

Inventory of the Nat Surtees collection

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List of Pre-stamp items examined and checked 6th March 1965.

All are packet items.

All type numbers quoted are as per book.

1. Entire from H. Hunter at Hordly Estate on 8 Dec 1808 to his sister Mrs. Murray, Sanquahar, Dumfrieshire.

Posted at AMITY HALL with type T3 and prepaid to Kingston at 7½d local currency, the correct rate for a single letter going upto 100 miles through the inland post.

Rcd Kingston 9 Dec 1808, type F2.

No date of receipt but charged 2/3d, i.e.

Single packet rate Kingston to Falmouth	1/1d
Single inland Falmouth to Sanquahar via Bristol, Shrewsbury, Carlisle	<u>1/2d</u>
	2/3d.

Note :- I have now confirmed that after about 1795, packet letters landed at Falmouth and intended for the west of England, North of England and Scotland, were invariably routed direct from Falmouth and did not go first to London. Letters for Northern England and Scotland invariably went via Bristol, Gloucester, Shrewsbury, Carlisle to either Glasgow or Edinburgh. They would be charged at the first of these forwarding offices which opened the 'bag' in which they were contained.

2. Letter wrapper to the Secretary of the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel, Pall Mall, London.

Posted at ALEXANDRIA on 9 Jan 1854 with type P3.

Rcd Kingston 11 Jan 1854 type K7a - note no inland charge at this time.

Rcd Too Late for transmission by the first January packet ~~0100~~ usually left on the 7th of the month, and inscribed so in m/s. Would have been sent by the second January packet, leaving about 21st etc.

Rcd London 15 Feb 1854 and charged 1/2d. This was the 'all in' rate for a single letter and included all British and Jamaican inland postages as well as the packet postage. It was in force from 1843 to 1854. It did not apply to Kingston letters as there was no postal charge involved from there, so that letters from that town remained at the old rate of 1/-, which however, did include British inland postage.

This example is a very late date of use for this rate as the 'all in' rate from anywhere in the island was reduced to 1/- sometime in January 1854.

3. Entire from James Shenton at Dover, St. George Parish, on 20 Dec 1833 to Henry L. Long Esq., Hampton Lodge, near Farnham, Surrey.

Posted at ANNATTO BAY with type T4b(50 x 5mm). Prepaid to Kingston at 7½ local currency and recd there 10 Feb 1834 type K4.

Rcd London 26 Mar 1834 and charged 2/2d, correct later to 2/3d,

Single packet letter to Falmouth	1/2d
Falmouth to Farnham via London 307 miles	<u>1/1d</u>
	2/3d.

4. Part entire from Thomas Clarke at ANNOTTO BAY on 2 Oct 1848 to Alex. Sinclair Esq., Auditor of Police Records, Spanish Town.

Posted at ANNOTTO BAY on 3 Oct 1848 with type P3.

Rcd Kingston next day with type K6a and charged 4d sterling, the correct rate for an inland letter going upto 60 miles (per ½ Ounce),

Annotto Bay to Kingston	30 miles		
Kingston to Spanish Town	13 miles	Total mileage	43 miles in all

Rcd Spanish Town 4 Oct 1848 type P2b.

Note :- The interesting thing about this letter is that it was to an island official and yet was not going 'Free'. Even at this time, many officials were entitled to send and receive their mail free, but the Police Auditor does not appear to have been one of them.

5. Entire from W.F. Henderson at Bath on 20 Jun 1846 to W. Henderson, School Hill, Aberdeen.

Posted at BATH on 21 Jun 1846 with type P2.

Rcd London 21 July 1846 and charged 1/2d, the 'all in' rate.
Rcd Aberdeen 23 July 1846.

6. Entire from George MacQueen at Potosi, Bath, on 27 May 1851 to the same addressee.

Posted at BATH on 27 May 1851 type P2 (with date in m/s).

Rcd ~~London~~ Kingston 28 May with type K7a.

Rcd London 20 June 1851 and charged 2/4d, a double letter at the the 'all in rate& of 1/2d single.

Rcd Aberdeen 21 June 1851.

7. Entire from D. Siveright at "friendship Estate on 23 Oct 1847 to same addressee.

Posted at BATH on 28 Oct 1847 with type P2 in blue ink.

Rcd London on 20 Nov 1847 and charged 2/4d, a double letter as previous.

cd Aberdeen 21 Nov 1847.

8. Entire from Thomas Irvine at Friendship Estate on 19 July 1852 to the same addressee.

Posted at BATH on 20 Jun 1852 with type P2 (year plug inverted and figure '2' further inverted)

Rcd Kingston 21 July with type K7b.
Rcd London 17 August and charged 1/2d 'all in'.
Rcd Aberdeen 18 Aug 1852.

9. Entire from George MacQueen at Friendship Estate on 11 July 1851 to same addressee.

Posted at BATH on 11 Jul 1851 type P2 (year plug inverted and at top, day and month plug inserted inverted below it).

Rcd Kingston 12 July with type K7a.
Rcd London 9 August and charged 1/2d 'all in'.
Rcd Aberdeen 10 August 1851.

10. Entire from George MacQueen at Friendship on 25 March 1853 to the previous addressee.

Posted at BATH on 25 March with type P2 (inverted '5' in year).

Rcd Kingston 26 March on type K7b.
Rcd London 23 April and charged 1/2d 'all in'.
Rcd Aberdeen 24 April 1853.

11. Entire from John Davy to A.C. Logan Esq., May Hill P.O.

Posted at BLACK RIVER on 13 Mar 1849 with type P2

Rcd May Hill 13 Mar 1849 with type P2. Charged at 4d sterling, the correct rate for a 1/2 ounce letter going upto 60 miles.

Note :- Letters passing between towns on the same post road did not go through Kingston. In the case in point, if they had, the charge would have been much greater. When a letter passed through Kingston it was charged there. In this case, it would be charged at May Hill.

12. Entire from Charles Walpole Grossett at Spring Garden on 4 May 1847 Messrs. Grossett, Clifton & Co., at Bristol.

Posted at BUFF BAY on 6 Jan 1847 with type P2. Has part strike of a Kingston cds.

Rcd London 8 Feb 1847 and charged 1/2 'all in'.
Rcd Bristol 9 Feb 1847.

13. Letter wrapper to the Foreign Secretaries, Mission House, Beconsfield Street, Finsbury, London.

Posted at CHARLETON on 21 Nov 1845 with type P2.

Rcd London 20 Dec 1845 with a rate of 1/2d 'all in'.

14. Letter wrapper to the Revd. William Ellis, Foreign Secretary, London Missionary Society, Bloomfield Street, Finsbury, London.

Posted at CLARENDON with type T4a (44 x 4mm) and prepaid to Kingston at 1/3d local currency, the treble letter-rate for a letter going under 60 ~~000~~ miles.

Rcd Kingston 22 Feb 1838 with type K4.

Rcd London 10 Apr 1838 and charged 6/6d, the correct charge for a treble packet letter to London.

15. Letter of accounts to John Dyer, Minister of the Gospel, Fen Court, Fenchurch Street, London.

Posted at CLARENDON on 20 March 1841 with type P2 and prepaid to Kingston @ at 4d sterling.

Rcd London 30 Apr 1841 and charged 1/-, the correct rate for a 1/2 ounce letter of the period from Kingston to the United Kingdom.

16. Letter wrapper to Revd. W. Ellis, Mission House, Bloomfield Street, Finsbury, London.

Posted at DRY HARBOUR with type T4a (41 x 4mm), an albino strike. Prepaid to Kingston at 7 1/2d local currency. Rcd Kingston 4 February with type K4.

Rcd London 27 Mar 1837 and charged 2/2d, the correct rate for a single packet letter to London.

The letter has a red strike of the PACKET LETTER/DEVONPORT handstamp and was almost certainly a loose or late letter that had not been bagged. In addition, the packet ship must have put in at Plymouth Dock for some reason instead of at Falmouth and the handstamp would thus identify the letter as a packet letter and therefore subject to the correct charge. The marking in question is Alan Robertson's type P2 and is 2 years earlier than the e.k.d. quoted in his book.

17. Letter Wrapper to Revd. A. Tidman, Mission House, Bloomfield Street, Finsbury, London.

Posted at DRY HARBOUR on 21 Dec 1849 with type P2.

Rcd Kingston 22 December with type K6.

Recd London 21 ~~Dec~~ January 1850 and charged 1/2d 'all in'.

18. Entire from Benjamin B. Dexter at Stewart Town, Alexandria on 5 April 1847, to the Editor of the Anti Slavery Report, 27 New Bond St., London.

Posted at DRY HARBOUR on 26 April 1847 with type P2.

Rcd London 9 May 1847 and charged 1/3d 'all in'.

19. Badly damaged entire from James Solo, regarding the possible buying of Smithfield Pen in Manchester Parish, to Alexander C. Logan Esq. Mandeville P.O., Manchester.

Posted at DRY HARBOUR on 25 Feb 1858 with type P8 and prepaid at 6d sterling, the correct rate for a $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce letter going between 60 and 100 miles.

Rcd Kingston 25 Feb 1859 with type PD4.

Rcd Mandeville with undated type P8.

20. Entire to Rev. F. Freshail, Secretary of the B.M. Societym, 33 Moorgate Street, London.

Posted at DUNCANS on 15 August 1851 with type P2.

Rcd Kingston 16 Aug 1851 with type P2.

Rcd London 24 Sep 1851 and charged $1/2d$ 'all in'.

21. Entire from John Hads at Falmouth to his father William Hadz Esq., Mile End Road, England and dated Dec 1813. (I love this address !)
Endorsed opposite Bancrofts Alms Houses.

Posted at FALMOUTH with type T3 and prepaid to Kingston at $1/3d$ local currency, arriving their on 10 Dec 1813 with type F3a.

Rcd London 26 Jan 1814 and charged $2/2d$, the correct rate to London.

22. Entire from Walter Dendy at Bethtephil on 2 August 1836 to the Revd. John Dyer, Fen Court, Fenchurch Street, London.

Posted at FALMOUTH with type T4b (42 x 5mm) and prepaid to Kingston at $1/3d$ local currency, the single letter rate for an inland letter going over 100 miles. Rcd Kingston 18 August 1836 with type K5 (ekd).

Rcd London 5 Oct 1836 and charged $2/2d$ as previous.

23. Entire from Waletr Dendy at Salters Hill on 27 Feb 1838 to the Rev. John Dyer, 6 Fencourt, Fenchurch Street, London.

Posted at FALMOUTH with type T4b (42 x 5mm) and prepaid at $1/3d$ local currency to Kingston. Recd there on 3 March with type K4.

Rcd London 10 Apr 1838 and charged $2/2d$ as previous.

24. Part entire to Mrs. Charles Munro, Campbeltown, Argylshire, Acotland.

Posted at FALMOUTH on 20 Jan 1844 with type P2 and prepaid all the way at $1/2d$, the 'all in' rate.

Rcd Kingston 28 Jan 1844 with type PD5. Rcd London 19 Feb 1844.
Rcd Campbeltown 22 February 1844.

25. Part entire to Michael Clayton Esq., 6 New Square, Lincolns Inn, London.

Posted at FALMOUTH on 23 March 1842 with type P2. ~~Prepaid to London~~ Prepaid to Kingston at 2/6d local currency (a treble letter over 100 miles) and further prepaid from Kingston to London at 4/-i.e. a 1 ounce letter at 4 times the single rate of 1/-.

Rcd Kingston 24 March 1842 with type PD5. Rcd London 10 May.

26. Entire to Messrs. Freshail and Underhill, Secs to the Miss. Society Baptist Mission House, 33 Moorgate Street, London.

Posted at Falmouth on 7 Feb 1854 with type P4 and prepaid to London at 1/2d 'all in'.

Rcd Kingston 8 Feb 1854 with type PD5a and London 7 Mar 1854.

27. Envelope addressed to His Excellency, Sir Henry Buckley, The Kings House, Spanish Town.

Posted at FLINT RIVER on 31 March 1856 with type P2 (has year plug inverted and day and month plug inserted in m/s).

Rcd Spanish Town 2 Apr 1856 with type P2b. Not charged.

An early example of a Free Letter. Note that this letter did not go through Kingston as the two towns were on the same post route.

28. Entire from John Earle at Pepper Pen, St. Elizabeth on 16 Nov 1827 to Mr. Humphrey Steer, Heathfield, Sussex.

Posted at GOSHEN with type T3 and prepaid to Kingston at 7½ local currency. Rcd Kingston 23 Nov 1827 with type F6.

Rcd London 19 Jan 1828 and charged 2/2d corrected to 2/3d and Missent to Chichester.

Single packet letter to Falmouth	1/2d.
Single inland Falmouth to Heathfield via London	
317 miles	<u>1/1d.</u>
	2/3d

29. Entire from David McAdam at Mount Olivet at St. Elizabeth on 10 Nov 1828 to John Rankin Esq., Drumdow, Ayr, Scotland.

Posted at Goshen with type T3 and prepaid to Kingston at 7½d local currency. Rcd Kingston 14 Nov 1828 with type F6.

Landed at Falmouth and charged 2/6½d. Rcd Glasgow 9 January and Ayr same day.

Single packet letter to Falmouth	1/2d
Single inland Balmouth to Ayr via	
Bristol, Shrewsbury, Carlisle and Glasgow	1/4d
Scottish additional ½d	½d
	<u>2/6½d.</u>

This would have been a loose letter ., i.e. one received too late to be bagged before departure of the packet boat from Jamaica and there-

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carried in the loose letter box on the packet. At Falmouth, it was seen that the letter bore Jamaican pmks and it was therefore not necessary to identify it as a packet letter from Jamaica by means of the green FALMOUTH/JAMAICA fleuron pmk. The letter was therefore charged at Falmouth and sent on its way. The Falmouth $\frac{1}{2}$ d handstamp is always struck in green and I intend to illustrate it along with several other British markings found on such letters in the postal rates sections. Can supply more details if required. I believe this is the first correct explanation yet given for the use of these green fleuron Falmouth packet daters. I came across the explanation entirely by accident when checking through some other P.O. records.

30. Part entire to Messrs. Gladstone & Co., Liverpool.

Posted at GOSHEN on 24 May 1853 with type P2.

Rcd Kingston on 25 May with type K7.

Rcd London 15 June and charged 2/4d, a double letter 'all in'.
Rcd Liverpool 16 June.

31. Part entire to F. MacTaggart to Mrs. Daniel MacTaggart, Dalintober, Camobeltown, Argylshire.

Posted at GOSHEN on 6 Jan 1850 with type P2.

Rcd Kingston 8 Jan 1850 with type K7a.

Rcd Glasgow 2 22 Feb 1850 and charged 1/2d 'all in'.

Further Pre-stamp entires from the collection of Mr. V.H.F. Surtees.
Checked and recorded 5th November 1965.

1. A letter (copy of the original) from Thomas Cargill at Hectors River, St. Thomas in the East, Jamaica on 7th October 1802 to Mark Pringle of Haining Esquire, M.P., at Haining near Falkirk, North Britain, and further re-addressed to Geroge Square, Edinburgh.

Containing an apology for not paying his debt, and offering to apportion one quarter or one third of the seasons sugar crop as part payment. Mentions having loss of cattle and low price of sugar and his intention of spending one quarter of prices realised on seasons crop on installation of water mill which will make a great improvement to the estate and hel produce more sugar. Addressee evidently brother of a Doctor Pringle original owner of the land.

Letter posted at MARCHIONAL and there received a fine strike of the type T3 handstamp (only one recorded by me) and was prepaid to Kingston at 7½d local Jamaican currency, the current rate for a letter travelling under 60 miles inland. Received KINGSTON 12 November 1805 with type J5.

Sent by the packet service and carried on the PRINCESS CHARLOTTE packet commanded by Captain Kerr (This is only the second letter carried by this particular packet in her second period of service that I have seen. Her first period of service ended in 1800 when she was captured, ransomed and put back into service in 1802.)

Received 24 Jan 1803. Charged 2/2d in all.

2. A letter from James Robertson at 'Nameless' on 10th July 1804. (Have checked my list of estates and plantation names and cannot find one of this name. Possibly a case of 'somewhere in Jamaica'). Written to his brother Mr. Thomas Robertson, Smailholme, near Kelso by Berwick upon Tweed, North Britain.

Letter mentions he intends having no more dealings with a Mr. Nichol. Mentions he still has the 'mountain' in cultivation and has got 25 acres in coffee provisions and Guinee Grass and expects to pick a few thousand pounds weight. Improvements on the place will cost about £1,500. Asks for more clothes by the next ship from Leith as he is very short of stockings, shirts and cloths, vests, breeches, trowsers and coates, dark colours and a pair of boots, the last pair that was sent being so small he cannot wear them, but he hopes the next pair will be sufficiently large. Mentions that this last year has been fatal to a number of peopple living in St. George and St. Mary Parishes through the yellow fever.

Letter posted at ANNOTTO BAY with type T3 handstamp (rarity rating 'S' = Scarce - 20 - 50 copies existing). Prepaid at 7½d local currency to Kingston, the correct rate for a letter (single) travelling under 60 miles inland.



Pre-stamp items from the collection of Mr. V.N.F. Surtees.

Checked, inspected and recorded. 8th April 1968. All Packet Letters.

1. Entire letter dated 23rd July 1800, from James Stothart at Montego Bay to William Robertson Esq., No. 45 Queens Street, Edinburgh.

Contents - personal affairs etc.

Posted at FALMOUTH with type T2 and prepaid to Kingston at 2/6d local currency, (Falmouth was 93 miles from Kingston and 2/6d currency was the correct charge for a 1 ounce letter carried over that distance). Received Kingston 27 July 1800 type J5, the e.k.d. for this handstamp.

Rcd London 5 Sep 1800. Rcd Edinburgh 8 Sep 1800.

Charged 2/2d as follows :-

Single packet postage Kingston to London @ 1/8d
Inland postage, London to Edinburgh @ 6d

This letter is unusual in that it has been forwarded via London instead of by the more normal route from Falmouth via Gloucester, Carlisle etc.

2. Part of an entire letter dated 12th April 1833, from Rev. John Greenwood at St. Ann's to Rev. John Beecham, Wesleyan Mission, House, 77 Hatton Garden, London.

Contents - mentions work at mission stations at Blackheath and Ebenezer.

Posted at SAINT ANNS BAY with type T4b (only the second example of this handstamp known to me and the e.k.d.) and prepaid to Kingston at 1/3d local currency (I.P.P. stands for Inland Postage Paid). Saint Anns Bay was 61 miles from Kingston and 1/3d was the double letter rate for letters carried between 60 and 100 miles. Received Kingston on 20 April 1833 type K4 (a very early date for this dater).

Rcd London 6 June 1833 and charged 2/2d, at that time, the correct rate for a single letter from Kingston to London, including both packet and British inland postage.

3. Entire letter from Rev. Walter Dendy at Bethlephil, dated 2nd August 1836 and addressed to Rev. John Dyer, Fen Court, Fenchurch Street, London.

Contents - pertaining to the mission stations and subsidiaries at Salters Hill, Bethlephil and Greenwich Hill.

Posted at FALMOUTH with type T4b (41 x 4½ mm) and prepaid to Kingston at 1/3d local currency, the correct rate for a double letter. Received Kingston 18 August 1832 type K5, this being the e.k.d. for although I know of two items with similar dates.



Odd pre-stamp covers from the collection of Mr. Surtees. ✓

All packet letters.

- 1. Entire letter from John Wilson & Co at Jamaica, on 18th Dec 1826, addressed to Messrs. Frederick Huth & Co., London.
 Posted Kingston 20 Dec 1826 type K2.
 Received London 31 Jan 1827, and charged 4/4d, the correct double letter rate to London.
- 2. Entire letter from Atkinson & Hosier at Kingston on 22 February 1830, addressed to Messrs. Clayton, Scott & Hayton, London.
 Posted Kingston 22 Feb 1830 type K2a.
 Rcd London 13 Apr 1830 and charged 2/2d correct.
- 3. Entire letter from Hill & Nicel at Kingston on 19th October 1825 addressed to James Dunlop Esq., 3 Hoew Street, Edinburgh.
 Posted Kingston 19 Oct 1825 type K2.
 Rcd 6 Dec 1825. Charged 2/5½d, inc ½d Green Falmouth additional Scottish ½d marking.
- 4. Entire letter of 12 May 1824 and dupliacet letter of 15 April 1824, from Williams & Grant, Kingston, addressed to Archibald Craufurd Esq., W.S., Picardy Place, Edinburgh.
 Mentions drought on Three Mile River Estate in Westmoreland.
 Posted at SAVANNA LA MAR with type T4a marking and received Kingston on 17 May 1824.
 Carried by the RINALDO packet.
 Rcd 25 Jun 1824. Charged 2/5½d, inc green Falmouth Scottish additional ½d marking.

Pre-stamp items from the collection of Mr. V.N.F. Surtees.

Checked, recorded and inspected, 30th May 1968.

1. Entire letter from James Stevenson at Muirhalls Pen on 10 February 1836, to James Curle Esq., Melrose, Roxborough thru Noth Britain.

Contents re estate matters - cattle and coffee sales and shipments.

Posted at MILE GULLY with type T4a (50 x 4 mm) albino strike (rarity rating - in black VR3+, in albino R), and prepaid to Kingston at 7½d local currency (as crossed out at top) the correct inland rate for a single letter travelling under 100 miles.

Red KINGSTON 18 Feb 1836 with type K4 and sent by the packet.

No British receiving mark and letter is charged at 2/5½d, i.e.

Single packet rate Kingston to Falmouth	1/2d
British single letter rate inland from Falmouth to Melrose, via Bristol, Gloucester, Shrewsbury and Carlisle	1/3d
Scottish additional halfpenny	<u>½d</u>
Total	2/5½d

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2. Letter wrapper from W.G. Stedman at Grateful Hall on 12 January 1852 to the General Secretaries, Wesleyan Missian House, Bishopsgate Street Within, London.

Posted at GOLDEN SPRING on 13 January 1852 with type P5, but "3" of day plug has been placed inverted above date and in place of the "2" in the year plug, has been placed the "1" of the day plug. Such transpositions are common on post town date-stamps and are probably due to the use of native helpers in the office etc.

Received Kingston 14 January 1852 with type K7b.

Red London Febuary 1852 and charged 1/2d, the correct "all-in" packet rate for a ½ ounce letter which included all Jamaican and all British inland postages.

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