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Auction Sales In London

LONDON Messrs. H. R. Harmer 31st Annual Resume to hand, The 1955/56 season showed the sales from London £327,522, New York £267,315-some of the select B.W.I. Islands sold were as follows:-

- Grenada George VI 2½d Perf. 12½ x 13½ SG 157a Mint £160.
- St. Vincent 1868 Perf. 11-12½, 1/- brown an unused strip of three Cat. £84. sold for £110
- 1/- mint Indigo Cat. £,22. Realized £ 52 10/-

LONDON Messrs. Robson Lowe Ltd. Review for 1955/56 showed that the London and Bournemouth auctions of 104 sales 20,063 lots were sold which realised £228,820 which was 100.06 of valuation. A few B.W.I. items sold were:-

- Barbados 1907 2½d black and indigo Mint £ 21
- Grenada 1875 1/- the error "SHILLING" used £26
- Jamaica 1921 6d unissued Slavery overprint "SPECIMEN" £ 21

Mr. C. W. Meredith, Cayman collector has a number of select items.

- Jamaica used at Georgetown 1889 cover £ 40
- Jamaica used at Georgetown second 1895 piece £ 29
- Jamaica used at Georgetown third type 1900 piece £ 17
- Cayman Islands 1907 ½d on 5/- two strips of three used on cover £ 85

POSTAL HISTORY Eleven Auction sales by Messrs. Robson Lowe Ltd. (luring 1955/56 realised £16,806 a few W.I. items were

- BAHAMAS collector of cancellations 424 items £ 90
- VIRGIN ISLANDS 1796 entire handstruck serrifed "TORTOLA" earliest recorded example £19

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Editorial Trinidad 1c On 2c

Just before the Christmas season the Port of Spain Post Office issued for one day (5 hours) a 1¢ Provisional overprinted on the 2c This was only on sale at this Post Office, and at none of the other main post offices, or agencies in the Island, even though a large amount of the offices had a certain amount of stocks of this 1c stamp, while others were just about completely exhausted.

The editor has written to the Postmaster in Trinidad; this letter has been passed on to the Ministry, inquiring why this method was adopted for issuing the 1c stamps. For they knew full well, even with delay of the Stratocruiser in New York, that the stamps would turn up within a day or so.

If the stamps were put on sale at the Port of Spain, certainly the other Post Offices in the Colony had every right to be supplied as well. It was also announced that no person could buy more than two sheets of this stamp, but from actual reports this does not seem to have held true, as reports state that quite a number of parties got very large amounts of this stamp.

It is interesting to note that the Trinidad Guardian illustrated a sheet by Mr. Goetz, which has the overprint misplaced.

One can only hope and trust that this type of Provisional will not happen frequently, more so now that the W.I. are fast approaching Federation, and the overseas collectors are very anxiously awaiting the news with regards their new set of stamps, and also the method of issuing these stamps. As soon as this is released from the Ministry in Jamaica, full publication will appear in this magazine, as the question has now been gone into, and already announcements have been made that special stamps will be issued next year. One will feature the Federation flag.

News Here And There

Jamaica -- "POLICE REQUEST - drive with - courtesy, care - and concentration" Slogan

Over the Christmas season the General Post Office put out another rubber mark, which was in four lines 52 x 25 mm. in purple ink, the top line being in heavy capitals while the other lines were in small block letters. "POLICE REQUEST - drive with - courtesy, care - and concentration". These are found back stamped on local as well as foreign mail.

Cayman – Demonetized Stamps

From very reliable reports a very large amount of demonetized stamps which were supposed to have been burnt years ago have recently been sold in the USA at little over face value. This will certainly make quite a big difference to certain issues.

Jamaica -- TRDs

New flood of Temporary Rubber Date Marks opened before the Christmas season. They are as follows, all in 37d in purple except where stated.

Albion	St. James	Dec. 3, 1956
Blackness	Westmoreland	Dec. 11, 1956
Brompton	Trelawny	Dec. 7, 1956
Dalton	St. Elizabeth	Dec. 4, 1956
Davyton	Manchester	Dec. 17, 1956
Flamstead Gardens	St. Andrew	Dec. 13, 1956 (in black)
Greenwich Town	St. Andrew	Dec. 7, 1956
New Forest	Manchester	Dec. 10, 1956
New Works	Westmoreland	Dec. 4, 1956
Penlyne Castle	St. Thomas	Dec. 17, 1956
Retrieve	Westmoreland	Dec. 3, 1956
Roses Valley	St. Elizabeth	Dec. 4, 1956

B.W.I. -- Federation

January 3rd, the Federal Capital recommendation was announced for Barbados as first choice, Jamaica second choice and Trinidad third choice. The final meeting took place, and the selection of the site was announced on February 11 as Trinidad.

Jamaica – 1956 Historical Handbook

The Jamaica Historical Handbook for the year 1956 is now on sale and should interest collectors who specialize in the stamps of the Island. Priced at \$1:50 post paid (10/6d)

BWISC Handbook on Antigua

The B.W.I. Study Circle announce that they will be doing a Handbook on Antigua. Any collector having any special items, postal stationery or unusual oddities, is asked to get in touch with Mr. P. T. Saunders, I Wessley Court, Maida Vale, London E.,9, ENGLAND.

Cayman – Air Letters Sheets

One can expect to see air letter sheets in two values sometime in the near future from these islands.

Jamaica – 1957 Booklets

The 16th of February new booklets were released.

Temporary Rubber Date Marks Of Jamaica

Albion	St. James	37d	3 Dec 1956	1/6
Berry Hill	St. Catherine	34	Aug 1951	5/-
Briggs Park	St. Andrew	31c	5 Mar 1952	3/6
Brompton ..	Trelawny	37d	7 Dec 1956	1/6
Blackness ..	Westmoreland	37d	11 Dec., 1956	1/6
Caldwell	Hanover	41	8 Sept 1949	5/-
Cole Gate	St. Ann	37d	April 1955	21/-
Cole Gate	St. Ann	37d in black	Aug 1955 i	7/-
Cockburn Pen	St. Andrew	37d	Jan 1956	2/6
Dalton	St. Elizabeth	37d	4 Dec 1956	1/6
Davyton	Manchester	37d	17 Dec 1956	1/6
Flamstead Gardens	St. James	37d in black	13 Dec 1955	1/6
Four Paths	Clarendon	37d in black	Sept 1956	3/6
Galina	St. Mary	37d also in black		3/6
Greenwich Town	St. Andrew	37d	7 Dec 1956	1/6
Joyland	St. Elizabeth	37d	May 1956	2/6
Lloyds	St. Thomas	37	10 Feb 1945	60/-
Mendes	Clarendon	37d	Feb 1957	2/-
New Forest	Manchester	37d	10 Dec 1956	1/6
New Works	Westmoreland	37d	3 Dec 1956	1/6
Penlyne Castle	St. Thomas	37d	17 Dec 1956	1/6
Porter's Mountain	Westmoreland	37d also in black		4/-
Retrieve	Westmoreland	37d	3 Dec 1956	1/6
Rock Hall		37d	Sept 1956	2/6
Roses Valley	St. Elizabeth	37d	4 Dec 1956	1/6
St. Paul's	Manchester	34	29 Nov 1940	10/6
Sanguinetti ..	Clarendon	37c also in black		7/-
Sawyers	Trelawny	37d in blue	Nov 1956	2/-
Scotts Hall	St. Mary	37d	Mar 1956	2/6
Simons	St. Catherine	37d	21 Feb 1957	2/-
Somerset	St. Thomas	41aa	3 Aug 1951	7/6
St. Paul	Manchester	35	29 Nov 1940	15/-
St. Peter's	St. Andrew	37d also in blue	1956	2/6
Thompson Town	Clarendon	37db in black	Aug 1956	4/
Tower Isle	St. Mary	43	21 Feb 1949	5/-
U.C.W.I.	St. Andrew	circle	April 1949	£ 4
Westphalia ..	St. Andrew	37d	1 May 1954	7/-
Whithorn ..	Westmoreland	43	1 Mar 1949	12/-

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Review

Philatelic International

This small exchange Club from Bombay, India, published its first Philatelic International January of this year, and contains a large number of collectors willing to exchange.

Stamp Collector

Small publication of Stamp Collector published in Pakistan just received. Those interested in the stamps of that Colony might find this publication of interest.

Bermuda -- Handstruck stamps and Cancellations by M. H. Ludington

The Handstruck stamps and Cancellations by M. H. Ludington, Published by Robson Lowe Ltd., 50, Pall Mall, London SW 1. This very fine Handbook came out the end of last year, and contains a complete record of the first Colonial Post Office, and had a complete check list of all the postmarks, as well as the famous Post Masters handstruck stamps. The Crown Circle, and triple type and duplex cancellations. A very interesting chapter which has been included has been the forged cancellations, which are to be found. Very heavily illustrated the Handbook contains 40 pages including the map of the Hamilton Post Office of 1860 together with the picture. This Handbook. sells for 15/- plus postage, and can be obtained from the editor or writing direct to the publishers.

Trans Atlantic Mail by Frank Staff

This very handsome Volume 10" x T/2" produced in good quality cartridge paper, and containing 27 illustrated plates of early packets and some ships, has just come to hand. The book is divided into two parts the first being the most interesting as it gives all data and facts on the early lists of ships carrying mail from 1702. Along with the rate of postage.

Anyone interested in Postal History will find this book a must. Published price 45/- (\$6:50 US). This can be obtained by writing to the editor or direct to:-

Adlard Coles Ltd., 7 Brunswick Place, Southampton, England.

U.S. Postal Slogan Cancelled Catalogue 1956 Edition

by Moe Luff

This Catalogue consists of 132 pages, with a complete Alphabetical listing of all U.S. Postal Slogan Cancellations since 1897. It has over 1,000 illustrations, gives a detail listing of the dates in use of the meter, machine number and type of cancellations, as well as the market price. This Catalogue is \$3.00 postage paid, and can be obtained from h1r. Moe Luff, 1557 Hoe Ave., New York 60, or writing direct to the editor.

Postage Stamps-Its History and Recognition (by L. N. & M. William-).

The Penguin series of well known books, and one of the latest publications has been the Postage Stamp, its History and Story of stamps, auctions, finds, and forgeries for most countries and Commemorative issues. This very fine book contains 272 pages, and any collector will find a lot of interesting data among these pages. Messrs. L. N. & M. Williams certainly must be congratulated on their very fine effort. Both are well known in this field, as they have produced numerous publications already.

Commonwealth Newsletter

There are quite a number of new printings to deal with this time, which had they produced much of interest, they would have appealed particularly to West Indian collectors; however, only Trinidad yielded something for catalogue consideration, and here is a full record.

On November 21st several values were reprinted for Bahamas (by reprinted, I merely mean another printing of current stamps) but I need only refer to the 1d. and 1/- values. It will be remembered that April of last year, two new shades appeared of these values. Regarding the 1d., the frame was darker than before, and the centre ran to olive. Now there has been a reversion to the original shade, so CW 25a is obsolete, until perhaps another printing appears, which may restore it. As for the 1/-, whilst the latest printing, has the centre of a brighter colour than the one it replaces; it is still blue, as distinct from the ultra-marine shade of the original, so CW No. 34a is still current.

Another West Indian release was for British Guiana November 28th of the 2c., 4c., 6c., 12c. and 24c. The colours resembled very closely the stamps they replaced. I suppose the 12c can be said to match the June printing, and not the original, but to be quite honest, though I examined repeatedly the two previous printings of this value, I could not see where the shade of catalogue status came in, so we'll leave that as it is. Also on the 28th we had a release for St. Kitts, Nevis, of the 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., 5c., 12c., 24c., and \$4:80, but there was no change here either, except perhaps for the 12c., where the frame had a fraction more red about it. Though only a very advanced specialist would want a copy.

Coming to December, we kicked off on the 5th with a printing of the ½c 1c 2c., 3c., 6c. and 12c. values for Antigua. Nothing there will disturb us. For Cayman Island on the same day, there was a reprint of the ¼d ½d and 1d values. The centre of the farthing stamp was of a slightly brighter ultra-marine, but what on earth do they use such a low face value stamp for? Here is something West Indian collectors can tell me. Is it for a local delivery of newspaper or what? Why, the stamps must cost as much to print as the Post Office gets for them. I noted no change about the ½d but the centre of the 1d. is quite distinct, and the panel which reports all printings in the Commonwealth Courier gives it a B, which means it is worth catalogue consideration. Now this centre is olive-green. The original was just olive.

Yet a third release on the same day was of four values for Nigeria (½d, 3d, 1/- and 5/-) but these were of the as-you-were category. There was quite a batch of releases by the Crown Agents December 12th and three of these had to do with the West Indies. The first was Barbados and the values the 1c., 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 12c and 24c with the 2c postage due for good measure. Nothing new except that the 12c is now slightly darker in the frame than before, more like the original than the printing superseded.

For Grenada there was a printing of the ½c, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 7c, 12c, 25c and 50c. Of these the 50c differed somewhat, with the frame deeper, but hardly a shade for the catalogue.

The third West Indian release was for Trinidad and Tobago involving the whole twelve values of the current set. In the 12c we have a shade which will have to be considered for the Commonwealth Catalogue, for the frame is much deeper than before. As for the 24c this, whilst more or less of the same class as the printing superseded, yet it differs, inasmuch as the olive has more grey about it than before.

The final release of the 12th was for Negri Sembilan. There has been numerous printings for these Malayan States, and owing to there having been so many fine shades, the stamps have become very popular.

The values released this time were all except the 8c and 12c and whilst similar shades of all have been released at one time or another, this time the current shades of the 10c (CW 12a), 30c (25a), and \$1 (18a) have been replaced but printings similar in shade to original printings. Incidentally I can recommend these Malayan States to those interested in stamps with outstanding shades.

I suppose that it is only natural that most readers of the British West Indian Philatelist will be more interested in releases of stamps of their own countries, but whilst the Crown Agents have omitted quite a number of printings, since my last notes appeared, none of these come within the desired category.

From December 19th to January 16th we had nine new printings, but all, apart from where there were trivial shade variations, were as before. I suppose that some were wondering if we would get a real shade of the Fiji 2/6d for few to whom I have talked agree that the present shade is worthy of

catalogue recognition; however, the release of December 19th left this value, as well as the ½d and 2d values which accompanied it, as they were.

There was a release for Kedah, also on the 19th, and this did give us one alteration. There was a printing of the 20¢ in February 1956. The colour was a much deeper blue than before, and I thought it well worth listing in the Commonwealth Catalogue, which I edit. This printing has now been replaced by one where the blue is lighter and brighter, so we can take it that CW 30a is now the obsolete shade.

Coming to the January printings, there was a long one for Cyprus on the 9th. Slight shade variations there might be, but only the frame of the 500m differed sufficiently, in being of a brighter mauve, to merit a word of mention, but there can be no question of an item worth listing. There were releases also for Malta and Zanzibar on the 9th and Bechuanaland, Hong Kong and Pitcairn Island on the 6th, but this bag produced nothing either. Regarding the latter, this was another printing of the 1½d value, and of course it belongs to the King George VI group, for whilst the new Queen Elizabeth II set has been announced as being printed, Pitcairn Islands are still using stamps of the previous reign.

This is rather an interesting point in view of the fact that the Queen has been on the throne for five years, and there are still British Colonies which have not got new sets yet, whilst others have just completed theirs, yet I read in a British stamp trade paper the fatuous comment that British Colonies are as much to blame as most countries in releasing too many stamps. I will agree that some countries do issue too many stamps but I would like someone to point out which of the British Colonies similarly transgresses. And anyhow, although there is a flood all the time, some of the stamps issued by one or two of the European countries are so utterly beautiful that I'll forgive them almost anything.

It has not been our British Commonwealth stamps which have interested us most during the past few weeks, but the sheet of Great Britain 2d stamps, which appeared imperf. No doubt readers of the W.I.P." will have heard all about it, but whilst all British newspapers, which normally ignore our hobby, have devoted columns to the find, the story they have given is probably not correct, but at this stage it is best to say no more than the release was a bit irregular, and the keeper of the Queen's collection is said to have stated that if offered a pair (it had been reported that a pair had been accepted) he would advise Her Majesty not to purchase. It is also reported that if copies are submitted to the Expert Committee of the B.P.A. they will not grant a certificate, due to the way the stamps have come on the market.

Why anyone should want to submit a pair to this body is not explained. Surely anyone can see if a stamp is imperf. or not. There have been complaints lately that the Committee in question is not satisfied with stating whether an item is O.K. or not, but must add extra comments merely to show off. Apparently the criticisms are not bearing any fruit.

In the January Crown Agents Bulletin, details were given of three new designs for Dominica and a new value. I have it good that all stamps which have merely changed the portrait will be replaced in the not too distant future. I am referring, of course, to all the Colonies, and not just Dominica. I believe it is a fact that lack of printing facilities was the only reason why we did get the old designs with the portrait changed instead of entirely new stamps.

One change which has raised a few eyebrows is the information that the set of four stamps to be issued by Gold Coast March 6th to commemorate independence will bear the portrait of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. You would not find countries like the USA allowing portraits of their live politicians on their stamps, and America is right. Besides the commemorative set, Ghana, which will be the new name of Gold Coast, is to have nine values of the current set overprinted pending an entirely new set. Already several of our new issue customers have intimated that Ghana will not interest them in future. This is a pity for there may be some fun philatelically as well as politically. See you next month.

There is nothing much to report upon this month regarding Crown Agents releases for I have to get my copy away before any of the February printings have come out, but there are three to deal with which were issued January 23, and one, that of Kenya, is worth comment at least.

One of the three was a release for Gold Coast. This consisted of the ½., 1d, 3d, 6d and 1/- values. No change was involved, else there would have been a scramble to get supplies, for a month hence (March 6th to be exact) Ghana, as this country will then be called, will have its stamps overprinted, as is of course known.

Of the set to be changed, both the 1½d and 2½d values will be really scarce used, for even in cities like London and Liverpool, where so much mail arrives from the Gold Coast, and which gets into the

hands of dealers, who can make up scores of used sets, to complete them, they must send sheets of the 1½d and 2r/2d values to get them used. It is a fact that the 10/- used is actually commoner at the moment, but I imagine that something will be done about it before the set goes off.

The second of the three releases was for Kenya, involving the 5c (another scarce little stamp used), 10c, 20c, 50c, 1/-, 1.30c, 2/-, 5/-, 10/- and £ 1 postage stamps, and 10c and 20c postage dues. All thought that the latter would be on chalky paper, as have been all recent releases, but there was no change in the paper, though the shades of the stamps differed a bit.

However, it was the shades of the 2/- and £ values which were of most interest. For the April 1956 release produced two very outstanding changes. The 2/- had the frame in a rich olive-green, and the £ not only had a jet black frame (as against the previous grey-black) but the centre was of a dark Indian-red. As one well-known dealer put it, almost another colour. These two shades have been very popular, particularly the £, in spite of its high face value. Well the two latest reverted to original shades, more or less, so unless they return in some future printing, the shades (CW 52a and 55a) look like being good stamps.

The final release of January was of a ½¢ for St. Kitts. It is quite a nice little shade, for we now get olive-green or olive, as you wish, in place of the grey-olive of the original printing.

Looking at the printings I will have to report on next time, there is nothing very 'outstanding, as far as one can guess, but the beauty of such things is that one never knows what will turn up, so here's hoping.

There is however one release to which I would like to refer before ending my notes for this month, and of course the one I am referring to is the Trinidad 1c Provisional. From whatever angle you view this hole-in-a-corner emission, you realise how thoroughly inconceived it was. Overseas dealers handle most of the thousands of pounds worth of postage stamps, which help Trinidad to balance its budget (the budget wouldn't profit much from this issue, but Trinidad dealers would), yet when they wanted to buy these 1 cent stamps to satisfy their thousands of customers, who expect to get every stamp issued from the Post Office, all they got from the Post Office was the address of the dealer, where they could obtain, but at just one hundred times face.

To see that there are no more of such ramps, which so damage the reputation of British Commonwealth stamps, I think the best thing to do will be to tackle the Colonial Office and perhaps one's M.P.

Seeing that the stamps were only on sale for a few hours, there can never have been any real need for the issue (the Post Office could easily have learned how near the stamps were) and if there was a need,

then sufficient should have been overprinted to supply all. The story is out that only two sheets per buyer were allowed. Maybe, but what about the huge quantities supplied to certain buyers?

J. E. METCALFE,

Commonwealth Stamp Company, England.

The Bahamas

History

The Bahamas consist of an archipelago of nearly 700 islands and over 2,000 reefs and Gays, stretching in a huge arc from the south-east of the Florida coast to within a short distance of Cuba, taking in land surface of 4,737 square miles, i.e., slightly larger than that of Jamaica. The most northerly of the group is Abaco, westerly the Biminis, some 50 miles from the Florida coast, and from the southern most island, Inagua, one may view the mountains of Cuba.

The islands are composed of oolite limestone and wind-blown coral sand, and are mainly situated on the eastern edge of the great submarine plateau upon which the group rests.

The climate is that of the usual sub-tropical ocean islands, warm but having pleasant sea-winds, with both tropical and temperate plants growing to perfection. Unlike the other West Indian islands, the Bahamas are flat, possessing no mountains and few hills.

The Bahamas were discovered by Christopher Columbus on October 12, 1492. The islands were then inhabited by a race of people known as the Lucayans (a branch of the Arawak race). However, through the bribery of the then Governor of Cuba, these people were sent to work the mines of Hispaniola, and gradually their original homes became deserted. In 1585 when Francis Drake paid a

visit there, these poor people in turn had wholly disappeared from Hispaniola under the terror rule of the Spaniards. However, within four centuries the banner of Spain had also vanished from these seas, and the West Indies knew them no more.

Gradually these islands became the rendezvous of the English vessels lying in wait to intercept the Spanish treasure ships. This inevitably turned out to be out and out piracy. Eventually New Providence, the capital city of Nassau, rivalled Algiers as the most notorious of the world's nests of piracy.

By 1718 the British had appointed the first Royal Governor, who was conversant with pirates and their ways. Since then the Bahamas have been under the British rule.

The earliest recorded industry of these islands was that of cotton growing; the plant was found growing by Columbus when he discovered these islands in 1492.

Today the Bahamas have many industries, the main ones being the growing of tomatoes for the American market and the tourist trade.

Bahamas Temporary Rubber Date Marks

In Manuscript

Cancellation usually across the stamp but can be found below or above the stamp. In different colour inks.

- THE GATE: Origin unknown.
- ACKLIN ISLAND C.C.
- V.B.S.
- MOSS TOWN EX. in use 13 Aug., 1951.
- LOWER DEADMAN'S CAY in use 18 Dec., 1953.

NOTE: Acklin Island C.C.: The C.C. certainly NOT Cat Cay.

B. T. D. 1.



A triple ring of 37 mm. The name of the Post Office is at the top of the circle with or without the word "BAHAMAS" found in different colour inks. Dated in the middle.

NAME OF P.O.	ISLAND	EARLIEST DATE	LATEST DATE	INK COLOUR
MILLVILLE		1930		
PINE RIDGE		1947	8 Oct. 1949	violet & black
LITTLE BAY	Eleu. Bahamas	1942	Late 1947	purple
LOWER ROGUE	Harbour Island	1928		
TRUE BLUE	Crooked Island	May 1950	16 Jan. 1953	in black also blue
MAN-OF-WAR CAY	Abaco	30 April 1949	Sept. 1951	in black
ORANGE CREEK	Cat Island	30 April 1949	Feb. 1954	in purple & blue green
FAIRFIELD	Crooked Island	June 1951	30 April 1954	in purple & blue
SANDY POINT	Abaco	1940		
BENNETTS HARBOUR	Cat Island	30 April 1949	Feb. 1956	in blue

NOTE The date line for FAIRFIELD was replaced with the word PAID.

B.T.D. 2

One of the rarest types, these are fully illustrated on the stamp.

NAME OF P.O.	ISLAND	IN USE	INK COLOUR	
CAT CAY	Bimini	1939	black	illustrating cat on cay
TARPON BAY	Eleuthera	1938	black	illustrating Tarpon ?
CAT CAY	Bimini			illustrating Marlin Head

NOTE. The editor has never seen Tarpon Bay and therefore puts this on with a question mark. Any collector having this mark, the editor would very much like to hear from him.

B.T.D. 3.

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

NAME OF P.O.	ISLAND	IN USE	COLOUR OF INK
Alice Town	Eleuthera	Jan. 7, 1940	In purple

B.T.U. 4.

Double ring of 36 mm. with the name of the P.O. around the top of the ring. The word "BAHAMAS" around the bottom of the ring with a straight date line in the middle. Found in different coloured inks.

NAME OF P.O.	ISLAND	IN USE	INK COLOUR
FRESH CREEK	Andros	May 1952	Purple
LOWER DEADMAN'S CAY	Long Island	July 1951-53	Purple
CEDAR HARBOUR	Abaco	October 1955	Red
SWEETING CAY	Grand Bahamas	July 1951	Purple
HIGH ROCK	Grand Bahamas	January 1954	Purple
PLEASANT BAY	Andros Isl.	Aug. 1954-June 1956	Blue and black
WALTERS CAY	Abaco	January 1955	Red
BENNETTS HARBOUR	Cat Harbour	Feb. '50-Sept. '55	Blue
LOVELY BAY	Acklins	Feb. '56-Sept. '56	Red
POMPEY BAY	Acklins	Dec. 1950	Blue ink
CROSSING ROCKS	Abaco		
SNUG CORNER	Acklins		
BARRATERRE'	Exuma	Dec. 1953	Blue
BLACK POINT	Exuma		
SHIP MAIL	Nassau	1952-Nov. 1955	Violet
SALT POND		May 1954	Purple

B.T.D. 5.



A single ring circle between 32-35 mm. The name of the Post Office is at the top of the circle, while the word "BAHAMAS" is at the bottom of the circle. Dating as usual in one line. Different coloured inks.

NAME OF P.O.	ISLAND	DATES IN USE	INKS USED
KNOWLES	Cat Island	1924-29	
SOUTH PALMETTO POINT	Eleuthera	1941	
SANDY POINT	Abaco	1940	
DEVIL'S POINT	Cat Island	1946	
LANDRAIL POINT	Crooked Island	1941-52	blue-black
DEEP CREEK	Eleuthera	1947 (see note)	violet
GAMBIER	N.P.	1947	
LITTLE BAY	Eleuthera		
GREEN CASTLE	Eleuthera		
LONG BAY CAYS		Feb. 19, 1945	purple
CAT CAY	Bimini	1938-1941	black
COLONEL HILL		15 May 1942	violet (32 mm.)

NOTE. The hand stamped date line can be found inverted on Deep Creek, May 1949.

B.T.D. 6.

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. Date in one line in the middle. The wording of the small black type letters of 1 Vz to 2 mm. high. Colour of ink-blue.

NAME OF P.O.	ISLAND	DATES IN USE	INKS USED
SWEETING CAY	Grand Bahamas	Dec. 1947	Blue
UPPER BOGUE	Harbour Island	Sept. 1956	Blue

NOTE: Upper Bogue still in use, dateline replaced with "ACPO" since December 1955.

B.T.D. 7.

A double lined oval of 48 mm. with the name of the Post Office around the top and the word "BAHAMAS" at the bottom and the date in the middle. This mark is only known for this Post Office - SEA FLOOR - found in black, blue and purple inks.

NOTE: This first underwater P.O. in history, was established on the sea floor of the Bahamas on Wednesday, August 16th, 1939. This enterprise was part of the Bahamas Government sponsored expedition being conducted by John Ernest. The actual size of the Post Office was 6 x 10.

NAME OF P.O.	ISLAND	DATES IN USE	COLOUR OF INKS
SEA FLOOR	N.P.	AUGUST 1939	Blue-black-violet

B.T.D. 7a.

Large single line oval of between 45-48 mm. This mark has been made up of odd stamps to form part of this mark.

PARCEL POST BRAN- NASSAU		1919	Black
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B.T.D. 8.

Double lined oval 47 to 50 mm. The name of the Post Office is at the top and the name of the Island and/or Bahamas below. Dating as used in the middle. Found in black ink.

NAME OF P.O.	ISLAND	DATES IN USE	COLOUR OF INK
Williams Town	Exuma	1947	
Lower Bogue	Harbour Island	1947	
CHESTER	Acklins	1947	Black
Industrious Hill	Cat Island	1947	
Simms	1947 Black		
Abraham Bay	Long Island	1956	Black
West End	Grand Bahamas	1953-55	Black
Commissioners Office	Mayaguana	May 1955	Black
Dundas Town	Abaco	1949	, Black

B.T.D. 9.



A Straight line hand stamp of the name of the P.O. in large block of letters 6 mm. high by 37 mm. long.

Cat Cay - Bimini	- Registered cover 24 Aug. '42 to California, USA,	in black.
P.A.A. Air Mail Paquebot.	Nassau	1940 blue



NOTE: When the airport was opened PAQUEBOT was handled only at the GPO but as a last minute privilege P.A.A. were allowed to use an AIR MAIL PAQUEBOT for a very short period. This was withdrawn by the request of the censorship. The word AIR MAIL is 35 mm. long in block type and 4½ mm. high. The word PAQUEBOT is 36 mm. long by 4½ mm. high.

B.T.D. 10.

An oblong 45 x 28 mm. with heavy block letters 41/a mm. high only known for one P.O.
Deep Creek - Andros - Sept. 13, 1956 - In blue. Feb. 2, 1957

Other T.R.D's Known

Pirate Wells

Black Point

Mortimers

Sweetings Cay .

Crossing Rock

Cedar Harbour

Booklets Of Jamaica

A complete set of Jamaica booklets is extremely difficult in finding today, and many varieties and changes will be found on the more recent types and where possible as much data is given.

Type 1.

Booklet containing 8 Panes of 6 ½d green stamps of the seal of Ja.

Year 1912 3 Panes of 6 1d red King George V head.

These booklets exist stapled on both left and right sides, with a black and red cover.

Type 1a.

Booklet containing 2 panes of 6 ½d green stamps showing seal of the Colony.

Year 1916 3 Panes of 6 1d red stamps of King George V head.

These are known stapled on both left and right.

Type 2.

1921/9 issue stapled on the left, containing 18 1d Arawak stamps and 12 ½d Exhibition stamps.

The outer cover is in brilliant red size 70 x 48 mm. while the back cover has an advertisement for Fred L. Myers R Son. Inside the front cover has also another advertisement for Fred L. Myers, while the inside cover has an advertisement for Dr. F. N. Scotland - Optician. The interleaving between the stamps all have advertisements which are as follows, reading in order:-

1. Kingston Industrial Garage.
2. John Crook - Harbour Street.
3. Lascelles DeMercado.
4. E. D. Kinhead
5. Jamaica Fruit and Shipping Co.
6. Willemsen Brothers.
7. Chemical Hall Ltd. These books are rare.

Type 3.

1929/32 issue stapled on the right, size 65 x48 Head of George V. Front and back outside cover advertisement of Myers' Rum (as illustrated). 18 1d Red, and 12 ½d. green stamps. The following advertisements appear inside the booklet. Inside cover Nestles Milk reading from right to left. The interleaving all had advertisements which are as follows, reading in order:

1. Postage rates.
2. Edwin Charlie.
3. Kinhead Ltd.
4. Isaas Ltd.
5. John Crook Ltd.
6. Popular Jewelry Store.
7. Airmail rates.

Inside back cover Will's Gold Flake cigarettes. All these are scarce.

Type 4.

The Jubilee booklets, stapled on the right, measuring 93 mm x 54 mm. Printed in the same type in cover, and back as type 2, with the same advertisements of Myers Rum. Inside front cover, Will's Gold Flake cigarettes, and inside back cover, Nestles Milk. The interleaving is as follows reading in order:-

1. Inland Postal Rates.
2. Edwin Charlie.
3. Kinkeads Ltd.
4. Issas.
5. Blank.
6. Overseas Postal Rates.
7. John Crook Ltd.
8. Popular Jewelry Store.
9. Airmail rates.

These booklets contain 24 11 stamps, and are exceedingly rare,

Type 5.

George VI issue, measuring 6 mm. x 48 mm. It contains 18. 1d stamps red, and 12 ½d green. Front and back of booklets with Fred L. Myers' advertisement, stapled on left and right. Colour pale green to blue green. Inside cover no advertisements appear. The interleaving has the following advertisements or notices.

Page 1. Postal rates inland, and back and front, overseas.

Interleaf 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, blank. 7. Air mail rates, back: of which is blank.

Type 5a.

Similar to type 4, colour of cover in light blue shade, and stapled on right and left hand side, interleaving and postal notices exactly the same as in 4.

Type 6.

George VI issue, stapled in right 68 x 48 mm. with a dark cream cover, outer cover illustrated. Stamps red and 12 ½d stamps green. Inside front cover contains postal rates inland. Interleaving all completely blank. Inside back cover contains postal rates overseas, outside back cover blank.

Type 6a.

Stapled on the right hand side, printing and interleaving exactly the same. With 18-1d, green George VI and 12 ½d orange George V.

Type 7.

New Constitution booklets. Measuring 84 mm. x 58 mm. Containing 16 1½d stamps. Stapled on the left. The front cover as illustrated. The back cover, outside blank. The inside front cover has the Postal rates inland, while the back cover inside has the overseas postal rates. All interleaving between blank.

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