no record of this number or any Official.
- 193 is quite a common number and is found on all CC's, and all of the usual CA's with the exception of the 2d red. In addition I have this on the 2½d overprint, a Postal Fiscal on piece and the 6d which is the only 6d CA in my collection with an obliterator cancellation. I have this on an Official but am short the 3d which both Mr. Collett and Mr. Surtees have, which is the only one of the twenty known values I do not have. I also have the 1/- CC on cover, to Dublin posted at Cold Spring on June 9, 1876.

- 196 according to Mr. Nicholson is fairly common, but I cannot agree with this. It is only known on the 1d, 2d and 4d CC's and I have seven copies of this issue including the only known 4d It is also very scarce on, the CA's, being known only on the ½d, both colours of the 1d and 2d and the 1d and 2d Key Plate's. I am short the 2d red and the 1d Key Plate, both of which are in Mr. Collett's collection, but have the other values including a pair of the 2d grey and the only listed copy of the 2d Key Plate. Mr. Surtees who has two CC's, and one CA wrote me on February 14th, 1955 that he cannot find more copies of 196 on any stamps, and agrees with me that it is one of the scarcer numbers.
- 199 is not a common number, but in my opinion is not as scarce as 196. It is not known on the 3d and 1/- CC's, and with seven copies I am still short the 4d It is known on all of the usual values of the CA's with the exception of the 2d red, and on all Key Plate's. In addition Mr. Surtees has this on the 2½d overprint and Mr. Collett on an Official, but I have no record of it on any Postal Fiscal.
- 201 is a very common number, although it has never shown up on the 3d and 1/- CC's in any of the collections on which I have a check. It is known on all of the usual values of the CA's, and in addition I have this number on the 2½d overprint, three different Official's, a Postal Fiscal and the red and black Llandovery clearly cancelled 201. Evidently the Postmaster used his obliterator much later than 1895.
- 598 is very scarce on any stamp, and the cancellation is not too clear on the CC's, and usually very faint on the CA's. It is known on the ½d, 1d, 2d and 6d CC's, the latter of which was in the Nicholson collection. It has been found on the x½d both colours of the 1d, 2d, Grey and 4d CA's, and only on the 1d Key Plate. While I have six CC's and seven CA's. I have never obtained the 6d CC and the 1d blue CA, but do not feel too bad as Mr. Nicholson only had nine copies in his collection. You can see that this obliterator has only been found on ten different stamps.
- 615 is a very scarce number, particularly on the CC's; and I have the poorest showing of this obliterator of any in my collection. It is known only on the 1d and 2d CC's, and on all usual values of the CA's, with the exception of both colours of the 1d Mr. Collett also has all Key Plate's, an Official and both Llandovery's. If any of my readers have any copies of this number for sale or trade I would be very glad to hear from them.
- 617 is a common obliterator, and the cancellations are a thing of beauty to a collector of this material. This is found on all CC's, all of the usual CA's, and all Key Plate's, and has also shown up on the 2½ d overprint and the Postal Fiscal's but we have no record of this on any Official. In my collection I have five pairs and a Post Card used at Hayes in 1889, but am short the 3d CC, 4d CA and the overprint.
- 622 is a rather scarce number, and is only known on the ½d, 1d, 2d, and 4d CC's. This has been found on all of the usual CA's with the exception of the 2½d Key Plate, and I also have it on the 2r/d overprint and the Local overprint ½d Official. Mr. Surtees has this on a Postal Fiscal which I am short, but I seem to have been much more fortunate in obtaining this number than any of my friends on the check list.
- 631 is one of the scarcer obliterations, and is not known on the 1/- CC. It is only known on the ½d, 1d blue and 2d red CA's; the 1d Key Plate and 2d Official. If you have this cancellation on any other stamps I would be glad to hear from you.
- 640 is a common number but has not shown up on the 1/- CC. This is found on all of the usual CA's, including all Key Plate's, all Officials and the Postal Fiscal's, but is not known on the 2½d overprint. I am short the 4d CC and the 2½d Key Plate, but have numerous copies of the other values, including several pairs.
- 642 is another scarce cancellation, particularly on the CC's where it fails to show up on the 3d and 1/-. Mr. Collett reports it only on the 4d CC, Mr. Surtees only on the 6d and Mr. Aguilar only on the ½d, while I have been fortunate enough to obtain this on the ½d, 1d two copies of the 2d and the 4d and 6d respectively. It shows up on all of the usual values of the CA's, but only on the 1d Key Plate. I have all of these except the Key Plate, and in addition have this on the 2½d overprint, and 1d Official, but have no record of it on any Postal Fiscal. I am particularly anxious to obtain any Key Plate with a clear 631 and 642 cancellation.

- 647 is not known on the 3d CC but shows up on all other values. It is found on all of the usual CA's, but only on the 1d and 2d Key Plate's. Mr. Collett has this on the 2½d overprint and I have it on one Official, but it has never been found on the Postal Fiscal's.
- A01 comes in seven different types, all of which were used at Kingston at various times. All of the different types are common on stamps in use during their different lives, with the exception of Type C; the double obliterator, which is a rarity indeed.
- A is known on the 1d Pine, and on the ½d, 1d, 2d, 4d and 6d CC's, and the ½d CA but is a rarity on any stamp.
- B is the most common of the five letters and shows up on all CC's with the exception of the 3d all of the usual CA's, including all Key Plate's, the 2½ d overprint, Official's and Postal Fiscal's. I have this on a Post Card used at Duncans July 23, 1880.
- C is a scarce cancellation, but is known on the ½d, 1d, 2d and 4d CC's; all of the usual CA's, and the 1d Key Plate. I found this much scarcer on the CA's than on the CC's.
- D is probably the rarest of the Jamaican obliterator cancellations. Mr. Nicholson had this on the 2d and 4d CC's, which were the only known copies, and the 4d is now in Mr. Collett's collection. This I have never seen.
- E is also a scarce cancellation which shows up only on the CC's, and is not known on the 3d and 1/- values of that issue. I do have eight copies including a beautiful pair of the 1d.

If any of you are interested in obtaining a copy of the new composite check list, which should be invaluable to any collector of Jamaican obliterations, I suggest you write John M. Buckner, 2030 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida, USA. We have discovered numerous additions to this list, since I started writing these articles on the obliterations for this magazine.

It is my intention to write one more article on this subject for Mr. Aguilar, showing the newly found items and the total number of different Jamaican stamps on which each obliterator can be found. If you have any questions I will be glad to hear from you at any time. Address me at 642 North Market St., Galion, Ohio, USA.

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Lt. Governor Nugent Letters On The Cayman Islands

Shortly after receiving Corbet's report, Joseph Bodden addressed a letter to me, regretting that his brother was not in the Colony, when Edward Corbet had visited the Island, but he had done everything possible to assist him.

It was later in the year, that I received a letter from William Bodden, Sr., who had only just returned from British Honduras and begged that I accept the resignation of his brother and himself as Magistrates. Mr. Wm. Bodden, Sr., did not consider that they could do justice to themselves, or the public, as regards the prisoner now in close confinement, and asked that some information be sent as early as possible. To this I did not reply, and nine months later Mr. Wm. Bodden again addressed me, asking that I give my reply to the bearer, one James Watter. Knowing as I did the great respect everyone had for Mr. Wm. Bodden, Sr., I took this opportunity of asking him to suggest persons most proper for Magistrates. Hardly had I written this, than another petition was received signed by thirteen of the islands' inhabitants, heading the list was Mr. Wm. Bodden, Sr., who pointed out that the inhabitants were much aggrieved by the Officers of His Majesty's Revenue in their charge for Ente ring, Clearing, etc., of vessels belonging to their island. It was pointed out that the Cayman Islands were dependents of Jamaica, many of the vessels were owned by Caymanians yet they were obliged to pay the heavy fees on their vessels, just the same as vessels from foreign ports, which visited the island from time to time.

The petitioners begged that this matter be placed before the House of Assembly to see if they could not be exempted of such heavy 'fees. It was also requested, that where Wreck Goods were imported by them from Jamaica, if they could not be exempted of paying the Transient Tax.

It was late in 1804 that I received a very strong petition, signed by twenty-eight of the inhabitants, the nature of the grievance was up to 1800 the roads in the Island lay neglected, there were then only footpaths kept open from one settlement to another by those settlers. Mr. Wm. Bodden, Sr., Magistrate proposed to the inhabitants to have their roads opened, and kept open by persons possessing slaves, working an allotment of time on such roads, which was done. From that 8 fences have been made between settlements and gates erected crossing the said roads for the purpose of raising stock.

Last October Wm. Bodden, Sr., employed a jobbing gang and had a road cut back of the SW Sound Bay (the S. Bay being the road before that time) leading through lands claimed by different persons, without calling a Jury for the purpose of laying out such roads and at the same time ordered all persons having gates erected across the roads to have these taken down, which order not being complied with, he removed the gags himself. The petitioners begged that the gates could remain, and pointed out that there were no wheel carriages of any description in the Island. It had been the custom in the Island to always settle matters by arbitration, which was not the case in this instance. The leading names signing this petition were William Eden, Waide Watter, Jr., William Bodden and Thomas Thomson.

Not having heard from Mr. Wm. Bodden, Sr., I wrote to him, enclosing a copy of the petition, and having given the matter careful consideration, directed that the Proprietors of the lands, through which the public road passes, may in future be permitted to erect gates to secure their stock, provided that they are made sufficiently wide to admit carriages to go to and fro. As there was every probability of a war with Spain, I enquired if I could render any service to his settlement.

Mr. Win. Bodden wrote to me thanking me for my letter enclosing the petition, he would like however to point out the incorrectness of certain facts. From Bodden Town to Georgetown the great high road was very similar to the seaside road from Falmouth to Montego Bay in Jamaica. This road had been greatly improved since he had been in authority for the good and convenience of the public. Georgetown is the only place of good anchorage for large vessels, where His Majesty's ships sometimes anchor to get wood, water, etc., as also other merchant vessels. Along the S.W. Sound Bay the road was very bad, so proposed to some that the road should turn off a few yards from the seaside through the sandy land, which was cheerfully agreed to. I employed Mr. Thomas Thomson (one of the petitioners) to have it attended to. When completed they were all pleased and fully satisfied. With regard to the gates, this was not done without due consideration, as in the past a number of people had been hurt riding through these gates, and instructed that they should be taken down, which the inhabitants refused to do. I went myself and took down the gates, which on measurements were only 2' 10½" wide. This part of the island is very sandy, with a beach about 130 yards broad, from the sea to the morass (or cliff rocks) most of the inhabitants settled along the sea

coast, where they had coconut walks, many of them had fences around their home and land, but many were not fenced.

The main pastures and provision ground, principally are in the interior of the Island, where the soil is very rich (both black and red mould). One of the petitioners had erected a gate westward of his home, about 2 miles - and claimed all that slip of sandy land as his rights (the new road, that is talked about goes through part of this land). This Your Excellency is the cause of the controversy between us. Land in this small island is not held by anyone, only by possession which is in my opinion the principal cause of the trouble.

In the petition it was stated that the new road was cut without a Jury having been called, there has never been a Jury called to lay out any road in the Island since it was first settled. I do not think that anything would have been written on the subject if it had not taken the gates down, which I considered a public nuisance.

Since I have been in authority (which has been the wish of the inhabitants), I have impartially done my duty to the best of my ability. I had built for the town, a house for public worship, and on every occasion endeavoured to promote their future welfare.

Just six months later a large notice appeared at Bodden Town which read as follows:-

TO THE PUBLIC OF GRAND CAYMAN

In consequence of **Orders** which I have received from His Excellency General Nugent, that the gates may be erected across the high roads in this Island, under certain and proper restrictions, those persons that are inclined to erect gates across the public roads (until His Excellency's pleasure is further known on the subject) will observe, that the gates must be eight feet wide in the clear, five feet high, and if, with a cross piece on the top, the cross piece to be ten feet from the ground, and that a watchman must attend each gate. The travellers passing to and fro, may meet with no obstruction. Those that may erect gates, **will take notice**, that it will be entirely at their own expense.

(sign'd) Wm. Bodden, Snr.

In the middle of 1805 Mr. John Drayton brought a letter direct from Mr. Wm. Bodden, Snr., in which he recommended the bearer as a Magistrate. Earlier in the month a Spaniard had been caught attempting to run away with a schooner, he was being held in close confinement awaiting instruction.

It had been but knowing the laws of Jamaica, we would not hold a general Court Martial with the officers we had. As no person could appoint a Councillor. If the Island should be threatened by an invasion, would it be justifiable for the Militia to use slaves to assist in the defence of the Colony? Earlier that month July 3rd. 1805, privateers attacked the fort at Georgetown, and it was expected that they would have landed at West Bay to march against us, but sighting a homeward bound fleet off the island, captured three of the Vessels.

The year was nearly at a close, my dear wife was already in England, and I was preparing to leave Jamaica early in the coming year 1806. It was early in the year 1806, that I received my last letter from Cayman signed by W. Bodden, John Drayton, and James Cox.

There was however one or two questions to be gone into before my leaving Jamaica, up to the present time in Cayman, a Magistrate performs a marriage, and in many cases, schoolmasters have performed the service. At this time there was no cleric in the Island, however, this would soon be corrected.

In the law of 1741 of Jamaica decreed that all descendants of Indians be declared free. At that time, there was an Indian mother and her two children as a slave in Cayman. She and her children were entitled to be granted their freedom, which was done.

This closes the Cayman letters from the Nugent file, as will be seen by the reader, a few of the replies by Nugent were not recorded.

NEXT ISSUE BRITISH HONDURAS

NY Philatelic Exhibition 'FIPEX'

The Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition which will be known as FIPEX, will be held in New York City from April 28 - May 6. The show will be held at the New Coliseum in Columbus Circle. The prospectus has just been issued, and this show is under the Chairmanship of Richard S. Bon, and the Hon. Chairmanship of Harry Lindquist. The show will have 2,000 specially constructed frames, which will be 36" x 48", and will hold 16 pages 8 1/4" x 10". The rental of the frames are \$10.00 each.

All interested parties wishing to make entries should contact the Secretary, or E. F. Aguilar, P.O. Box 406, Kingston, Jamaica, to obtain entry blanks.

Awards of Silver, Gilt and Bronze, will be made as well as a special award for the best Exhibition in the show.

There will be 7 sections divided up into numerous groups which are as follows:-

- Section 1 - 18 groups USA.
- 2 - 11 groups British Empire
- 3 - 9 groups Europe (not including British Empire).
- 4 - 3 groups Latin America
- 5 - 3 groups other countries.
- 6 - 7 groups Air Mail.
- 7 - General collections.

The International Jury will be headed by T. E. Steinway, as Chairman, and Harry Lindquist, Vice Chairman. There will be booth space for rental.

Parties interested in this show, should make hotel reservations as early as possible.

Any further information required, one can write to the Regional Representative or the Secretary of the show, FIPEX, or E. F. Aguilar.

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The British Caribbean Philatelic Society ended its year with 70 members and a very much stronger position. Due to lack of space the annual report read at the meeting was reduced, bringing out the main points.

Report Of Amalgamation.

During the course of the year, Mr., Bernard Lewis and your Secretary were nominated and met: Mr. G. C. Gunter and Dr. Cruchley of the Jamaica Philatelic Society, and discussed the question of amalgamating the two Societies. The points on amalgamation were as follows:

- a) If the Societies were to come together they would be known as the Jamaica and British Caribbean Philatelic Society.
- b) Entrance fee would be 10/6d.
- c) Yearly sub. to ordinary members would be 10/-. This would not entitle members to receive the B.W.I. Philatelist. Sub. to the Philatelist 10/6d.
- d) The Society would take over life membership of the J.P.S. No member would be entitled to the magazine.
- e) Special rates for Junior and School boy members would be gone into.
- f) No entrance fee would be paid by Junior members or service members.

- g) The Society would consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and a managing committee of 6.
- h) It was suggested to have a patron who would be the Governor residing in the Island at the time.
- i) Meeting to finalize the arrangements was called at the Woman's Club on October 7th, 1954, by the Jamaica Philatelic Society.

The Jamaica Philatelic meeting which was called in October, unfortunately did not have a quorum, even though one of its members travelled all the way from Sav-la-mar to attend, the second meeting called was unable. to have a quorum.

Tercentenary Exhibition.

The Society held its first display at the Institute of Jamaica from May 9th to the 14th, and it is pleasant to report that this first effort went off very successfully. The display was opened by H.E. Sir Hugh Foot, and the attendance was very good. It is hoped that next year another display will be arranged, featuring the stamps of George VI and a small collection of school boy material. H.E. has already consented to be patron of this show. This display did not set the Society's finances back, as the Tercentenary covered all expenses for the Society.

Membership.

The Society membership is now up to 70 although many overseas members as well as few locals have not paid this year's subs. and have been asked to do this as early as possible. During the course of the year the Society regretted losing Mr. Donald Hart who resigned and has given up Stamp Collecting completely.

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