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## Editorial Forthcoming Publications.

At the present time, there are three publications being prepared.

### (1) The Philatelic Handbook of Cayman Islands

... will be going into the press by the end of this year. The B.W.I. Philatelist has run a number of chapters on this publication, and the list of which will be concluded in the December edition.

### (2) The Handbook of T.R.D. marks for the Bahamas, British Honduras and Jamaica

... since 1939, is now going into production, and should be completed by the end of this year or early in the coming year. All items except for the Bahamas group have been priced, and illustrations have been very carefully done throughout each type.

### (3) The Handbook of Jamaica postmarks

... will not be started until late next year. There is more and more a demand for a reference Handbook giving details of these marks from the pre-stamp covers up to the modern single ring.

Any of the readers interested in any 62 the above publications are asked to make an early booking. There will be 50 Deluxe copies of each publication.

Readers having old strikes, in pre stamp covers, are asked to let the editor have the dates, as this particular series is being run very carefully.

## News Here And There.

### Barbados – Air France Route to Martinique

New Air Service started on March 31 when "AIR FRANCE" opened their new route, going to Martinique with connections. No Cackets on the Barbados covers.

### Jamaica – 1956 QEII Issue

New Queen Elizabeth 2d, 2½d, and 3/- went on sale August 2nd, plate setting 1A-1A & 1B & 18 for the three values while the 5/-, 10/- and £ 1 will come on sale August 15th.

### Jamaica – 1956 Air Letter Forms

Air letter sheets of the Queen went on sale 6th of August design being of the Doctor Bird. (Old air letter forms are still on sale).

### Jamaica -- New Postal Agencies.

COCKBURN PEN

ST. ANDREW JUNE 1956

FOUR PATH

T.R.D. seen Type 37E in heavy black ink.

ALVA

ST. ANN. JULY 20, 1956

Northwest Kingston T.R.D. is still in use.

### Jamaica – Air Parcel Rates Backstamp

Backstamping of overseas and local mail in purple or black ink, in yet another slogan:

AIR PARCEL RATES	
per ½ il.	
CANADA per ½ lb.	3/6
GREAT BRITAIN	per ½ lb. 8/-
U.S.A. per ½ lb.	3/-

so far only in purple, size 74 x 49 mm. similar to the two marks last month.

### Virgin Islands – QEII Issue

The new Queen Elizabeth Set is now being printed by Thomas De La Rue & Co. Ltd., and are 34½ x 27 mm. the designs are as follows:-

- ½¢ Island of Tortola. Black and purple.
- 1½¢ Virgin Islands Sloop. Blue-green and blue.
- 2¢ Nelthrop. Red Poll Bull. Red-brown and black.
- 3¢ Road Harbour. Blue and olive green.
- 4¢ Mountain Travel. Brown and green.
- 5¢ Arms. Grey (single colour).
- 8¢ Beach Scene. Orange and blue. 1
- 2¢ Boat Launching. Blue and orange.
- 24¢ White Cedar Tree. Green and red.
- 60¢ Bonito. Blue and yellow-brown.
- \$1. 20. Treasury Square. Green and red.
- \$2. 40. Brown Pelican. Yellow and brown.
- \$4. 80. Man-O'-War Bird. Dark brown and light blue.

### British Guiana – 1956 Coils

Coils of the 1¢ and 2c. Queen Elizabeth arrived in the Colony but they were not put on sale due to the fact that the stamp did not fit the machine.

This issue is not expected until November.

### Jamaica – 1956 New Single Ring PostMarks

New Single Ring Postmarks of 23 mm. put into use Monday, August 13th.

They are as follows:

ALVA T.R.D. only. three weeks.	INNSWOOD	NEGRIL.
ASHTON.	IPSWICH.	PEMBROKE HALL.
BUFF BAY.	JACKSON TOWN.	PENNANTS.
CAULDWELL.	JOYLAND.	RICHMOND PARK.
CLARKS TOWN.	KILMARNOCK.	ROBINS HALL.
CONSTANT SPRING.	KINGSTON (N.W.)	SCOTTS HALL.
FARM.	LACOVIA	SHIRLEY CASTLE.
FULLERSFIELD.	LINCOLN	ST. JOHNS ROAD.
GALINA.	LUCKY VALLEY.	ST. ANN'S BAY.
GEORGES PLAIN.	MARVERLY	TYDIXON.
GIDDY HALL.	MONA.	UNION HILL.
GINGER HILL.	MORANT BAY.	VINEYARD TOWN (2)
GLENISLAY	NIAGARA	WAREIKA.

### BWI – KGV Coils Barbados, British Guiana, Grenada

The B.W.I. coils issued for George VI are a small but very difficult group of stamps to be obtained, and the following is a check list that has been corrected. Any other items that are known to collectors and not listed would be only too pleased to receive this listing.

#### Barbados

- July 19, 1937-20 coils of ½d green SG 248 of 1,000 stamps.
- October 22, 1938-20 coils of the ½d green of 1,000 stamps.
- July 13, 1941-30 coils of the ½d green 1,000 stamps each.
- 40 coils of the 1d red July 19, 1937. SG. 249a but with a perf. 13.8 x 14.1.
- October 22, 1938 40 coils 1d red 249 and 249a mixed 1,000 stamps of each coils.
- July 13, 1941, 40 rolls 1d red. SG 249a 1942/49 67 coils of the ½d bistre. SG 248 b of 1,000 stamps each.

One interesting point in the above listing is the fact that coils can be found and are known in SG249. These are rare, and possibly only a small amount actually exists.

The following list are the coils known:-

#### British Guiana

- 1¢ perf. 12½,
- 2¢ perf. 12½.

#### Grenada

- ½d perf. 12½ yellow green.
- ½d perf. 12½ blue green.
- ½d perf. 12½ x 13½ green.
- 1d perf 12½ x 13½. Although there is at present no listing of the 1d Perf. 12½ it is more than likely that this coil was issued.

## Mail Auction

### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MAIL AUCTION.

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4. Postage and Insurance will be extra.
5. Material purchased by mail auction is not on approval. Lots, however, not correctly described may be returned promptly.
6. Every item is guaranteed genuine, unless otherwise stated. Claim for any lot proving otherwise must be made within 3 weeks.
7. Listing of Catalogue value has been done from Stanley Gibbons and Commonwealth Catalogues.
8. Closing date is Dec. 30, 1956.

### B.W.I. Auction -

	Collection of the late Major Simms -- Jamaica	VALUE
Lot 1.	Antigua 1863 set of six stamps used condition fair Cat. £ 10	£ 3
Lot 2.	Antigua 1872 Cr. CC. set of 3 and Perf. 14. 1d and 6d Cat. £4. 7. 6.	£1 10/-
Lot 3.	Antigua Jubilee and Coronation 1938 ½d to 1/- and Victoria M & U.	£1 1/-
Lot 4.	Bahamas Jubilee Coronation and Victory M&U 20 stamps Cat. 57/-	F-1 1/-
Lot 5	Bahamas Landfall set mint ½d to £14 stamps	£2 15/-
Lot 6	Bahamas Eleuthera set ½d to 3/- and £ Cat. £5.	£2 10/-
Lot 7.	Barbados 1892-99 set ¼d to 2/6. mainly used except high values 1882. Set to 4d and ½d overprint on 4d 22 stamps.	£2 15/-
Lot 8.	Barbados 1897 1/4d, ½d, 1d and 2½d 1906 ½d to 1/- 1906 Tercentenary. 1907 Kingston Relief in both settings and 1907 Nelson 2d and 2½d 18 stamps. Fine mainly unused except for 3d Cat. £9. 15/-	£-2 10/-
Lot 9.	Barbados 1916 1/4d, ½d (3), 1d 2½., 3d & 2/- all used 1925 set ½d to 3/- with a few perfs. used 1927 Tercentenary M&U Jubilee and Coronation and Victory M&U 45 stamps of which 9 are un used. Cat. £10. plus a good lot	£3
Lot 10.	Barbados George VI set with a few perf. changes ½d to 5/- used 1939 Tercentenary M & U ONE PENNY M & U 30 stamps of which 5 are unused	E.£ 1 10/-
Lot 11.	Bermuda Collection 1880, 1883-96 ½d to 3d farthing ovpt. 1902 set 1904 d 1906 set 1921 set 1/4d to 1/- 33 stamps 19 stamps unused mainly fine.	£3
Lot 12.	Bermuda Jubilee 1936 set Coronation M & U Victory M & U Half penny ovpt. 1938 1d to 1/- with colour changes Perot set M & U 42 stamps of which 23 stamps are unused. Cat £4. 10/-	£ 1 10/-
Lot 13.	British Guiana Jubilee and Coronation M & U 1938 1¢ to \$1 no perf. "used" Victory M & U 28 stamps of which 9 stamps are unused. Cat. 50/-	£ 1
Lot 14.	British Honduras 1922 set 1c to 50¢ used Jubilee M Coronation M & U 1932 Relief M. 1938 1c to 25c M & U 50 stamps 20 unused. Cat. £5.	£1 10/-

Lot 15.	Cayman Q.V. The 1912 issue ¼d, ½d, 1d, 2d, 3d (3), 4d, 6d, 1/-, 3/-. All unused and 5/- used. 15 stamps all unused except for 1. Cat. £6. 10/-.	£ 2
Lot 16.	Cayman 1921-26 ½d to 1/- Jubilee M & U Coronation M & U Victory M & U 1935 set 1/4d to 5/- mint and 1932 1/4d to 3d unused. 46 stamps of which 9 stamps are unused. Cat. £8.	£ 3
Lot 17.	Dominica Jubilee Coronation M & U Peace M 1938 set ½d to 5/- used (without 3½d, 7d and 2/-) 23 stamps. Cat. 45/-	18/-
Lot 18.	Falkland Islands 1933 Centenary ½d to 1/- unused fine 8 stamps Ct. £5. plus	£1 10/-
Lot 19.	Falkland Islands Centenary 2/6d mint a well centered copy. Cat. 25/-	£ 1 10/-
Lot 20.	Falkland Islands Centenary 5/-unused has two slight rust spots. Cat. £6.	£ 1 15/-
Lot 21.	Falkland Islands 1938-49 George VI set ½d to £1 with some colour changes 16 stamps. Mint Cat. £6. plus	£2 10/-
Lot 22.	Grenada 1936 set ½d to 5/- mint Jubilee Coronation M & U Peace M & U 24 stamps of which 5 are used. Cat. £4. plus	£ 1 10/-
Lot 23.	Leeward Islands Jubilee, Coronation & Peace Mint 11 stamps 2 are used.	7/-
Lot 24.	Montserrat 1932 set ½d to 1/- & Jubilee unused Coronation M & U and Peace 21 stamps only 4 stamps are used Cat. £7.	£2 10/-
Lot 25.	St. Kitts Jubilee, Coronation M & U Peace M & U 14 stamps Cat. 25/-	7/6
Lot 26.	St. Lucia Jubilee mint 1936 set ½d to 10/- and Coronation M & U Peace M 26 stamps 5 are used Cat. £5. plus	£2
Lot 27.	St. Vincent Jubilee Coronation M & U and Victory set 13 stamps Cat. 24/-	7/-
Lot 28.	Jamaica Pineapple issued with shades-condition fair to good. 1d (3), 2d (2), 3d, 4d, 6d (3), 1/- (3) not a bad lot. Cat £ 14. 13 stamps	£ 6
Lot 29.	Jamaica CC's ½d to 5/- with many shades all used with a few rust spots 35 stamps Cat. £9. plus	£3 10/-
Lot 30	Jamaica OFFICIAL and Fiscal issue from 1860 mainly unused 18 stamps Cat. £7. 10/-	£3
Lot 31.	Jamaica Used set of CA used to 2/- many values show slight rust spots 5/- poor unused. All Key Plate sets and two pence half penny Ovpt. Cat. £4. plus 22 stamps	£1 1/
Lot 32	Jamaica Mint block of six with two errors PENNY and PENNY for PENNY Cat. £ 10.	£4
Lot 33.	Jamaica Llandoverly Falls M & U both colours Arms CA set unused single SER. ET error. The 1905/11 set to 5/- Lot of 26 stamps (6 used). Cat. £10.	£2 10/-
Lot 34.	Jamaica Queen Victoria MCA 1905/11 unused 3d (3), 4d (3), 6d (4), 1/- (3), 2/- (2), used 3d (3), 4d (2), 6d (3), 1/- (2), 2/- (2) a Fine lot used Cat. over £27. for 27 stamps.	£ 8
Lot 35.	Jamaica George V head unused 1d to 5/ with shades also 6d 1921 issue used and used George head to 1/- with many shades Cat. £ 12.	£ 3 10/-
Lot 36.	Jamaica A few WAR errors and varieties 3 blocks with no STOPS Pair with WAR TAMP and single inverted ovpt. 31 stamps all un used a good lot	£3 10/-
Lot 37.	Jamaica Mint set 1919/21 ½d to 10/- a very good lot 13 stamps Cat. £ 11. plus	£4

Lot 38.	Jamaica Mint set Script Wnk. 192½9 a few shades 20 stamps Cat. £9 plus	£ 3 10/-
Lot 39.	Jamaica A very unusual items-the full story of the 5/- stamps "Land of Wood and Water" 1919/21 given to Major Simms as a souvenir from the Governor L. Probyn. The printing on the sheet is discoloured and includes one stamp.	E.£4
Lot 40.	Jamaica Mint blocks and single set of Child Welfare set with single of 1927/29 Head of George V and Pictorial 1932 set all unused 23 stamps Cat. £10.	£4 4/-
Lot 41.	Jamaica Used block and singles of Child Welfare set and 1927/29 George V head and 1932 Pictorial set a fine used lot 23 stamps £9 10/-	£4
Lot 42.	Jamaica Block 2½d mint and pair 1/- with broken chimney single used shade of Broken chimney 7 stamps.	E.£2 10/-
Lot 43.	Jamaica Pair broken Chimney Mint 2 stamps	E.£1 1/-
Lot 44.	Jamaica Pair broken chimney mint 2 stamps	E.£1 1/-
Lot 45.	Jamaica Pair broken chimney mint 2 stamps	. E.£1 1/-
	Lots offer by Mr. Bush	
Lot 46.	Jamaica Used lot of Pine 1d to 1/- 'in singles also block. 1d blue. Pair light blue a useful lot, a few have numbers such as A OL A 38. Cat. over £15.	£6 10/-
Lot 47.	Jamaica 14 mint blocks of SG 13 (2) 16 (2) 22a, 40a, 42, 47, 48, 49, 50 (2) 54, 62 all fine. Cat. over £25. (Scotts nos.) 28 (2) 16 (2) 46, 52, 48, 49, 51 (3), 40, 43, 65.	£10 10/-
Lot 48.	Jamaica Collection of WAR stamps with many varieties of which there are 10 blocks, 14 pairs and 23 singles including SG 74d overprint inverted. A number of NO. STOPS. Cat. well over £.10. a good lot.	£3 10/-
Lot 49.	Jamaica WAR ERROR SG 68 C overprint inverted on ½d green Cat. £4.	£ 1 10/-
Lot 50.	Jamaica An odd item in the WAR stamp Only R in the word WAR shows followed by STAMP Reading ...R STAMP on 3d	E.10/-
Lot 51.	Jamaica WAR STAMP inverted on 3d SG 75. Mint Cat. £7	60/-
Lot 52.	Jamaica Block of four used War Stamp with inverted overprint in ½d green SG 68c Cat. £ 12.	£4 10/-
Lot 53.	Jamaica Strip of five TWO PENCE HALF PENNY on 4 with error PENNY unused. Cat. £5. 10/-	£2 2/-
Lot 54.	Jamaica Single copy used of the Two Pence Half Penny with 1½ mm. spacing with error PENNY.	60/-
Lot 55.	Jamaica Pair MCA 2/- purple/blue 3 singles 2½ mm. 4 single 2/- CC venetian red also 2/- CA same shade and PR CC 1/- brown a useful lot Cat. over £5	£2 10/-

## The Cayman Islands Chapter 5.

### The One Halfpenny Provisional

The 1d carmine Watermark Multiple Crown CA. Perforation 14 surcharged 'ONE / halfpenny' in Jamaica by the Government of Jamaica.

½d on 1d carmine about Sept. 9th, 1907.



**Varieties** The word "PENNY" dropped slightly, can be found on the last stamp of the second row, but this variety is not always constant. PRINTING 4,800 stamps overprinted.

**Plate Number** These can be found with "1" on all sheets.

**How It Came About** For quite a while a few of London Stamp Firms had been purchasing the halfpenny value quite heavily, and all of a sudden the P.O. Officials found that they had only two months supply on hand. Accordingly on June 1907, the Commissioner on the Cayman Islands took forty sheets (4,800 stamps) and forwarded these to the Colonial Secretary in Jamaica, with a request that they might receive the necessary surcharge. The Colonial Secretary in Jamaica must have been quite averse to the idea. He however, gave instructions for the overprinting to be done, which was a small size of overprint, and no errors were recorded. The Colonial Secretary then mailed off the reply to the Commissioner in Cayman with a copy of Lord Ripons circular. This circular became well known, as all the leading philatelic magazines took up the matter very strongly.

The circular read as follows:-

Downing Street, 18th August, 1893.

Sir,

My attention has been called to the practice of issuing surcharged postage stamps, and to the temptations which it affords to postmasters and treasurers and other public officers, of making irregular profits by dealing with stamp dealers and collectors. If proper care is taken to maintain a sufficient supply of stamps, the practice of surcharging is unnecessary and it should never be resorted to unless absolutely required for the convenience of the public, and in every such case, the officer responsible for keeping up the supply of stamps should be liable to be fined.

I have etc.,

RIPON.

The Colonial Secretary in his reply of July 26th, 1907, said "As the surcharges in this case may be regarded as necessary for the convenience of the public, the Superintendent of the Government Printing Office, has been instructed to surcharge the stamps as requested: and I am to request that you will not sell any of these surcharged stamps except across the counter".... "IN conclusion, I am to add that the Governor is not prepared without substantial reason to authorise a new issue of stamps and to request you to report on this question as soon as possible. I am to say that if a fresh supply of halfpenny or other stamps is required, a requisition should be sent forward in due time to enable them to be obtained from the Crown Agents before the stock in hand is exhausted."

The surcharging having been carried out, were forwarded to the Cayman, no orders from dealers were filled when the stamps went on sale.

#### The Provisional "½d" and "1d" on 5/-



The Commissioner wrote to the Colonial Secretary of Jamaica on July 29th, 1907, that their stock of the ½d and 1d stamps were running low, and would be exhausted by the end of the year. The fact of withdrawing 4,800 penny stamps from stock would naturally, have a very disastrous effect on a stock which could not have been more than 12,000. The Commissioner again renewed his request for a new issue, which should be inscribed "POSTAGE AND REVENUE" and requested two new values namely the 3d and 10/-. For some reason not explained, Jamaica did not pass on these orders to the Crown Agents until September 13th, 1907, and with further delay with the Crown Agents correspondence the result was that towards the end of November both the ½d and 1d values suddenly ran out of stock. The Commissioner remembering the fuss Jamaica made over the first Provisional, did not advise Jamaica but gave instructions that the 5/- bicoloured be handstamped ½d and 1d of which equal amounts were done. The surcharging was done by the Postmistress herself by means of a handstamp composed of metal type set into a wooden handle with sealing wax. The Commissioner gave explicit instructions that these stamps were only to be sold over the counter, and not supplied to dealers. These Provisionals were on sale on November 23rd, an additional 360 stamps of the 1d overprint were done and it was not until December 27th, that the long awaited stamps arrived from London.

Hand stamping is always liable to produce varieties, these surcharges generally fell over the original value, but it is to be found in other places and various positions.

- ½ d on 5/- salmon and green, Nov. 23rd, 1907.
- 1d on 5/- salmon and green, Nov. 23rd, 1907.
- ½ d on 5/- surcharge double

#### Varieties

- ½ d on 5/- surcharged inverted.
- ½ d on 5/- surcharge double, one inverted.
- ½d on 5/- surcharge omitted from one in pair or strip.
- 1d on 5/- surcharge double.

#### Printing

- 1d on 5/- surcharge double.
- Of the ½d value 1800 were stamped off.
- The 1d value 2,160 were done.

**THE PROVISIONAL 2½D. On 4d**

The Commissioner felt it was the end of Provisionals with the arrival of the ½d and 1d values, but now this belief was shattered.

Sir Frederick Johnsons steam yacht "ZENAIDA" dropped anchor at Georgetown on February 12th, 1908, as Sir Frederick was on a cruise, he offered to convey any mail the Post Office might have to Cienfuegos, Cuba. Seeing that the ordinary outgoing mail was not due until the end of the month, the offer was accepted, but one difficulty presented itself, the stock of the two pence half penny (the foreign letter rate) there were nil. Stocks were expected in the vessel at the end of the month. It could be said that the low values be used, but here again these were in demand, and was deemed inadvisable, the result being that four sheets of the 4d value (480 stamps) were taken from stock, and handed to the Inspector of Police (Mr. J. H. Sullivan) to be surcharged with the 2½d the girues and letters being smaller than the earlier provisionals.

These stamps were prepared and issued a day or so later, after the arrival of the yacht Zenaida and the supply lasted two days only, although not more than 6 copies were sold to any one person, very nearly all were purchased by local speculation. Actually 240 copies were used in the mail, conveyed by the ZENAIDA.

- 2½d on 4d brown and blue.

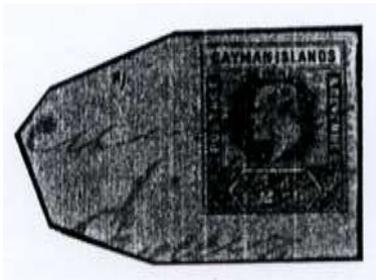
**Printing**

480

**Varieties**

- a) double surcharged
- b) inverted surcharged.
- c) Surcharge double, one inverted.

NOTE Collectors must be on the lookout as forgeries are known.

**The Fiscal 1d. On 4d.**

As the Provisionals have all been given Catalogue rank it will be of interest to the collector to discuss the merits of the fiscal 1d on 4d.

In this instance the difficulty arose through an American resident who requested a sheet of the penny for receipt purposes. On being told there were no stamps, he made formal complaint to the Commissioner. The Commissioner directed that a small amount of fiscal Provisionals be issued-his explicit instructions were that these were only to be sold and used as Fiscals and not legal for postage.

The hand stamp with the 1d set, and from information the first batch were surcharged on May 12, 1908, and the remainder on the 14th, in all 396 stamps were done in black, surcharged from the Post Masters pad.

The American responsible for these Provisionals obtained one sheet (120 stamps) and a very careful check was kept at the Post Office, and only odd copies were sold for Fiscal purposes. There were many attempts to try and use this Fiscal stamp legally with other stamps and in most cases when found, the word "FISCAL ONLY" was written across the stamp in red ink.

Copies are known with the surcharge inverted, while a copy with a defective surcharge has been touched up with red ink. All these are rare. 1d on 4 Black/red on yellow.

### 1908 Provisional

With stocks of the ½d and 1d stamps once again exhausted around May 12th, 1908 strict instructions were issued that the surcharged 1d which appeared for Fiscal purposes should not on any account be used for postage. Mail requiring a low denomination were handed into the Post Office, and then paid for, the Post Mistress Miss G. A. Parsons, initialled each envelope and handstamped same. These covers are all scarce.

### Trouble

The beginning of the Cayman trouble was the unexpected shortage of the half penny value. Provisionals always have a bigger attraction to the collector, as well as the dealer, and only naturally there are a number of speculators.

With the first provisional, the Post Office supplied very large part of these stamps to dealers in England, then followed the "1D" on "5/=" "½" on "5/-" lastly "2½" on "4d" All executed with a hand stamp except the first.

From England came the outcry of Condemnation with the result that the Secretary of State for the Colonies considered it is his duty to institute an Enquiry which was done.

In the meanwhile, early in Dec. 1907 a letter was sent to a well known stamp dealer which read as follows:-

Sir:

I am in a position to dispose of the whole of the remainder of the issues of stamps withdrawn from circulation in March 1907, viz: ½d, 1d, 2½d, 6d and 1/-, and also the whole of the remainder of the original

1d stamps (Queens head) issued by the Government. The face value of the two parcels is £670 or thereabouts to be disposed of in one lot. In addition there are also a few sheets of surcharged stamps.

1 sheet 1d surcharged one halfpenny

2 sheets 5/- surcharged ½d (19 sheets originally) 2 sheets 5/- surcharged 1d (15 sheets originally)

None of the surcharged stamps have been issued to stamp dealers. If you care to handle these stamps, I shall be glad to have your offer.

GRAND CAYMAN, B.W.I. Dec. 9th, 1907.

I remain,

Yours sincerely, W. M. COCHRAN.

Early in January 1908 enquiry was received from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. (the firm referred to) having written for particulars of the stock in the Commissioner's hands. The reply was as follows:

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE GRAND CAYMAN. Jan. 29, 1908.

Sir,

The postage stamps referred to in your letter of Dec. 10th, 1907 are now in the hands of the Governor of Jamaica, to whom you must cable any offer you wish to make.

The stamps for sale are:-

1. 81 sheets at ½d	£ 20	5	0
2. 295½ sheets at 1d	147	15	0
3. 885/e sheets at 2½d	111	0	10
4. 40 41/60 sheets at 6d	122	1	0
5. 45 23/30 sheets at 1/-.	274	12	0

6. odd stamps	0	14	3½
	£676	8	1½

I have the honour to be,  
Sirs,

Your obedient servant,  
GEORGE S. S. HIRST. Commissioner.

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These stamps listed were all sold through the Crown Agents yet all through this period when the P.O. were short of supplies, high officials had a reserve stock put aside for disposal at a later date. One arrives at the following—

- ½d stamps 9,720
- 1d stamps 35,460
- 2½d stamps 10,660.

If one was to deduct the figures, the quantities of the various provisionals (which Mr. Cochrane) mentions, one arrives at a surplus.

- 3,120 stamps ½d
- 33,300 stamps 1d
- 10,180 stamps 2½d.

Therefore it can be seen that had the higher officials not withheld their stamps, there might not have been so many Provisionals. As the Colonial Office had directed, an enquiry, an extract from this report read as follows:-

"With regards the stamps of the Cayman Islands, the Governor of Jamaica reports that early this year, the Commissioner of the Cayman Islands made proposals for an internal post in the Island at a reduced rate (viz. a halfpenny for letter postage) and that the farthing stamp was printed for the newspaper and post card postage.

The Commissioner has so far referred to all these stamps to dealers, through the past, on the grounds that they are primarily intended for local use and that owing to the cost of production outside sale is not profitable."

From the above one gathers its change of policy. The Post Master who succeeded Miss Pearson received explicit instructions to refrain from Provisionals which will probably be a long time before this Colony is seen with another Provisional.



**1932 Provisional**

During 1932 the obliterator for Cayman Brac was lost, with the result that letters mailed had the amount of postage paid and were franked by the initials of the Postmaster-" A. S. RUTTY". Letters or cards

for Grand Cayman were cancelled at Georgetown, while those for abroad were sent on to Jamaica, where they were stamped, "POSTAGE PAID" and the amount of the Postage due for them was recorded, and charged up to the Cayman Islands. It is estimated that some 300 letters were so franked before the recovery of the obliterator.

Name Of Post Office	Earliest Date Known	Latest Date Known
A.S.R. in Manuscript used at Cayman Brac	Postmarked Georgetown Nov. 27, 1932.	

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1¢ green perf. 14. 2¢ magenta perf. 14½ x 14.

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### Bahamas Temporary Rubber Date Stamps

For a long time, the Editor has been completing a check list of these marks and now being prepared is a hand book of T.R.Ds. for Bahamas, British Honduras and Jamaica from 1939 onwards. For the first time all items except (for Bahamas) will be priced. These prices have been worked out from the issued time of these T.R.Ds. With regard to Bahamas there are still several items believed unrecorded and any collection having any of these marks, the Editor will be only too glad to hear from them. The main data required are period of the time of issue -colour of ink. No illustration has been used, so as to confine this in as little space. The hand book will be fully illustrated, - and will be going on the press shortly.

#### T.R.D.s Of Bahamas

In Manuscript Cancellation usually across the stamp, but can I found below or above the stamp.

In different coloured ink:-

THE GATE	Origin unknown
ACKLIN ISLAND C.C. V.B.S.	Possibly Cat Cay
MOSS TOWN EX.	in use 13 Aug. 1951
Lower Deadman's Cay	in use 18 Dec. 1953 and again 14/1/5

#### Type Bi

B1 A triple ring of 37 mm. The name of the Post Office or Postal Agency is at the top of the circle, with or without the word "BAHAMAS Found in different coloured ink-Hand dated in the middle.

Name	Town	Earliest Date Known	Latest Date	Ink
Millville		1930		
Pine Ridge-	Grand Bahamas	1946		Violet
Little Bay-	Eleu. Bah	1946	1947	
Lower Bogue	Harb. Isl.	1928		
True Blue	Crooked Isl.	May '50	1952	Black also Violet
Man-of-War Cay	Abaco	29 June '51		Black
Benetts Harbour	Cat Island	Feb. 21 '50	Sept. 20 1955	Blue
Orange Creek	Cat Isl.	June 30, '51		Purple or Violet
Fairfield	Crooked Isl.	June '51 – 27 Nov. '53		Purple
Barraterre	Exuma	12 Dec. '53		Blue.

#### Type B2

B2 One of the rarest types, these are only known for two Post Office; and are illustrated.

Name	Town	Illustrating
Cat Cay	Bimini	Illustrating Cat on Key
Tarpon Bay	Eleuthera	Illustrating Tarpon

#### Type B3

B3 Large double ring circle of 48 mm. with the name of the P.O. around the top and the word BAHAMAS at the bottom. Dating in one lin in small type.

ALICE TOWN	Eleu.	Jan. 7, 1940	in purple
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**Type B4**

B4 Double ring of 36 mm. with the name of the Post Office around the top of the ring the word BAHAMAS around the bottom of the ring with a single line date in the middle.

Name of P.O.		T.R.D. dated		
Fresh Creek	Andros	May 1952		in purple
Lower Deadman's	Cay Long Island	July 1951	-1953	in purple Violet and Red
Cedar Harbour	Abaco	Oct. 1955		in red
Sweeting Cay	Grand Bahamas	July 5, 1951		in purple.
High Rock	Grand Bahamas	Jan. 1954		in purple
Pleasant Bay	Andros Island	18 Aug. 1954	6 June '56	in black and blue
Walker's Cay	Abaco	Jan. 1955		in Red

**Type B5**

B5 Single ring circle between 32 to 35 mm. the name of the Post Office around the top of the circle and the word BAHAMAS bottom of the circle, Date in one line in the middle.

Name of P.O.				
Knowles Cat Island		used 1924-29		Black
South Palmetto Point	Eleuthera	1941		Red
Sandy Point -	Abaco	1940		Blue
Devils Point	Cat Island	1946		Blue/Black
Landrail Point	Crooked Island	July 1941 -	July 1953,	Blue Black
Deep Creek	Eleu.	1947 date	known inverted	Violet
Gambier NP.		1947	(Closed)	

**Type B6**

B6 Double ring circle of 38 mm. with the name of the P.O. around the top of the circle and the word "BAHAMAS" at the bottom. Dating in one line in the middle. The words are of small block type of 1 ½ to 2 mm. high.

Name of P.O.			
Sweetings Cay	Grand Bahamas	Dec. 20, 1947	in blue
Upper Bogue	Harbour Island	Sept. 24, 1955	in blue

**Type B7**

B7 A double of 48 mm. with the name of the Post Office around the top, the word "Bahamas" at the bottom and the date in the middle.

This mark is known for the P.O. Sea Floor in black, blue and purple ink.

**Type B8**

B8 Double oval 46 to 50 mm. The name of the Post Office is usually at the top, but can be found at the bottom the name of the Island and/or Bahamas below/or above. Dating as usual in the middle.

Name of P.O.			
Williams Town	Exuma	1947	
Lower Bogue	Harbour Island	1947	
Chester	Acklins	1947	
Industrious Hill	Cat Island	1947	
Simms	Long Island	1947	black
Abraham Bay		February 1956	in black
West End	Grand Bahamas	March 4, 1955	-August 1933 in black
Commissioners Office	Mayaguana	May 7th 1955	in black

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