

PERFINS OF THE BRITISH CARIBBEAN ISLANDS & AREA



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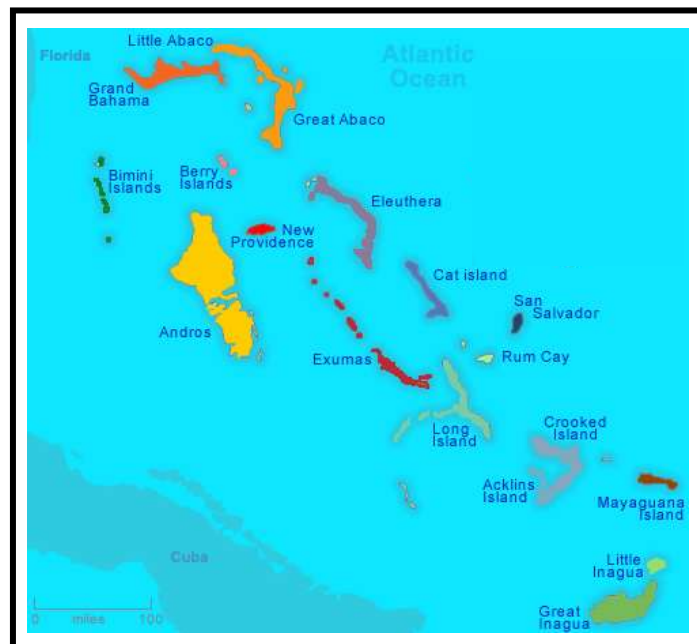
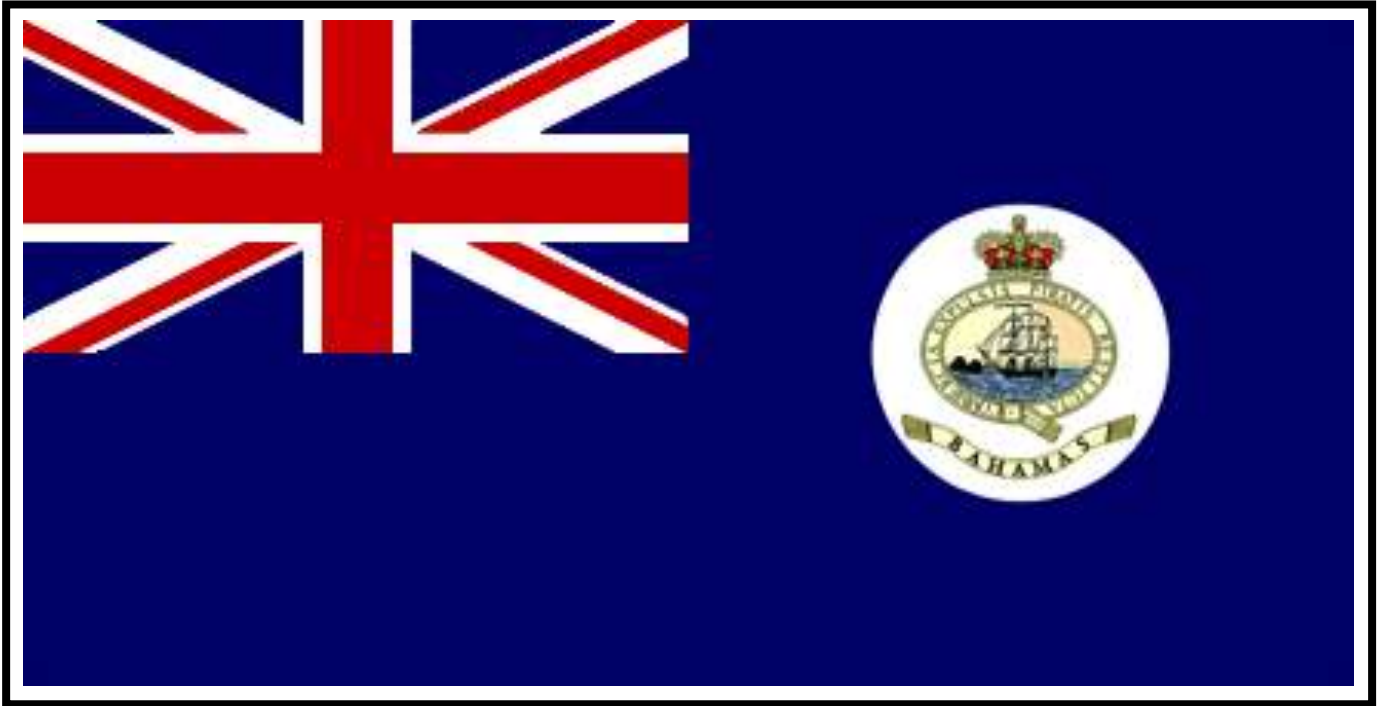
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BAHAMAS



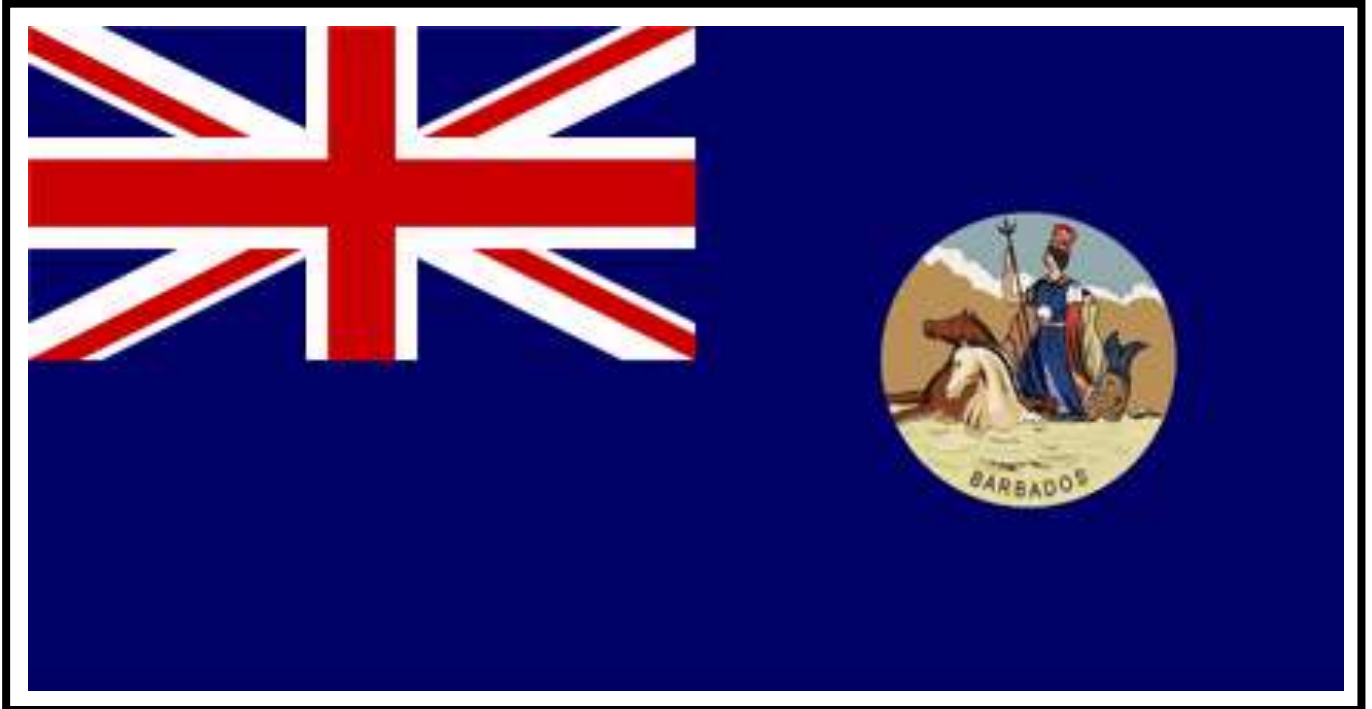
BAHAMAS

	<p>User: - Kodak ? Used: - In Nassau c1950s. Dates: -</p> <p>NOTE: Same 6 pin high letters as below.</p>
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		<p>User: - Kodak ? Used: - In Nassau 1963. QEII. Dates: - 1-8-1963.</p>
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		<p>User: - Waterlow & Sons Ltd, Used: - c1928-1948. Dates: -</p>
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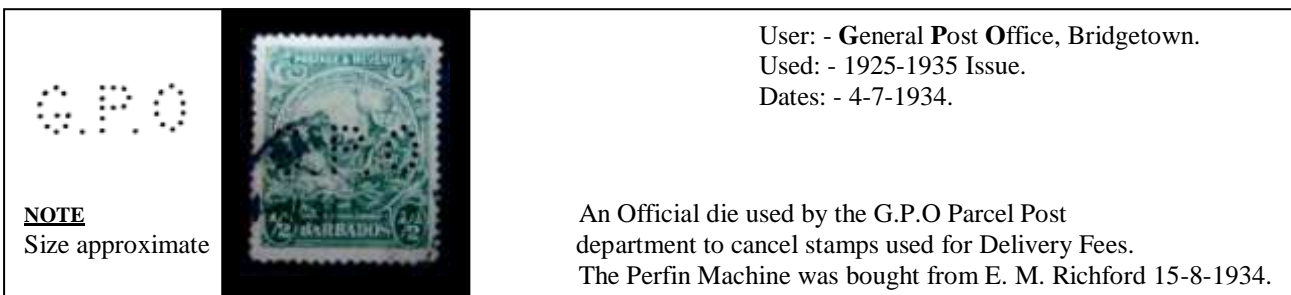
BARBADOS



BARBADOS



User: - Laurie & Company, W1. (Ship Brokers).
Used: - c1892-1900.
Dates: - 16-10-1897, 10-5-1899.



User: - General Post Office, Bridgetown.
Used: - 1925-1935 Issue.
Dates: - 4-7-1934.

NOTE
Size approximate

An Official die used by the G.P.O Parcel Post department to cancel stamps used for Delivery Fees.
The Perfin Machine was bought from E. M. Richford 15-8-1934.

BARBADOS 1925 Issue. Official PERFIN Wmk. Multiple Crown & Script CA. Perforation 14. 1/2d green value, SG 236, perforated "G. P. O." by the "Stop Thief" Perforator purchased by the General Post Office, and bearing cds postmark dated 4 JL 34. The Perforator was purchased from E. M. Richford Limited of London and used by the Parcel Post to cancel stamps used by the Parcel Post to cancel stamps used for Delivery Fees [1d] and Cash on Delivery [4d]. This Stamp has a little nick at the top right hand corner and is toned. This is the only recorded copy of this Official Perfin ever found and is extremely rare. This item is being sold with the original sheet from the E. M. Richford Catalogue and the original E. M. Richford Invoice dated 15 AUG 1934 sent to the GPO which has three (3) A very interesting and unique Exhibition Piece.



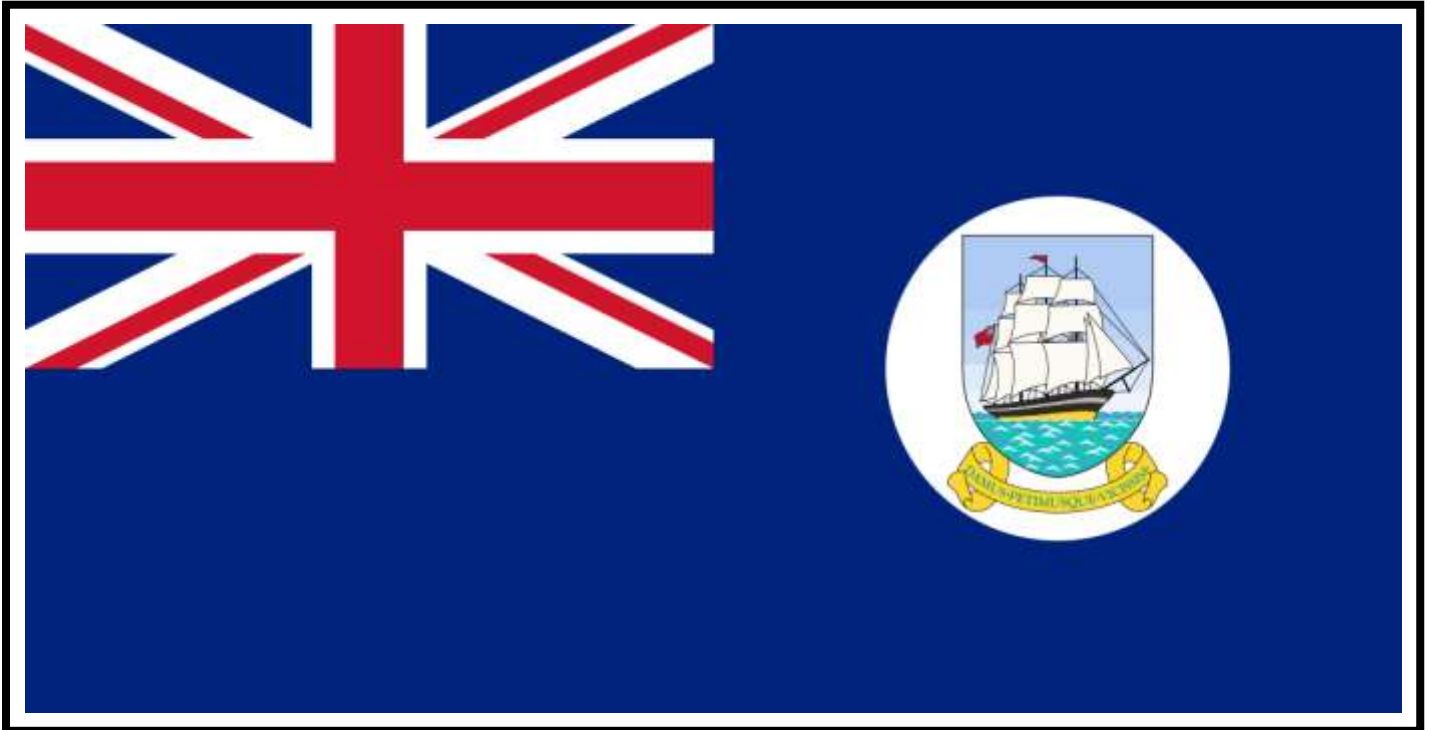
BARBADOS

Printed cover of Laurie & Co Ltd, Ship Brokers, Barbados W.I.
Barbados to Germany, Dated 16-10-1897.



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BRITISH GUIANA







British Guiana was a former British colony, part of the British West Indies, which resided on the northern coast of South America, now known as the independent nation of Guyana.

BRITISH GUIANA

		<p>User: - Booker Bros, McConnell & Co Ltd. Georgetown, Demerara. Used: - 1913-c1936. GV Issues. Dates: - 14-9-1915 - 14-3-1936.</p>
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		<p>User: - Ø "Chief Justice & Magistrates" ? Used: - 1889 issues. Dates: - 16-8-1890.</p> <p>NOTE: - Image reproduced from a B&W Photocopy. by Courtesy of Gunner Beck.</p>
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		<p>User: - Postal Authorities to prevent fraud. Used: - New Amsterdam, c1882. Dates: -</p> <p>Type I Ship. 3 Masts.</p> <p>More notes about the stamps on next page.</p>
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		<p>User: - Postal Authorities to prevent fraud. Used: - c1882. Dates: -</p> <p>Type II Brig. 2 Masts.</p> <p>More notes about the stamps on next page.</p>
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Cards & surcharged cards are also recorded.



BRITISH GUIANA

SPECIMEN PERFIN

Many years ago there was great fear that stamps would be counterfeited, and the Government defrauded of the revenue. Various means were employed to make it difficult to copy current postage stamps and pass them off as legal. So Perfins were once used to identify certain stamps as being genuine.



NOTE

Type I Ship with 3 masts.

Type II Brig with 2 masts.



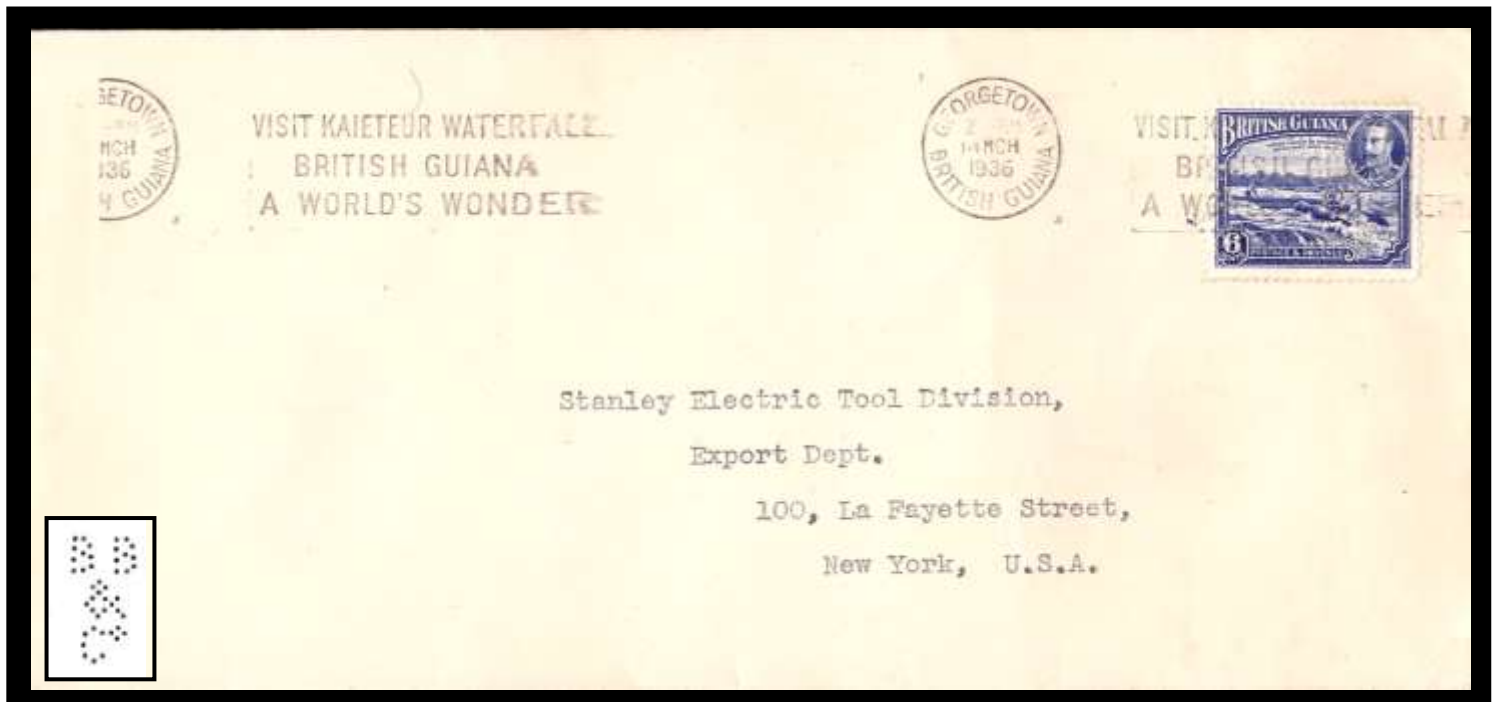
In 1882 British Guiana issued these type -set stamps in sheets of 12 printed on colored wove paper, There are two distinct designs and different colors of Purple & Yellow.

To prevent "fraud on the government" the word "SPECIMEN" was perforated diagonally across each stamp. It was also used to perforate Cards (As above) & Wrappers. The perforating machine was made and supplied by Baldwin.

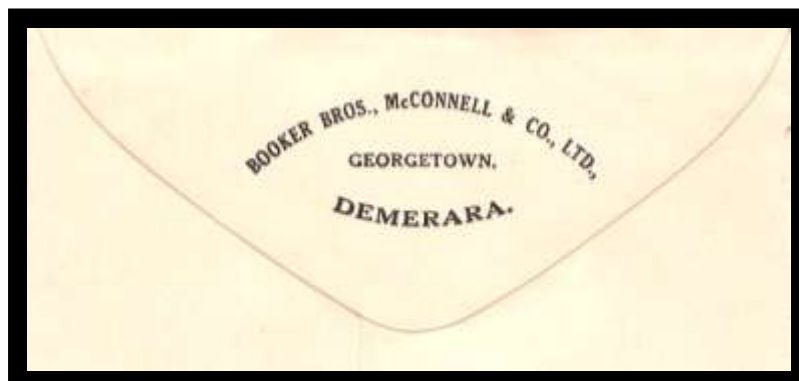
NOTE: - These stamps are also known without the Specimen perfin, and in Se-tenant pairs & strips.

BRITISH GUIANA

GV Cover Booker Bros, McConnell & Co Ltd. Georgetown to
New York, Dated 14-3-1936.



Proving identity on back of cover



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BRITISH GUIANA

LCC

User: - London County Council.

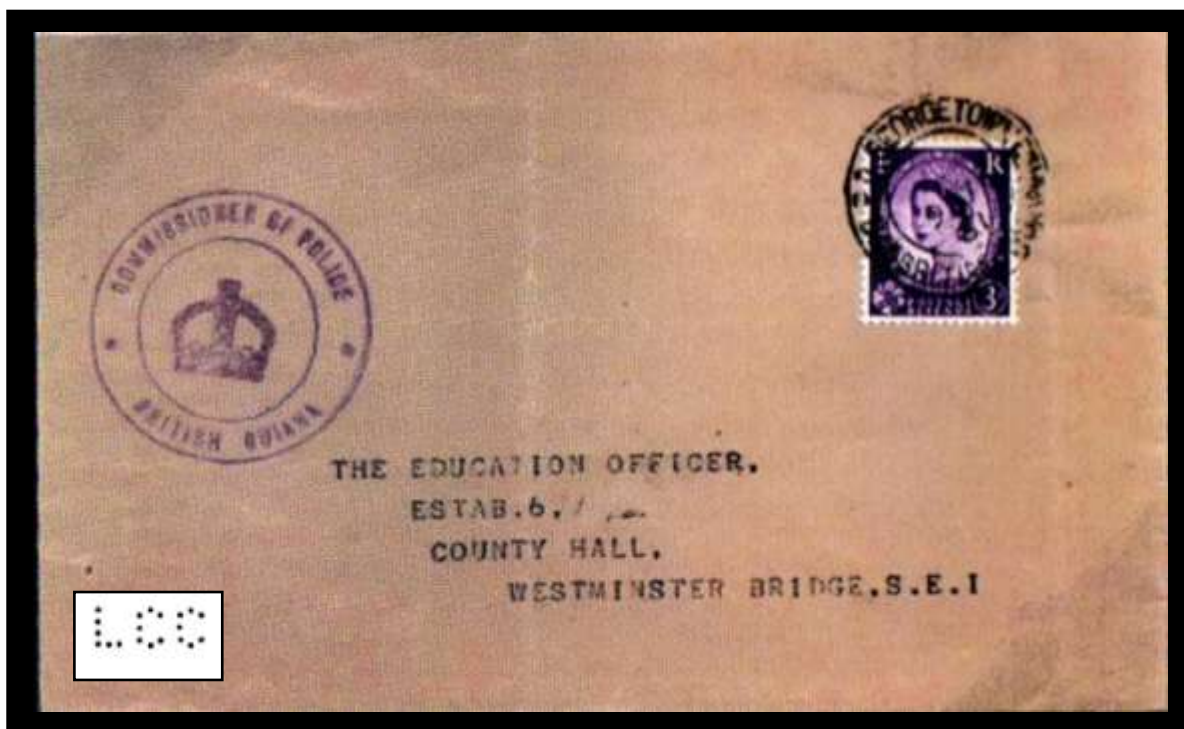
Used: - 1961.

Dates: - 9-7-1961.

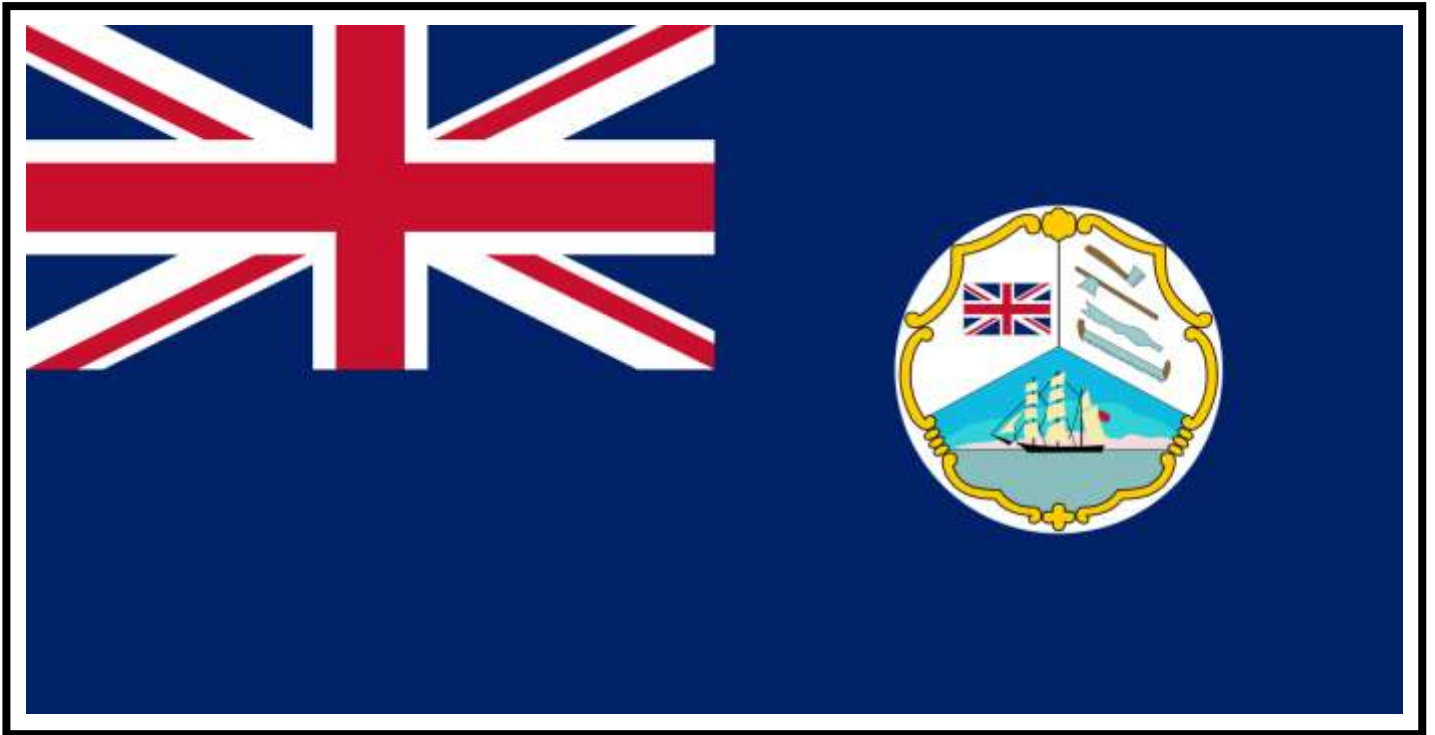
Most worthy of mention here is this new find by Richard Husband mentioned in the June 2020 Perfin Society Bulletin, a very unusual cover with a clear Georgetown cancel of 1961, and a British 3d Wilding stamp with the LCC perfin of London County Council, Die L 1020.01cM The Die was in use between 1954-1985.

Apparently this was a stamped addressed envelope sent by the London County Council to the Commissioner of Police in Georgetown.

The contents comprised of a reference relating to a job application to work in a London school, from a former resident of British Guiana.



BRITISH HONDURAS



British Honduras was a British Crown Colony on the east coast of Central America, south of Mexico,

BRITISH HONDURAS

<p>D.C. STANN CREEK</p>		<p>User: - Ø District Commissioner Stann Creek. Used: - c1922 GV Issues. Dates: -</p>
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<p>D.C. COROZAL</p>		<p>User: - Ø District Commissioner Corozal. Used: - c1922 GV Issues. Dates: -</p>
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<p>D.C. CAYO</p>		<p>User: - Ø District Commissioner Cayo. Used: - c1922 GV Issues. Dates: -</p>
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<p>D.C. BELIZE</p>		<p>User: - Ø District Commissioner Belize. Used: - c1922 GV Issues. Dates: -</p>
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<p>D.C. TOLEDO</p>		<p>User: - Ø District Commissioner Toledo. Used: - c1922 GV Issues. Dates: -</p>
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NOTE: -

British Honduras was split into six districts, each with a District Commissioner . Five of these District Commissioner perfins dies are known at present. ("D.C./Orange Walk") is outstanding) The latest two added dies were provided courtesy of Robert Littrell US Perfins Club.

BRITISH HONDURAS

<p>B.H.P.O TELEGRAMS</p> <p>*</p>		<p>User: - Post Office Telegrams Office. Used: - c1922 GV Issues & c1938 GVI Issues. Dates: - ---8-1935.</p>
		

<p>TEL DEPT</p> <p>*</p>		<p>User: - Ø Telegraph Department Used: - c1922 GV Issues. Dates: -</p>
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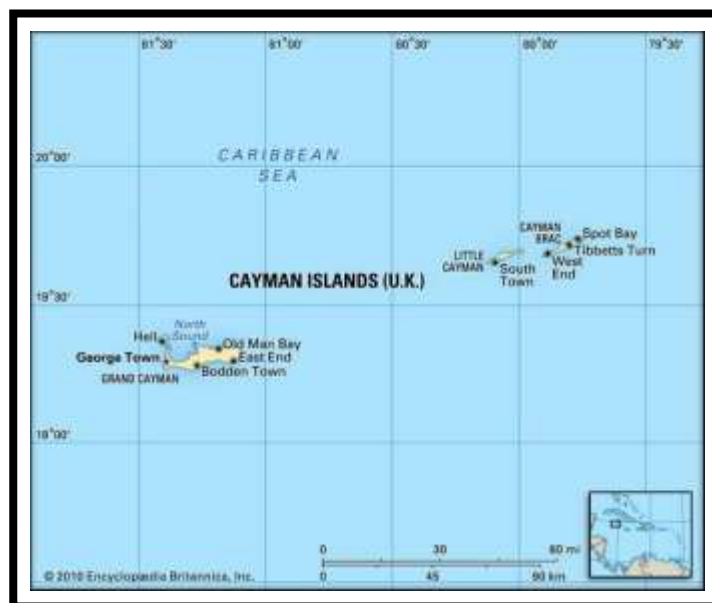
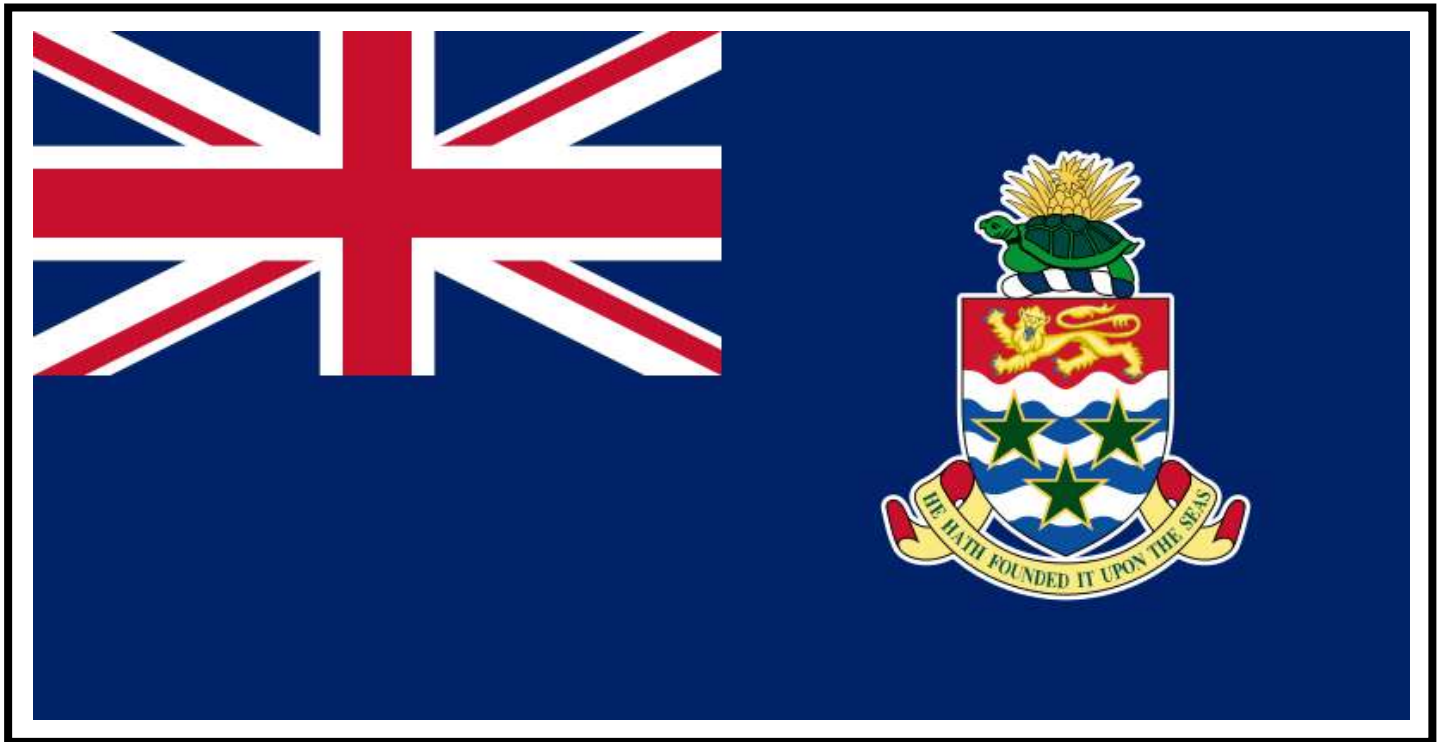
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	<p>User: - Used: - Dates: -</p>
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	<p>User: - Used: - Dates: -</p>
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NOTE: - * A perfin date has also been noted, this is in place above both of the Telegraph dies.
Part can be seen on the Silver Jubilee stamp image above.

CAYMAN ISLANDS



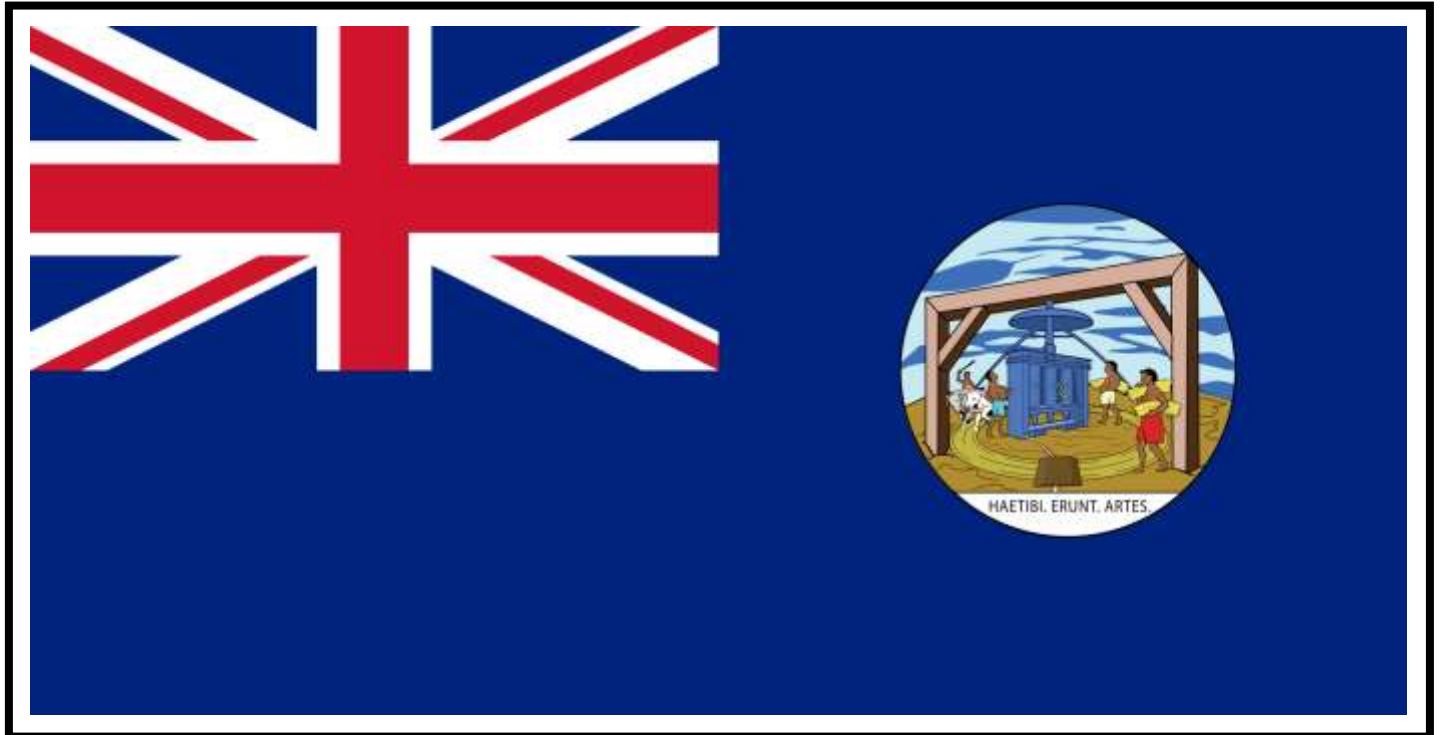
Cayman Islands used the British flag for all Official occasions until the 14th May 1958 when the Islands were granted their own Coat-of-Arms.

CAYMAN ISLANDS




		<p>User: - Ø Harris & Co, Grand Cayman. (Accountants). Used: - c1962-1972, QE II Issues. Dates: -</p> <p>NOTE: - \$1 Manuscript signature of "Harris & Co". 10/- image by curtesy of www.revrevd.com</p> <p>Cancel: - Manuscript.</p>
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<p>CANCELLED</p> <p>NOTE: - Size approximate</p> <p>Found on a number of different SPECIMEN Air letters. All QEII Issues. 1953 Issues were probably cancelled due to Crown Colony status in 1962 & 1962 Issues were probably cancelled c1969 due to change into decimal currency.</p> 	<p>User: - Used: - Air letter QE II Issues. Dates: - c1953-c1962.</p>	
	<p>AIR LETTER (TO JAMAICA ONLY)</p> 	
<p>BY AIR MAIL PAR AVION AIR LETTER AÉROGRAMME</p> 		

GRENADA

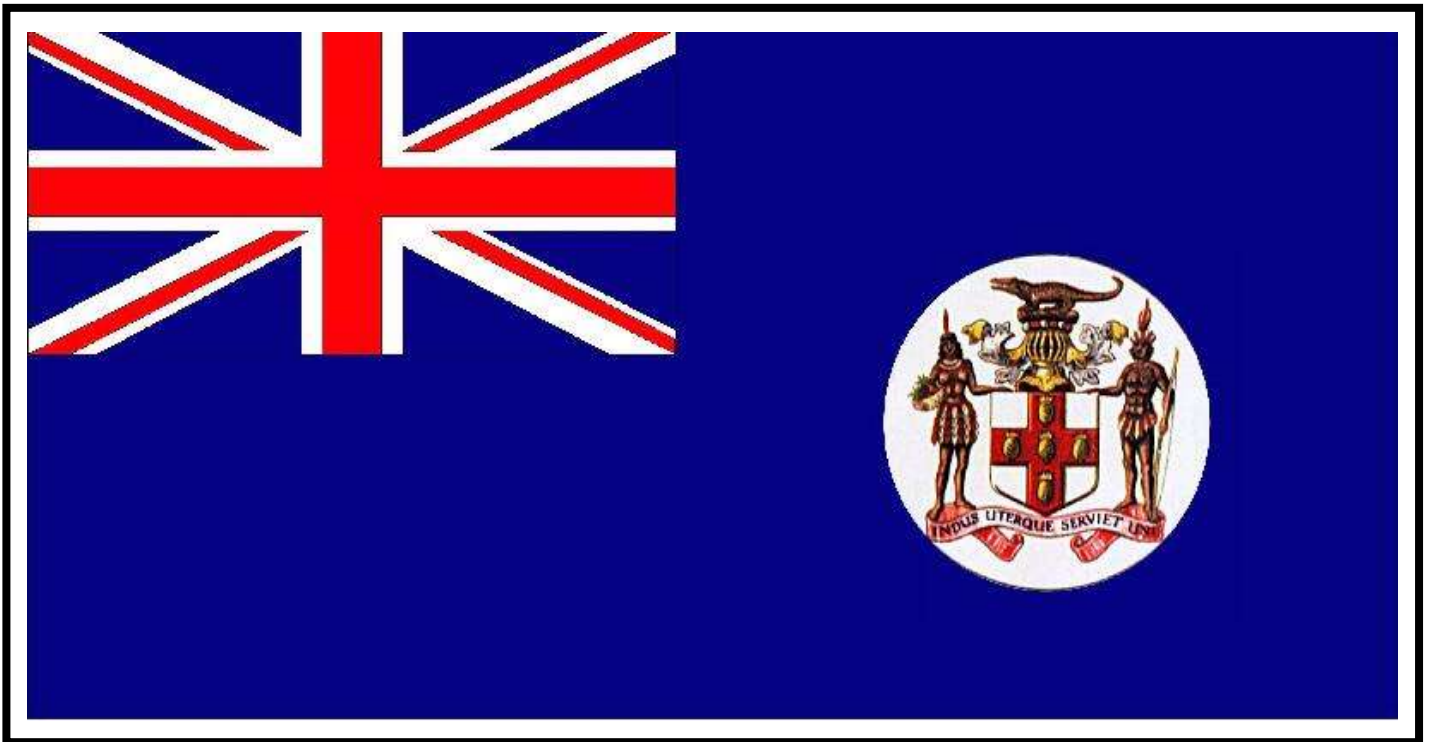


GRENADA

		 <p data-bbox="660 573 979 633">Additional overprint in Green for Postal use.</p>	<p data-bbox="948 360 1241 389">User: - Postal Authorities.</p> <p data-bbox="948 394 1171 423">Used: - 1883 Issues,</p> <p data-bbox="948 427 1034 456">Dates: -</p>
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JAMAICA



JAMAICA

<p><u>1</u></p>  <p><u>2</u></p> 		<p>User: - Judicial Revenue Issues. Used: - 1883 Issues. Dates: -</p> <p>Believed to be Part date cancels. 1 & 2</p>
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		<p>User: - Jamaica Telephone Company. Kingston. Used: - c1923-c1939, GV Issues. Dates: -</p> <p>Cancel: - Postal.</p>
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		<p>User: - United Fruit Company, Kingston. Used: - c1919-c1953. GV, GVI, QEII, Dates: - 10-4-1941.</p> <p>Cancel: - Postal.</p>
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		<p>User: - Ø Bank of Nova Scotia. Used: - c1922-c1950, GV & GVI Issues. Dates: - 6-9-1957.</p> <p>Cancel: - Postal.</p>
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<p>Empty space for additional information.</p>
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JAMAICA

GV Cover United Fruit Company Kingston to New York City
U.S.A. Dated 22-1-1937.



GVI Cover Jamaica to Washington U.S.A. 24-10-1957.



JAMAICA



User: - Railway Executive Eastern Region,

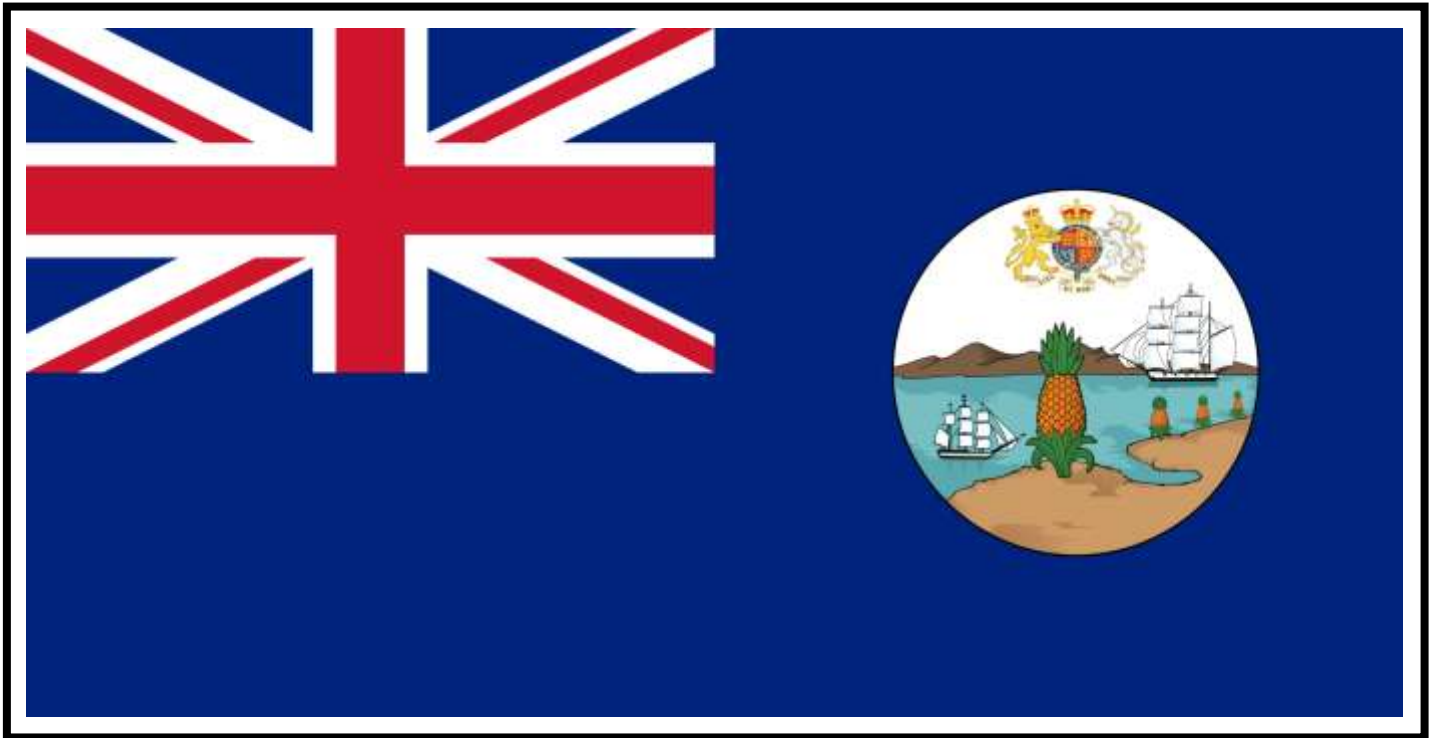
Used: - 1948-1965

Dates: - 5-12-1955 Bath, Jamaica.

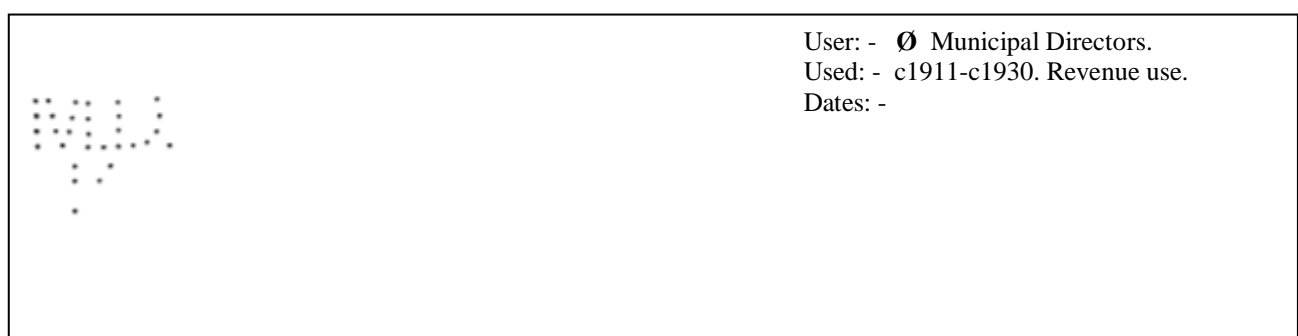
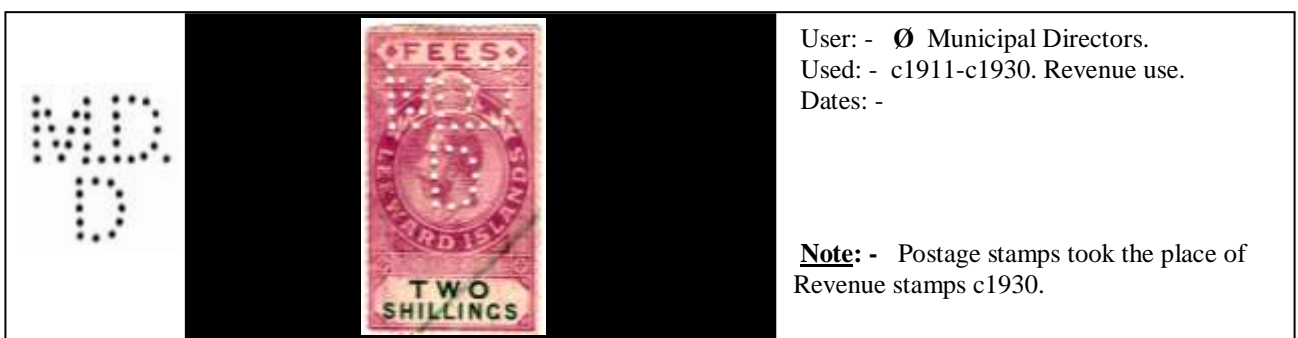
Worthy of mention here is this very unusual cover with a clear Bath Jamaica cancel of 5-12-1955, and a British 2½d Wilding stamp with the EN/E perfin of The Railway Executive Eastern Region, Die 3220.01M. The Die was a 12x1 multiheaded die and was in use between 1948-1965. In all probability this was a stamped addressed envelope sent by The Railway Executive to Jamaica Railways for its return to London. Note the Jamaica tax cancel of 16 cents.



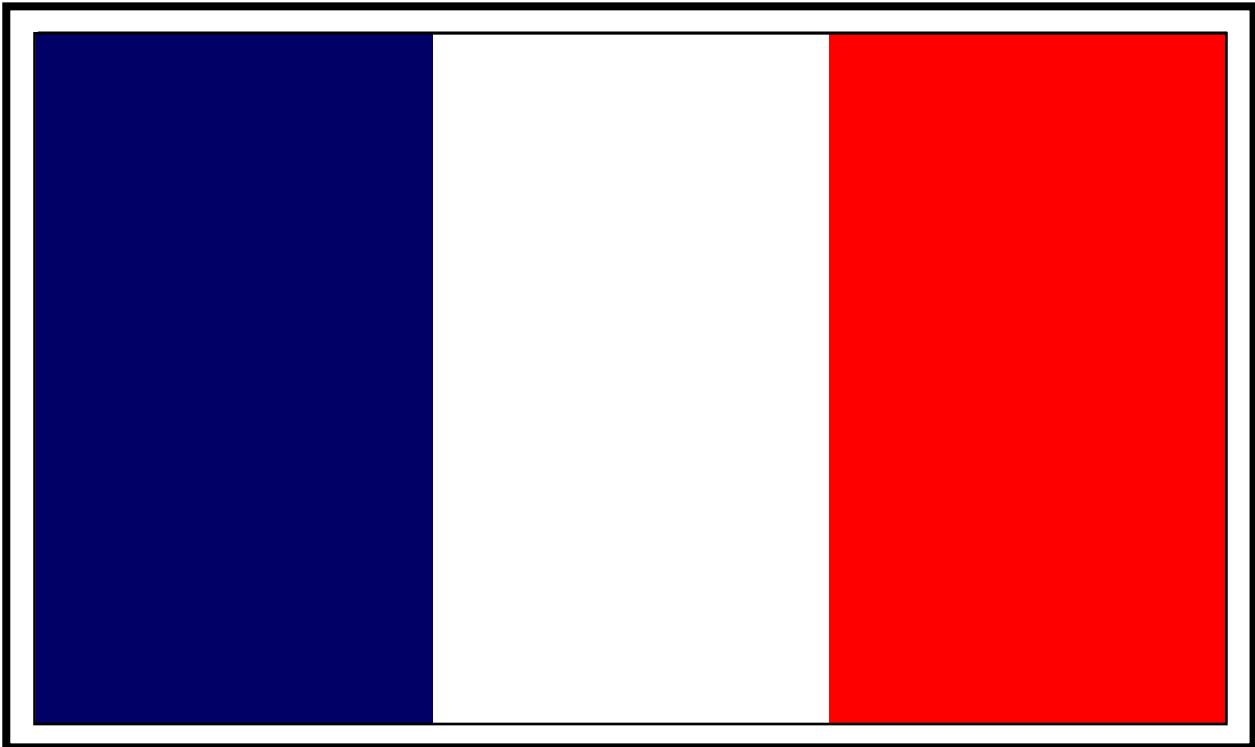
LEEWARD ISLANDS



LEEWARD ISLANDS



MARTINIQUE



The French National flag is used in Martinique.



WILLIAM LAWLESS 1829-1897

BRITISH CONSUL IN MARTINIQUE



William Lawless was born in Dublin in 1829, and took up the post of British Consul in St Pierre Martinique ● in early 1875 on a salary of £400 per annum, succeeding his father John Lawless who had been in the post since 1849. After France's abolition of Slavery in 1848 the French Antilles experienced a sharp decline in its labour force so it was decided to recruit indentured Asian labourers, mostly from British India.

They were indentured to work there for a certain number of years at certain rates of pay and conditions, however these conditions were appalling, almost as bad as slavery, and William Lawless played a big part in trying to enhance the life styles and conditions of these India immigrants. By 1887 his tireless work had resulted in big improvements, and by 1888 a law was passed where no further indentured recruitment was to take place.

To date 2022 :- This is the **only** recorded perfin die on GB Consular Service stamps.

Consular Service.

Dates of
27-10-93 to 20-3-96.

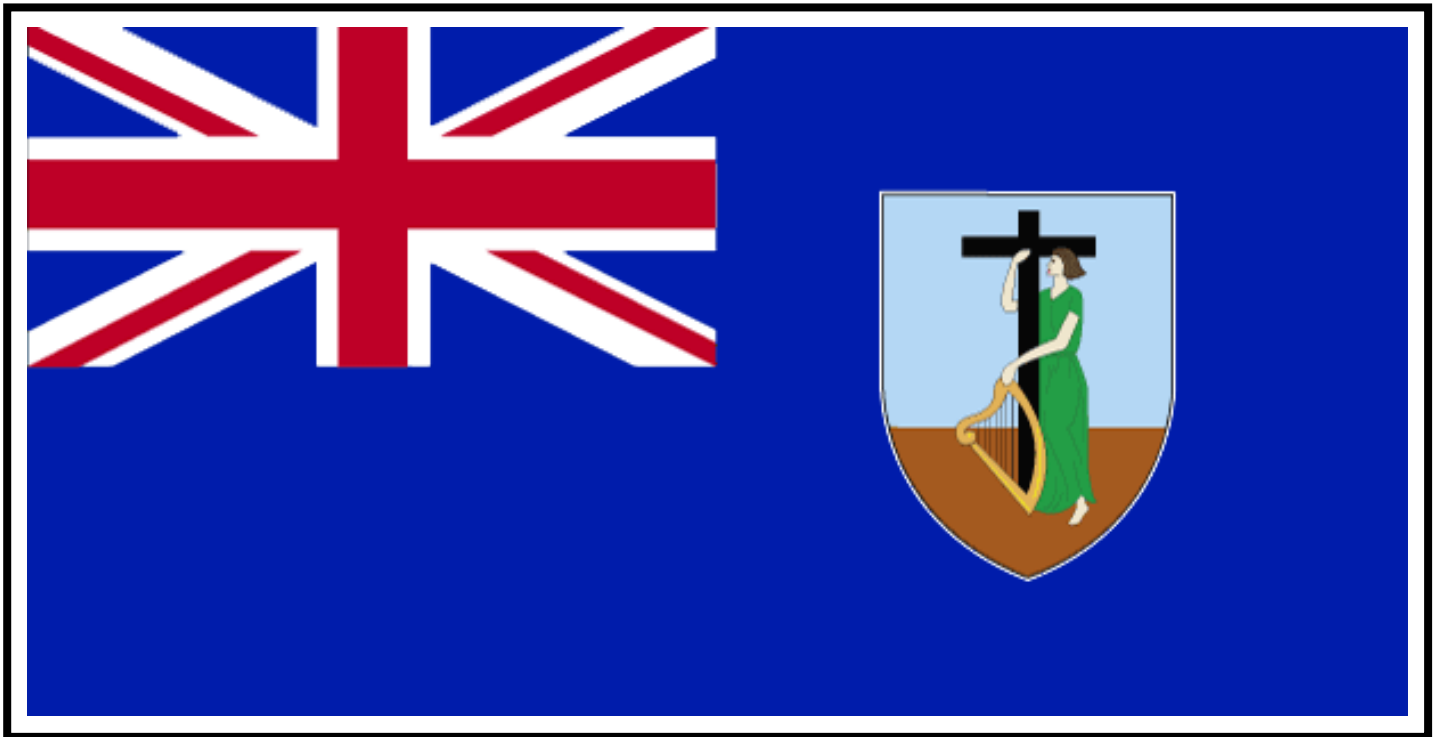
**User: - William Lawless,
British Consul, St Pierre, Martinique.
1875 to 1897.**

Recorded on (4) QVic 10/- on 10/-, &
(1) 2/- on 2/- Consular Service stamps, 3
are cancelled by the British Consulate
Martinique.

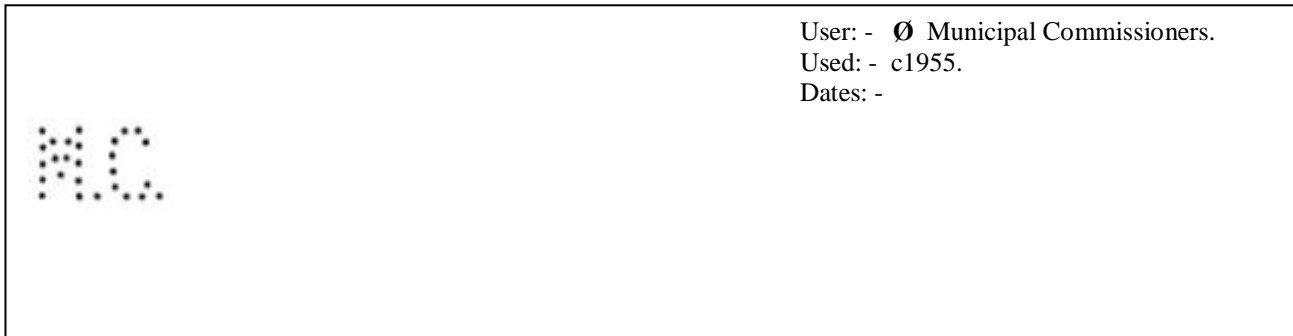
W.L.



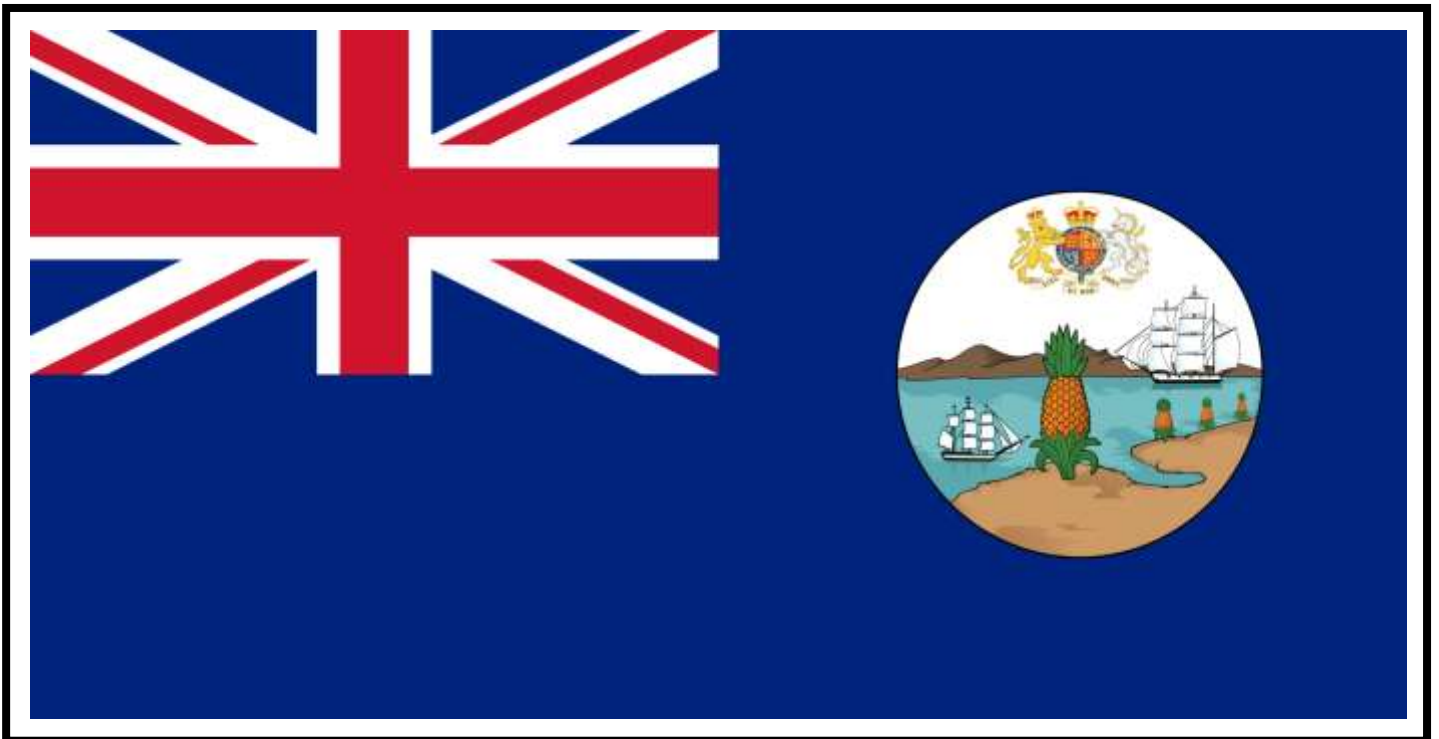
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MONTSEERRAT



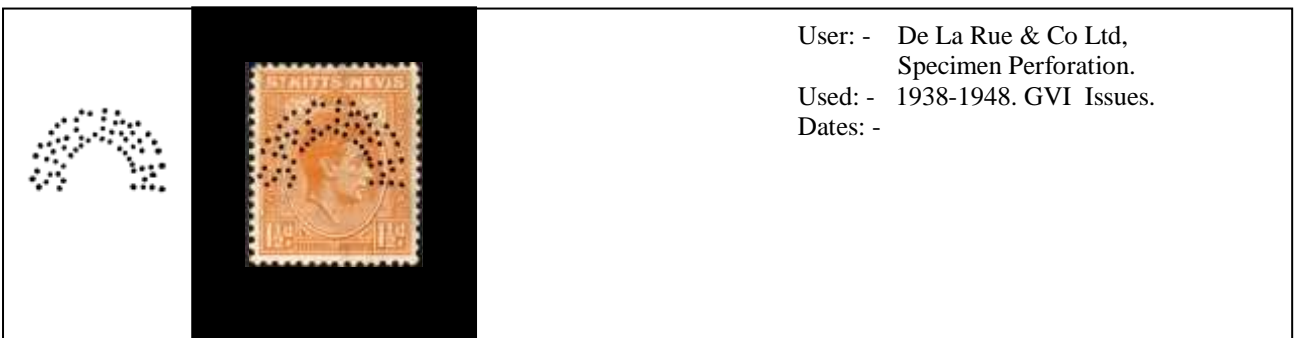
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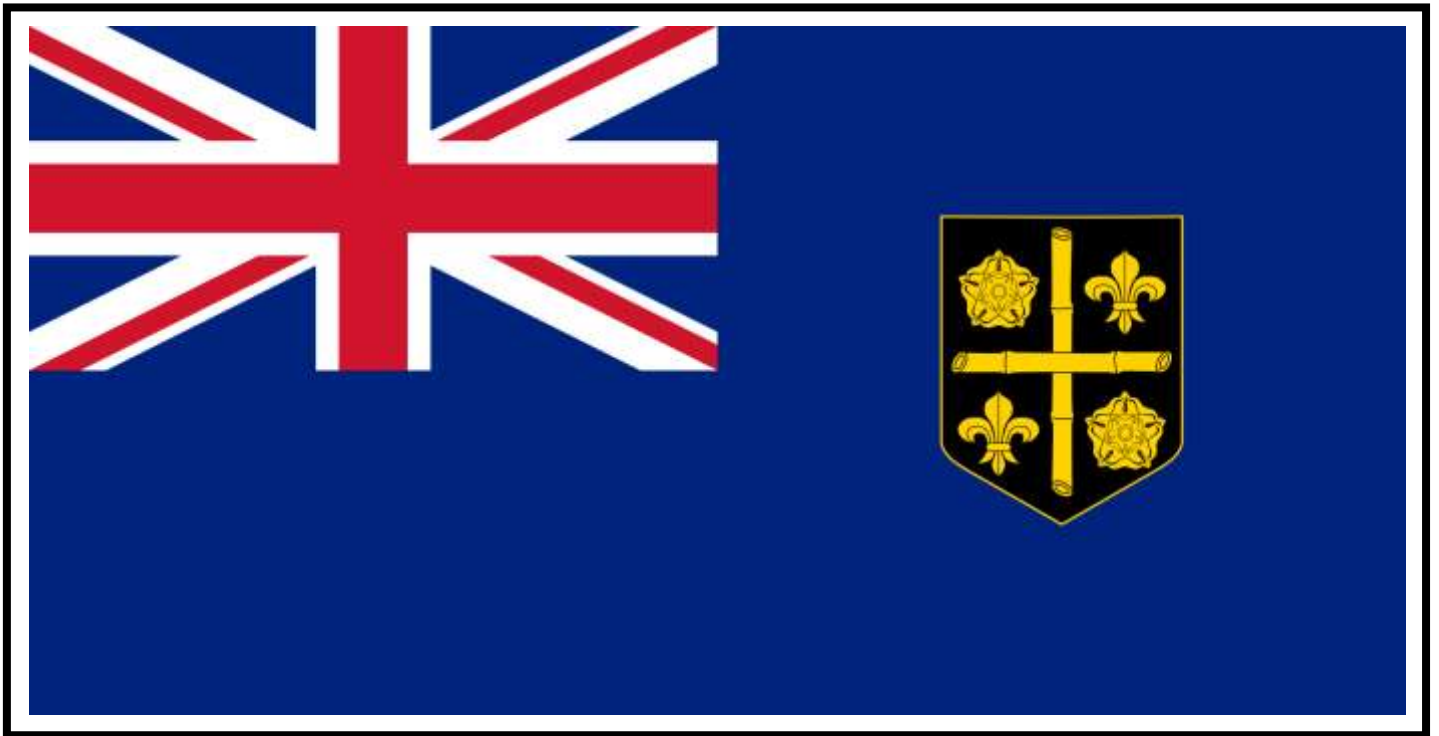
St Kitts & Nevis used the flag of the Leeward Islands.



ST KITTS & NEVIS



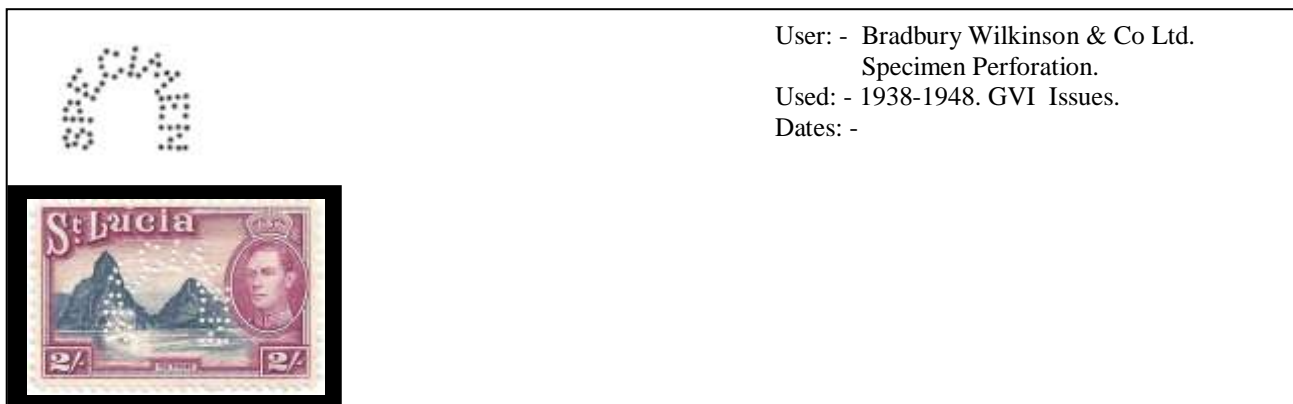
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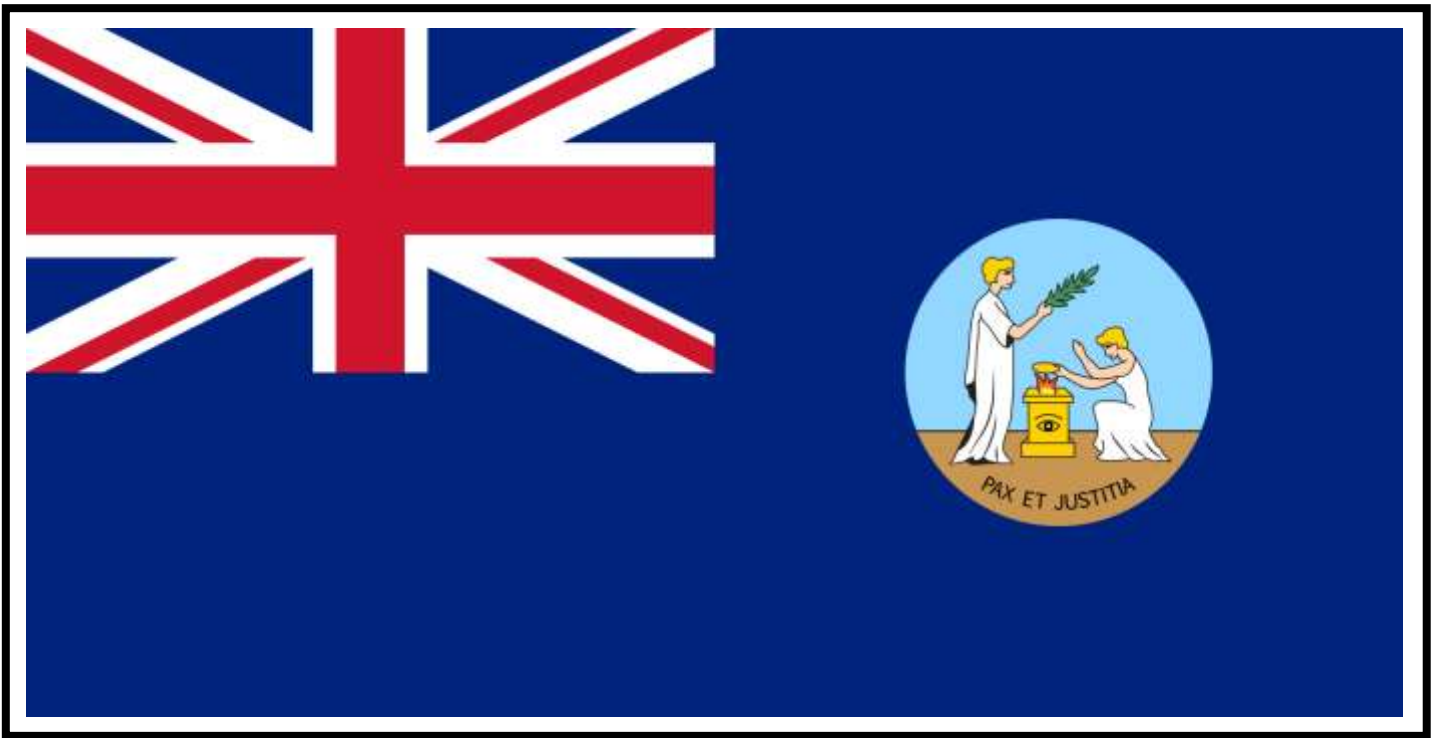
ST LUCIA

The perfin "CANCELLED"

It is thought that this perfin die was used to invalidate stamps that were no longer appropriate, due to events.




ST VINCENT



ST VINCENT


PAID
COREA &



User: - Ø Corea & Co Ltd, Kingstown.
Used: - c1949-c1950s.
Dates: -

A "PAID" Receipt cancel.
First recorded in the World perfin catalogue by the Perfins Club of U.S.A.

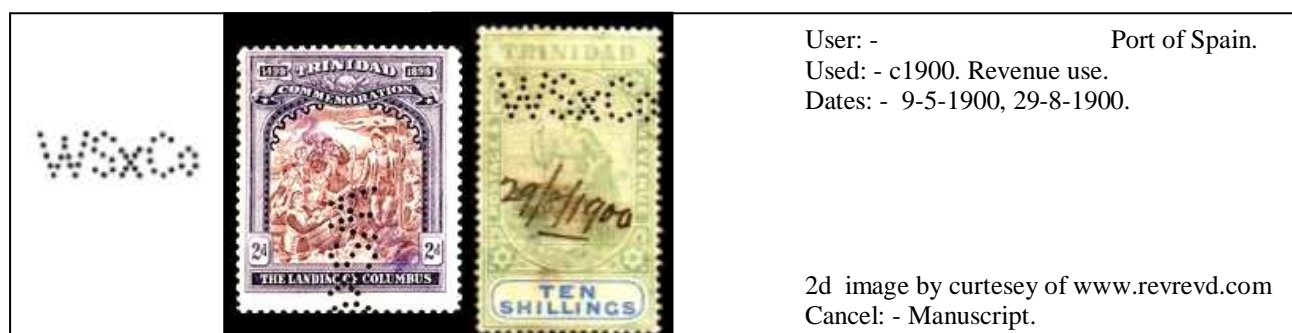
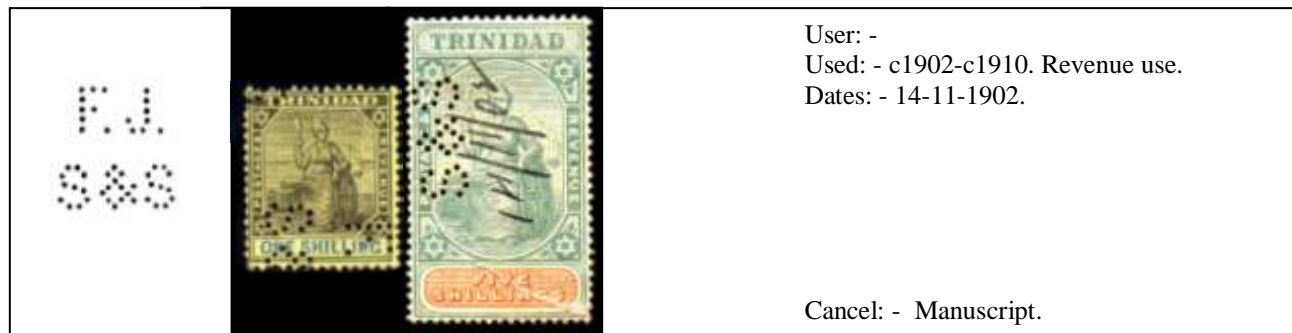
PAID
J.H.S. & CO LTD



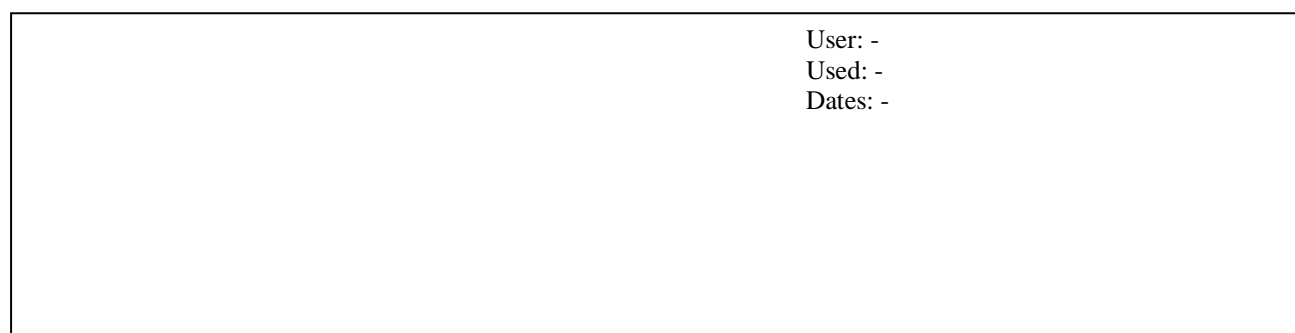
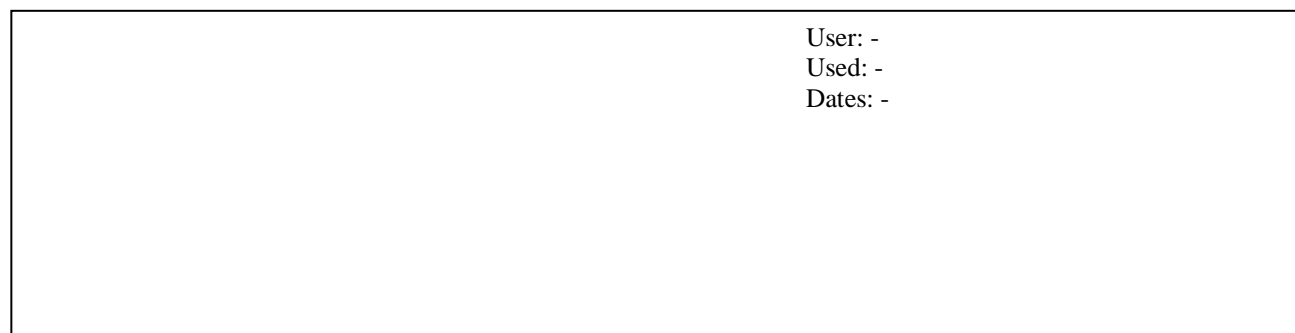
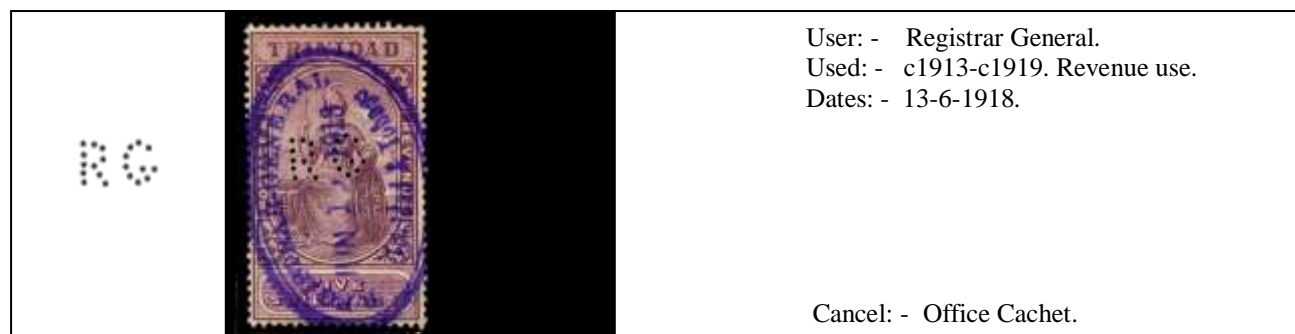
User: - Ø J. H. Hazells Sons & Co Ltd,
Used: - c1949-c1950s.
Dates: -

A "PAID" Receipt cancel.
First recorded in the World perfin catalogue by the Perfins Club of U.S.A.

TRINIDAD



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King George VI 1d Pale Scarlet.

SG 486 Strip of 3 with Trinidad Paquebot Cancel.

L.E.
&P.



L.E.
&P.

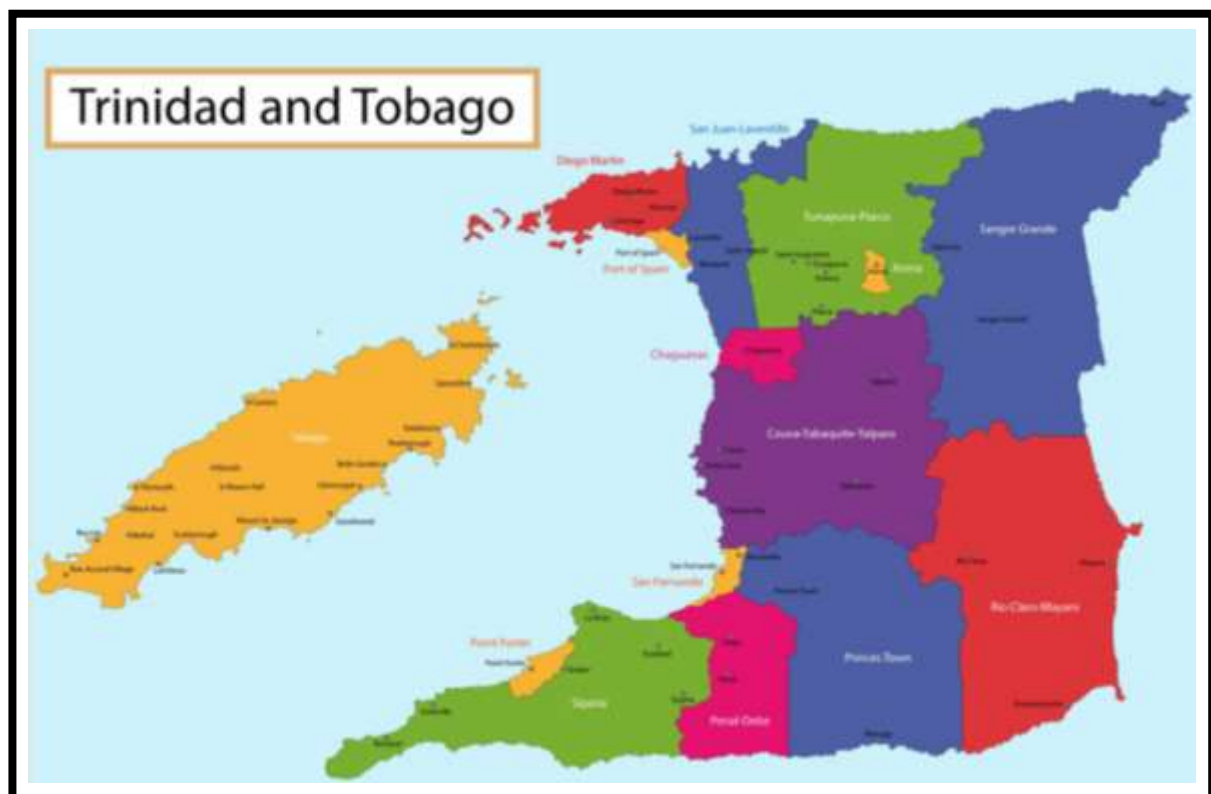
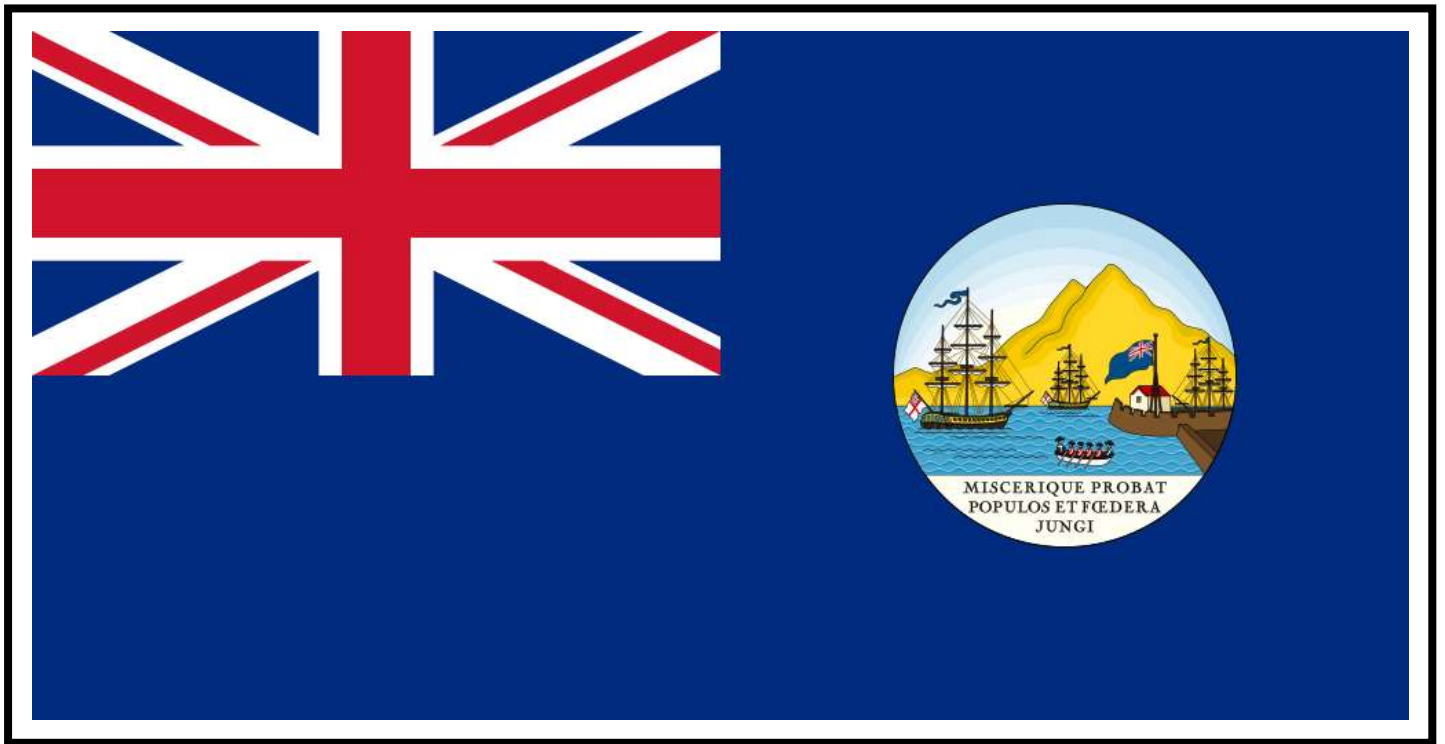
Perfin: - "L.E./&P." Cat No L 1930.01 In Use: - 1905-1954.

User: - Langstaff, Eremberg & Co, (Forwarding Agents).
5 Chapel Street, Liverpool 3.

Unusual to find perfins with a Paquebot cancel from the West Indies.



Dated: - 2-3-1949.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

		<p>User: - Archer Coal Depot Company Inc, Used: - c1938-c1950. Dates: - 31-3-1947, 17-12-1949.</p> <p>Cancel: - Postal.</p>
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		<p>User: - District Court Office, Used: - c1933-1950s. Revenue use. Dates: -</p> <p>"District Court Office" Cachet in purple.</p> <p>Cancel: - Office Cachet.</p>
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		<p>User: - Registrar's Office, Port of Spain. Used: - c1905-c1923. Revenue use. Dates: - 15-2-1922, 13-8-1923.</p> <p>Cancel: - Office Cachet.</p>
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		<p>User: - Registrar General. Used: - c1913-c1919. Revenue use. Dates: - 11-6-1917, 7-1-1920.</p> <p>Cancel: - Office Cachet.</p>
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		<p>User: - Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. Used: - 1938 GVI Issues. Dates: -</p> <p>Cancel: - G.P.O. Port of Spain.</p> <p>NOTE:- Identical to Multi die S19 of Canada</p>
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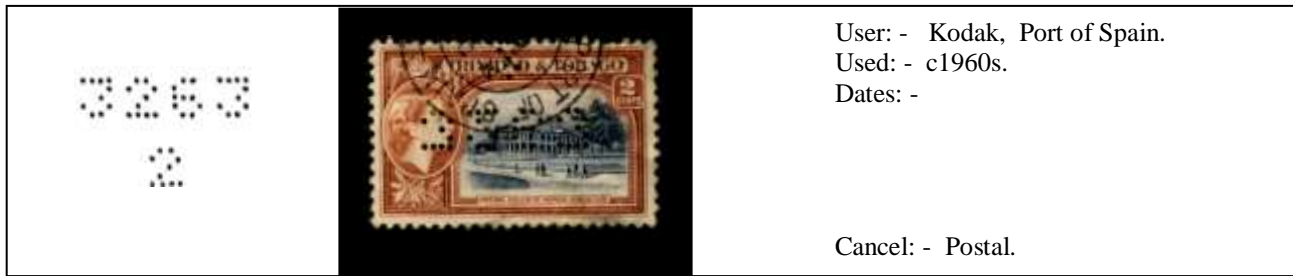
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Archer Coal Depot Company Inc.

Dated 31-3-1947.



TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



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The perfin "CANCELLED"

It is thought that some of these cancelled dies were used to invalidate stamps that were no longer appropriate, due to events.

Small size

Noted with the Cachet of the Registrar General's Office.
GV & GVI stamps.

Dates of: --2-1925, 5-6-1949.



CANCELLED

Medium size

Independence 1962.



CANCELLED

Large size

Cease of use of the QEII Image c1969.



CANCELLED

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

This perfin "**PAID/Date**" (Paid & date cancellation die)
Is noted on Queen Elizabeth II stamps 1953 Issue.

User: - Barclays Bank Ltd, Marine Square, Port of Spain,

AID
+85.



Worth mentioning is the die image below, it was manufactured and used on permits, (Punched through) to license the supply of postage stamps in the immediate 1945 post WWII exchange control. The permits were used as a form of Currency control.

