

PERFINS OF THE BRITISH CARIBBEAN ISLANDS & AREA



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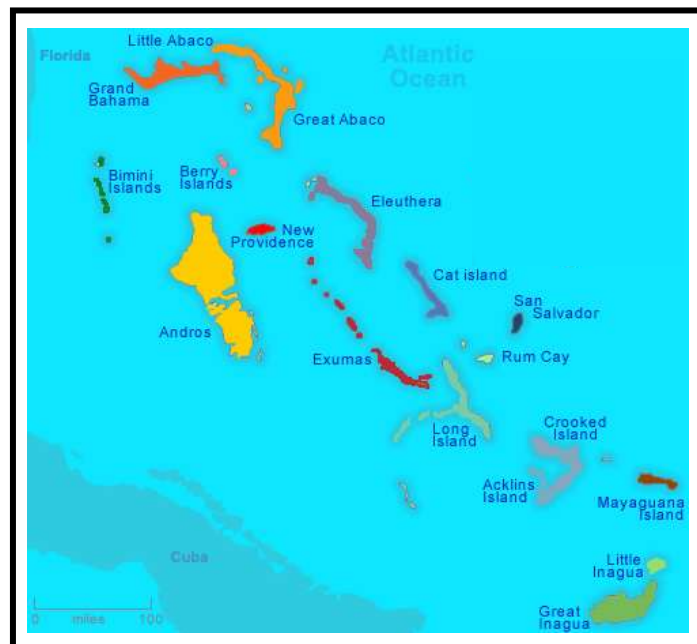
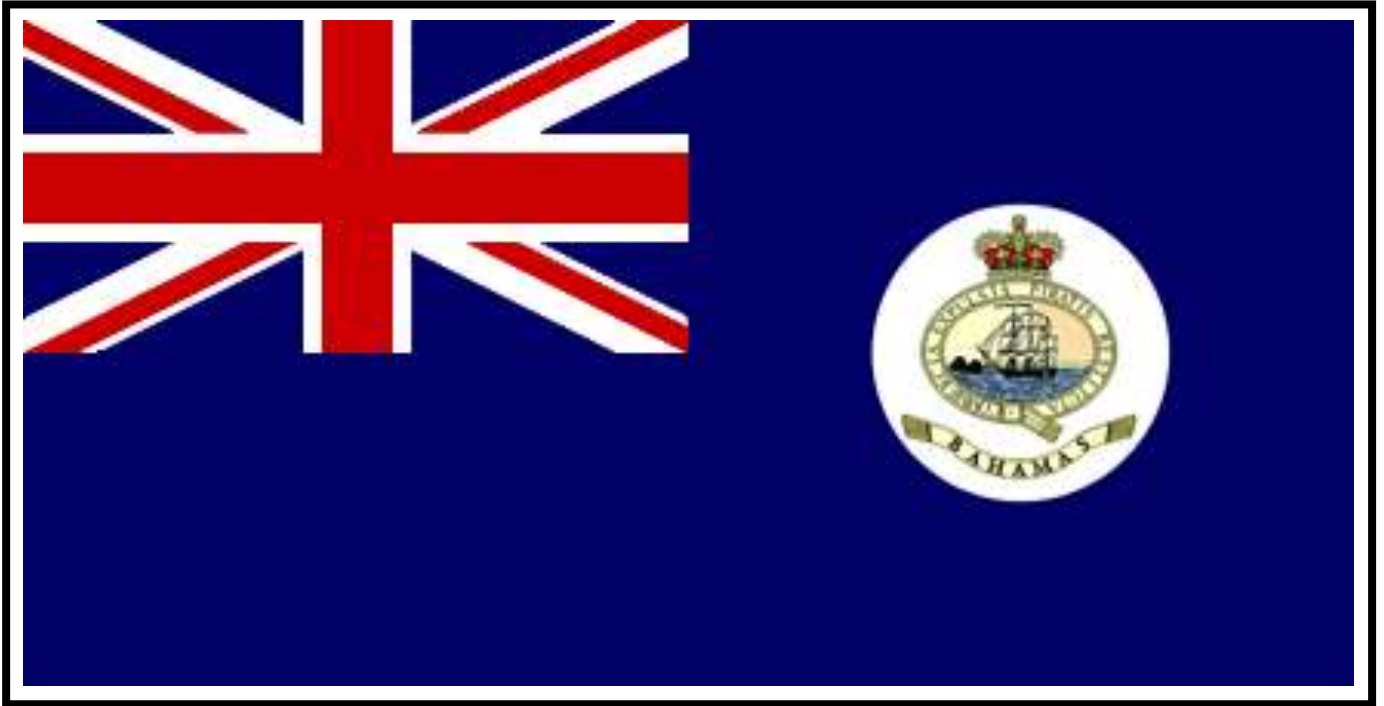
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BAHAMAS



BAHAMAS

FN

User: - Ø Kodak ?
Used: - In Nassau c1950s.
Dates: -

NOTE: Same 6 pin high letters as below.

9100



User: - Ø Kodak ?
Used: - In Nassau 1963. QEII.
Dates: - 1-8-1963.

Waterlow & Sons Ltd
London



User: - Waterlow & Sons Ltd,
Used: - c1928-1948.
Dates: -

User: -
Used: -
Dates: -

BAHAMAS



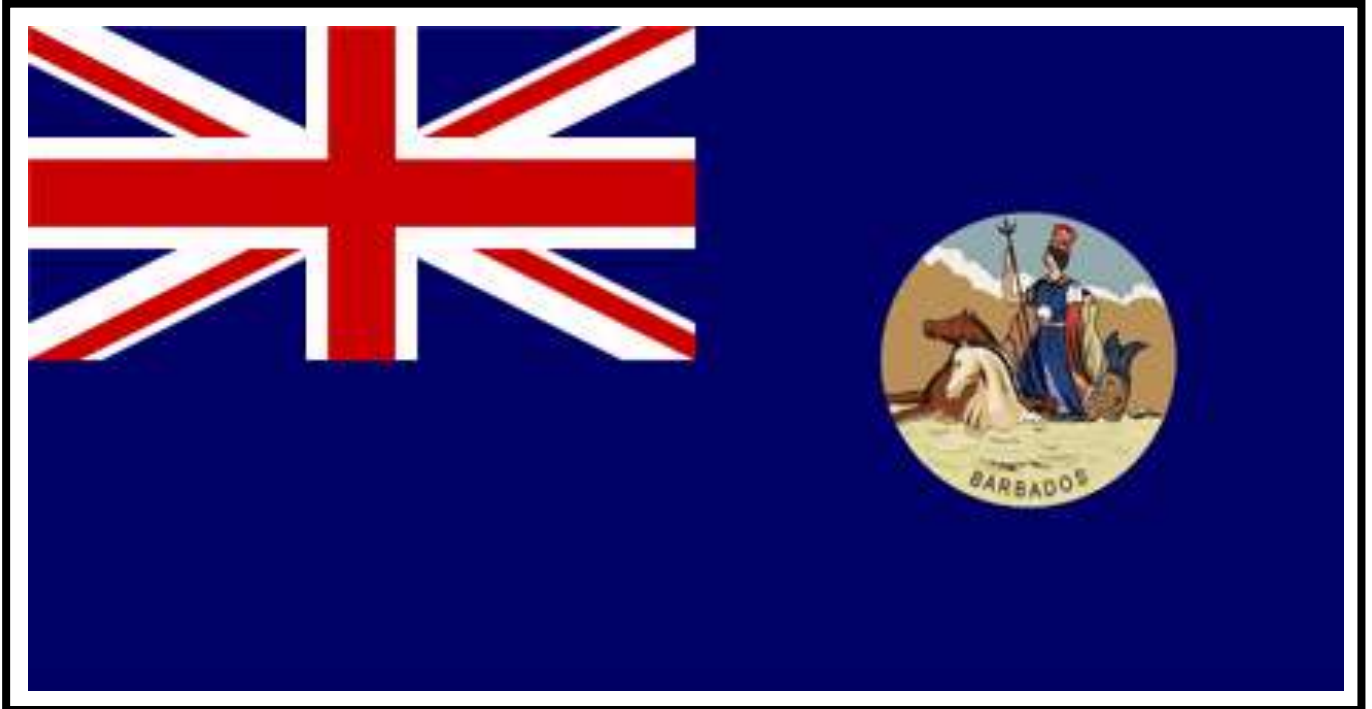
User: - Humber & Co Ltd, (Cycles)
 Beeston, Wolverhampton, Coventry, England.
 Used: - 1895-1908.
 Dates: - 7-6-1899.

GB Catalogue No: **H 1610.01**

Oblong Packet Boat Cancel. Cancelled on arrival at Nassau Bahamas 15-5-1899 and then transferred for passage to Caicos Islands. Where it arrived 23 days later on the 7-6-1899.



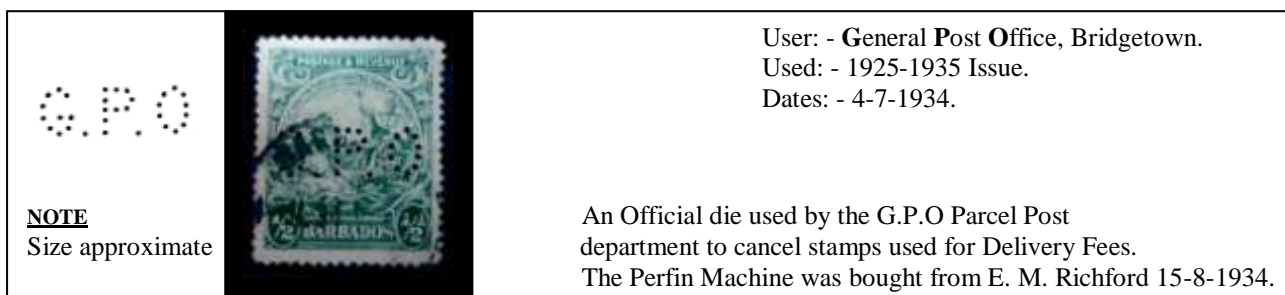
BARBADOS



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.



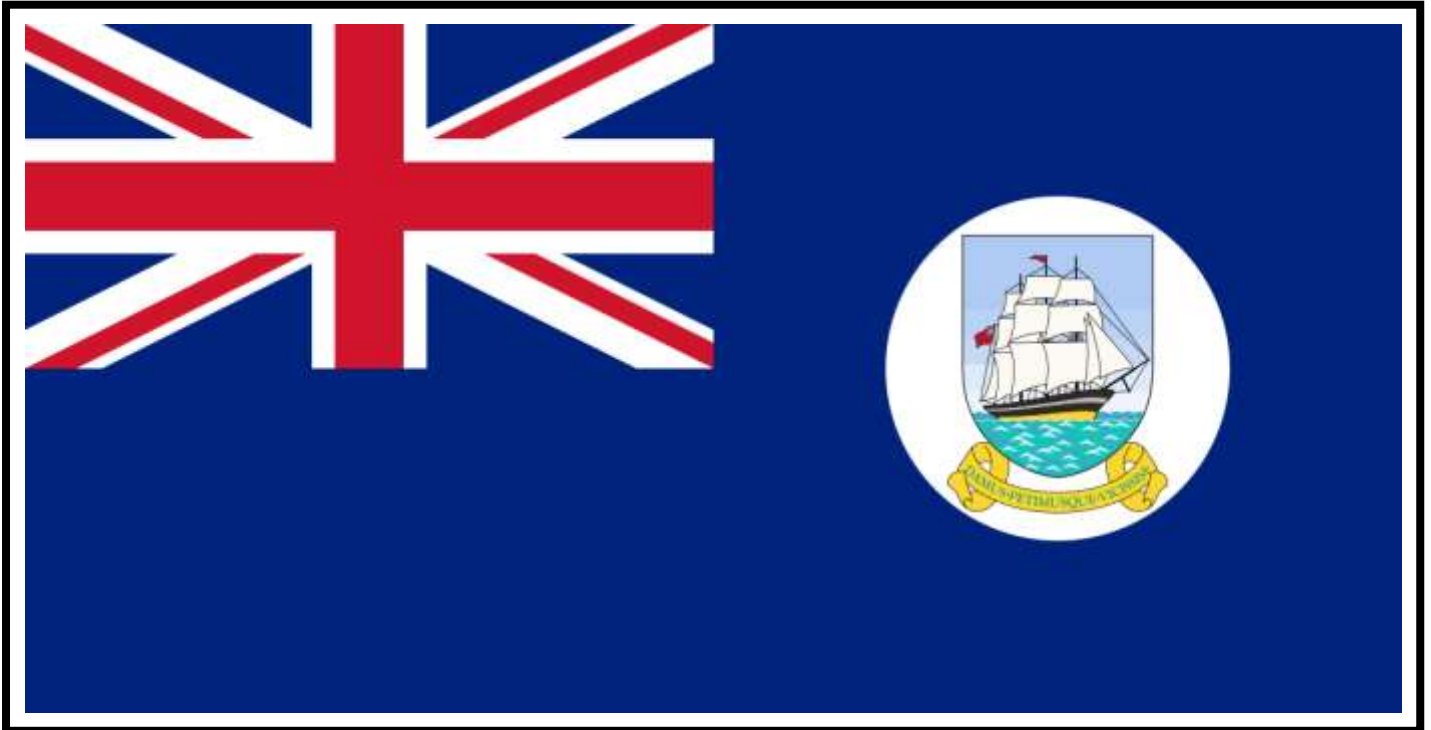
BARBADOS

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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Postcards & surcharged Postcards 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.



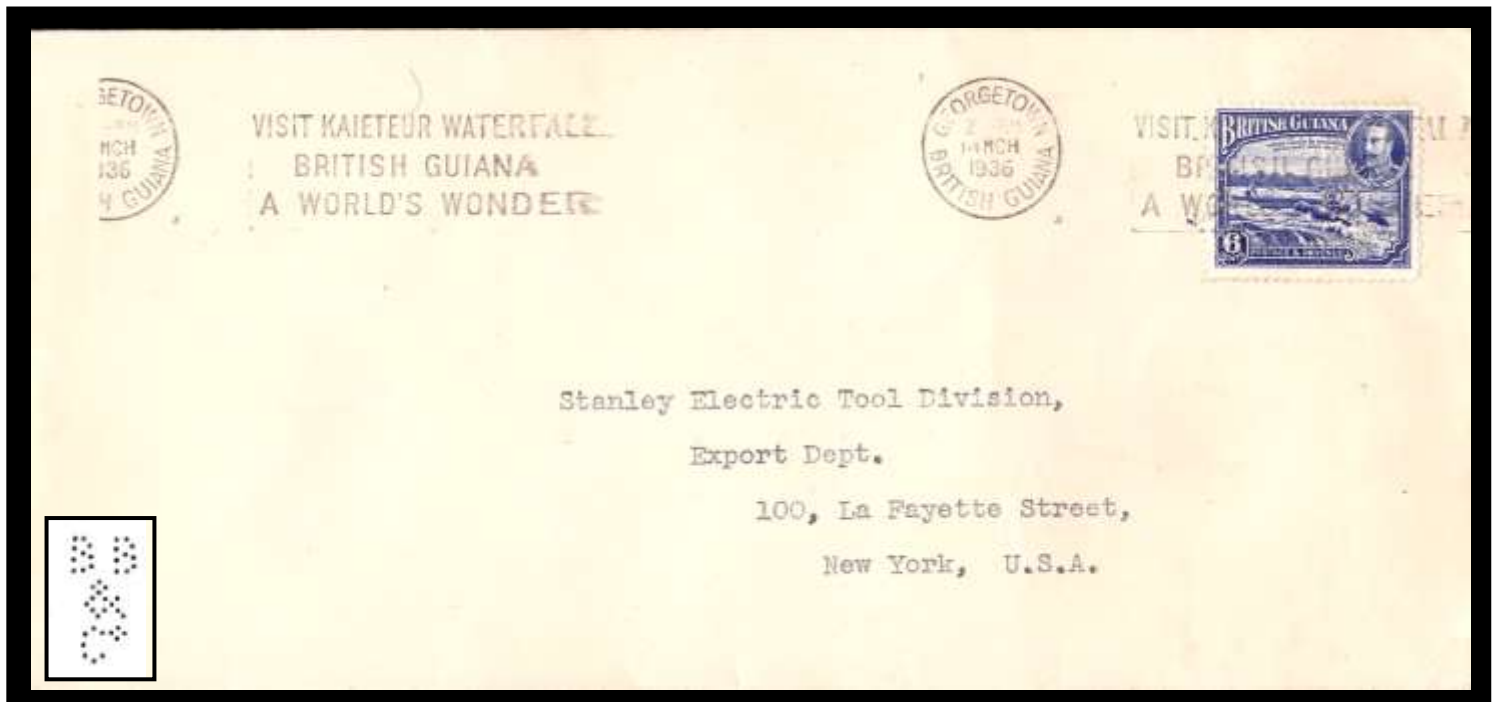
In 1882 British Guiana issued these type -set stamps in sheets of 12 printed on colored wove paper, There are two distinct designs and different colors of Purple & Yellow.

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.

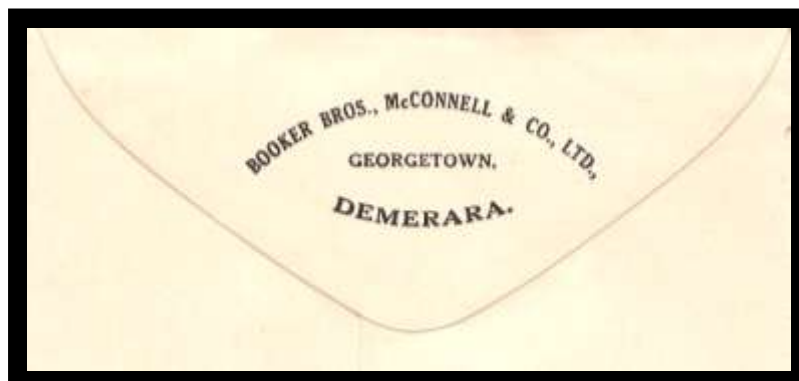
NOTE: - These stamps are also known without the Specimen perfin, and in Se-tenant pairs & strips.

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

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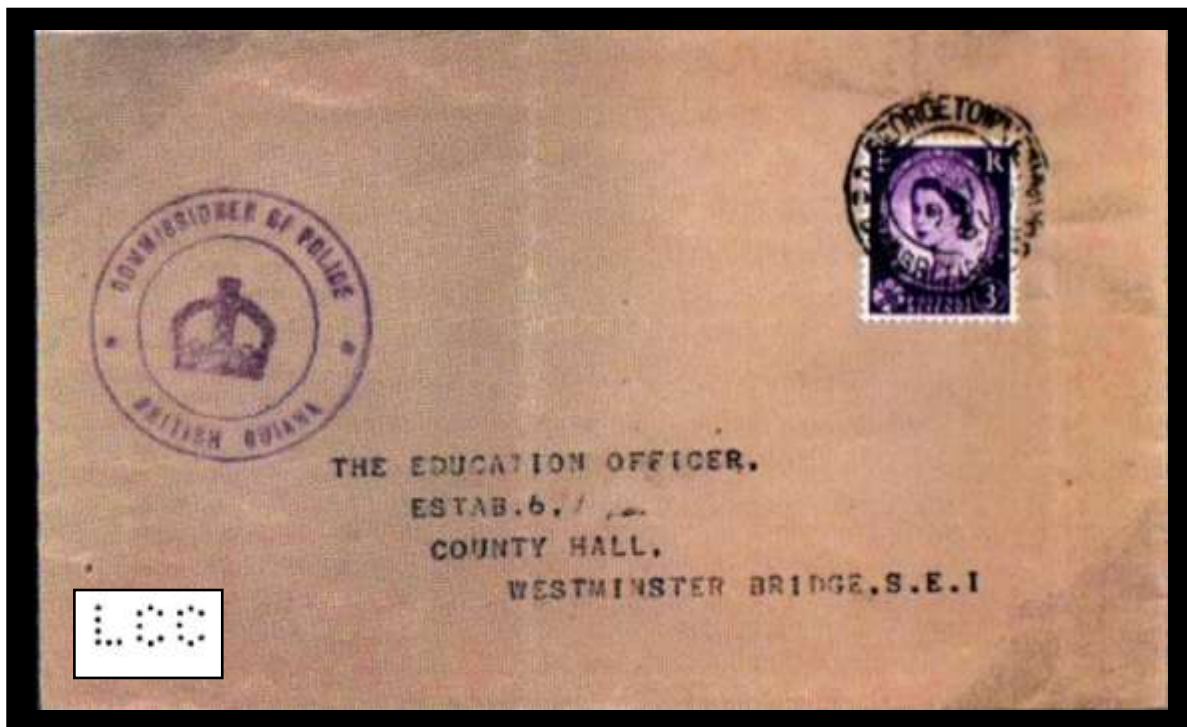
User: - London County Council.

Used: - 1961.

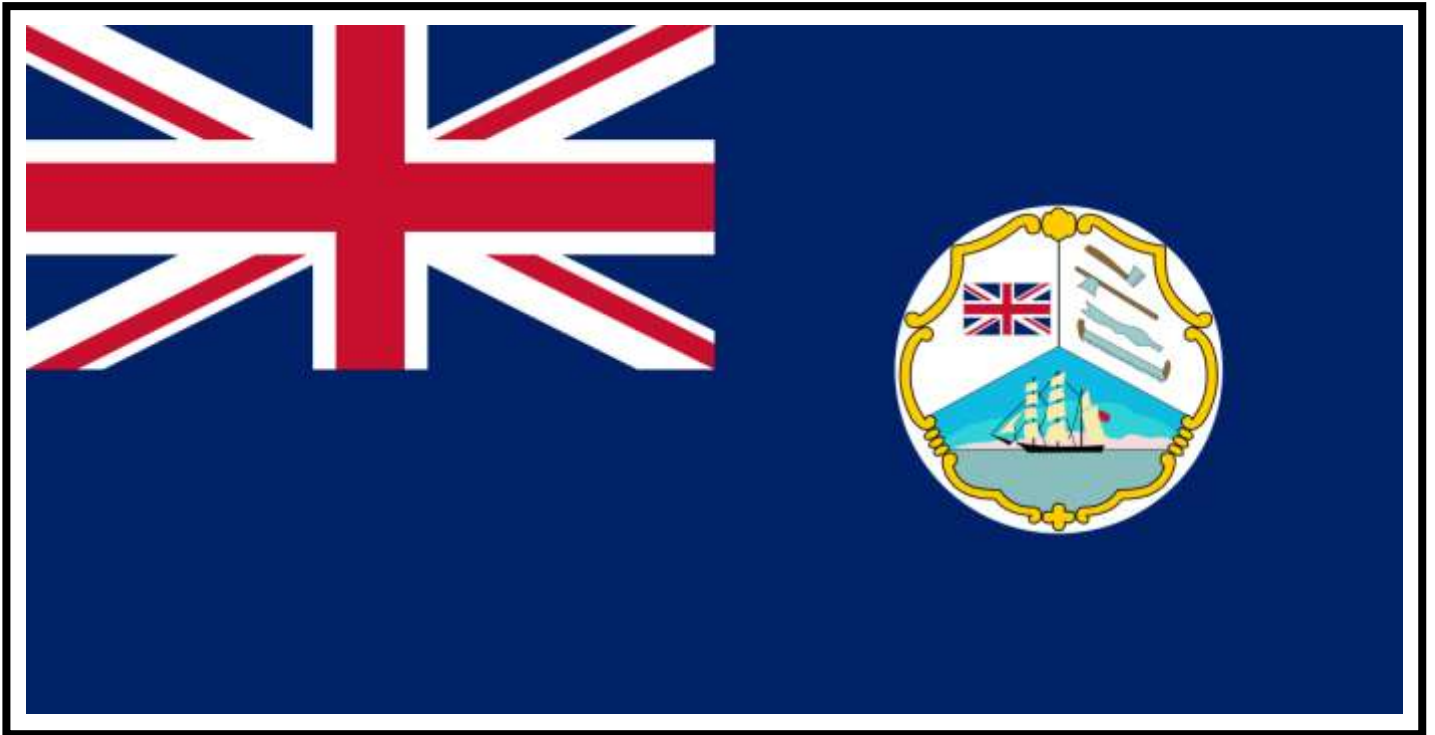
Dates: - 9-7-1961.

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: - c1922-1936 GV Issues. Dates: -</p>
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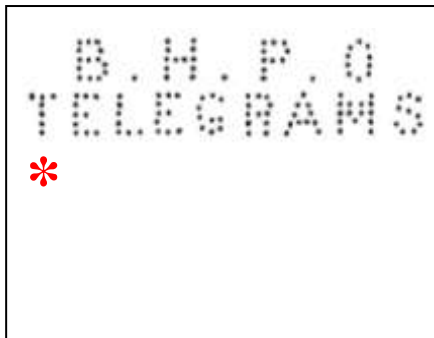
<p>D.C. BELIZE</p>		<p>User: - Ø District Commissioner Belize. Used: - c1913 to c1922 GV Issues. Dates: -</p>
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<p>D.C. TOLEDO</p>		<p>User: - Ø District Commissioner Toledo. Used: - c1922 GV Issues. Dates: -</p>
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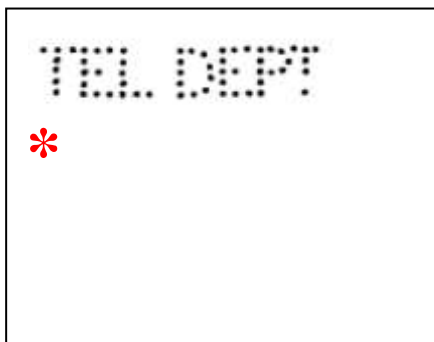
NOTE: -

British Honduras was split into six districts, each with a District Commissioner . Five of these Ø District Commissioner perfin 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.

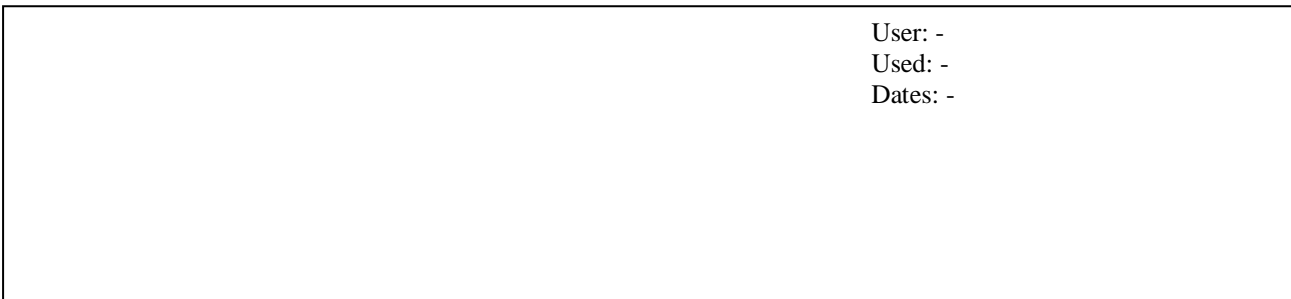
BRITISH HONDURAS



User: - Post Office Telegrams Office.
Used: - c1922 GV Issues & c1938 GVI Issues.
Dates: - ---8-1935.



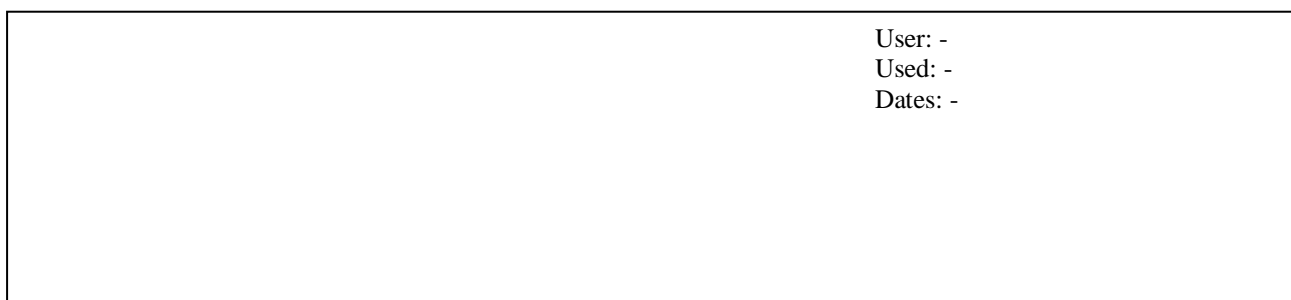
User: - Ø Telegraph Department
Used: - c1913 -c1935 GV Issues.
Dates: -



User: -
Used: -
Dates: -



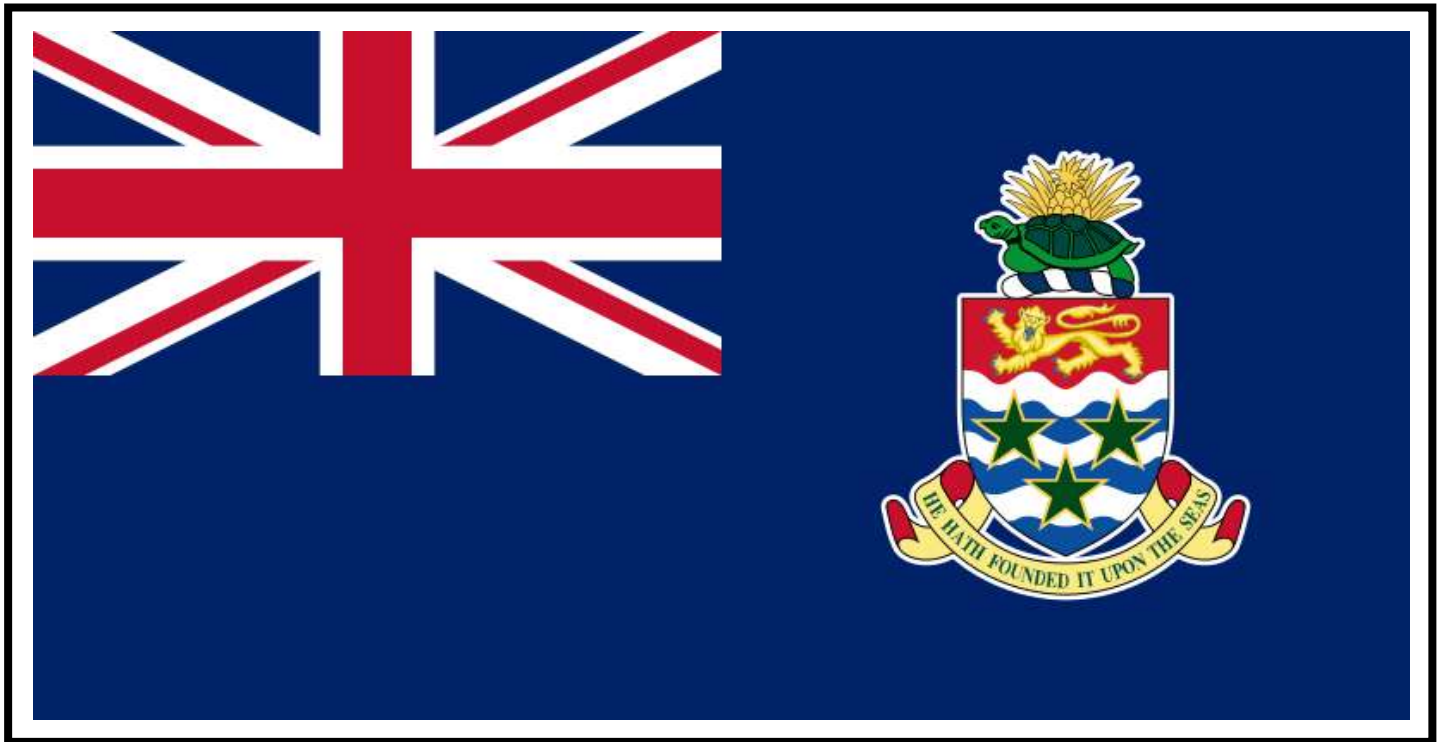
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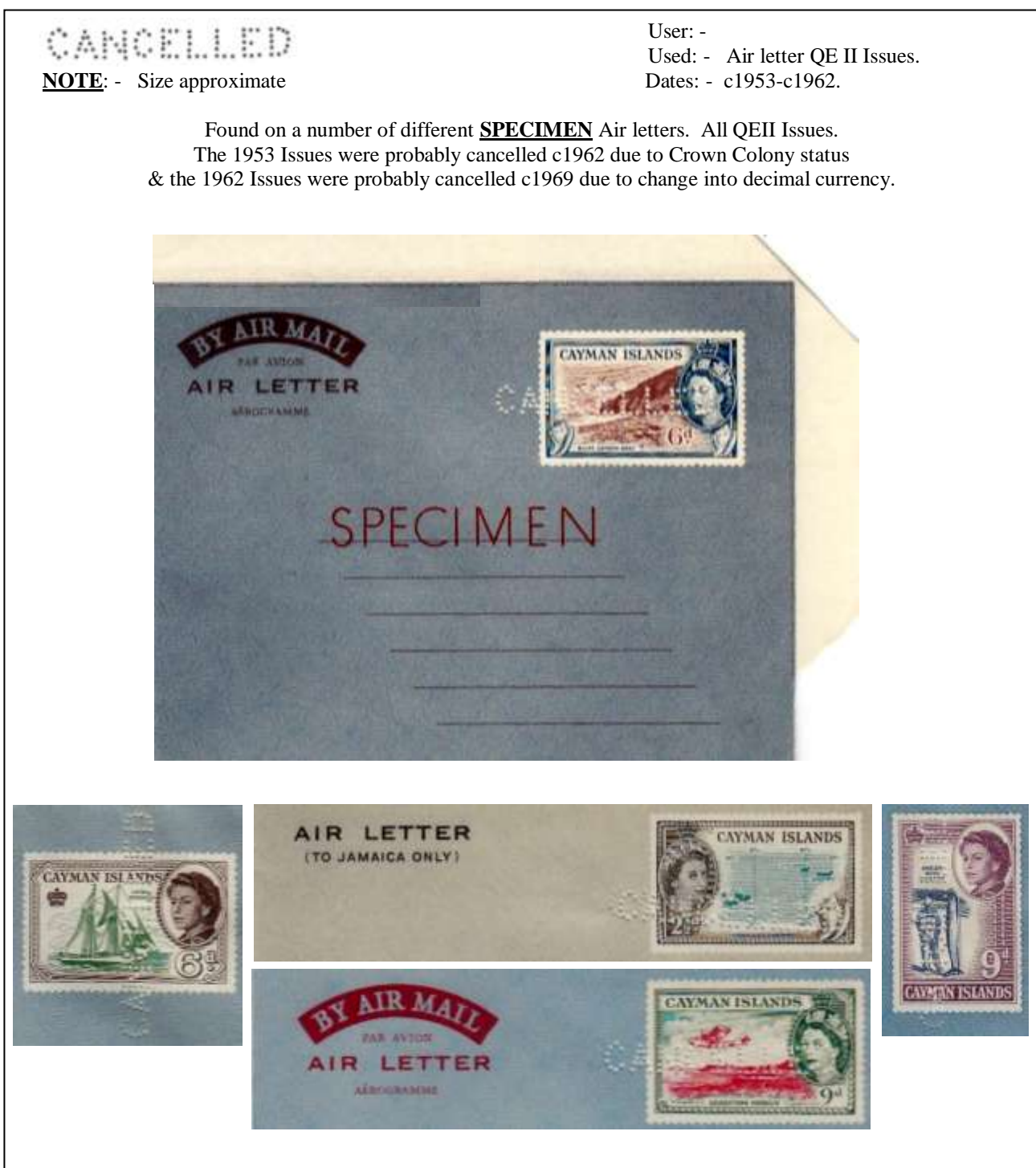
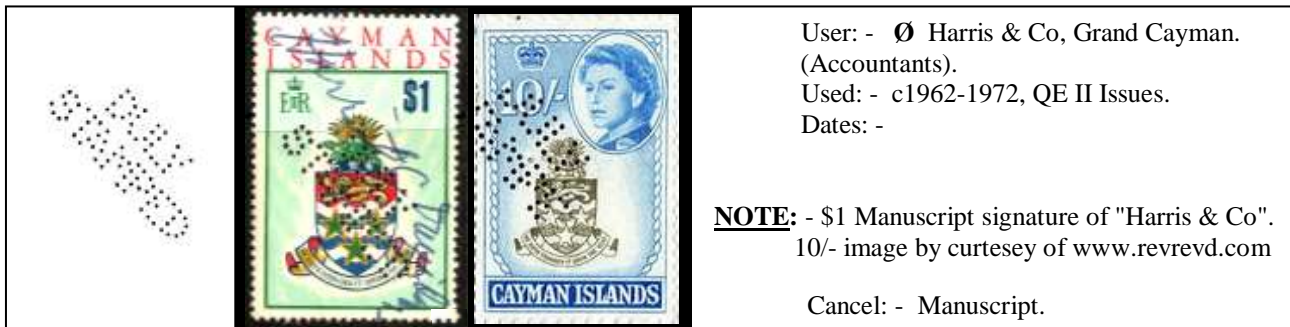
NOTE: - * A larger perfin date has also been noted, this is in place 10mm above both of the Telegraph dies, Part of this date can be seen on the Silver Jubilee stamp image above 8-1935.

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



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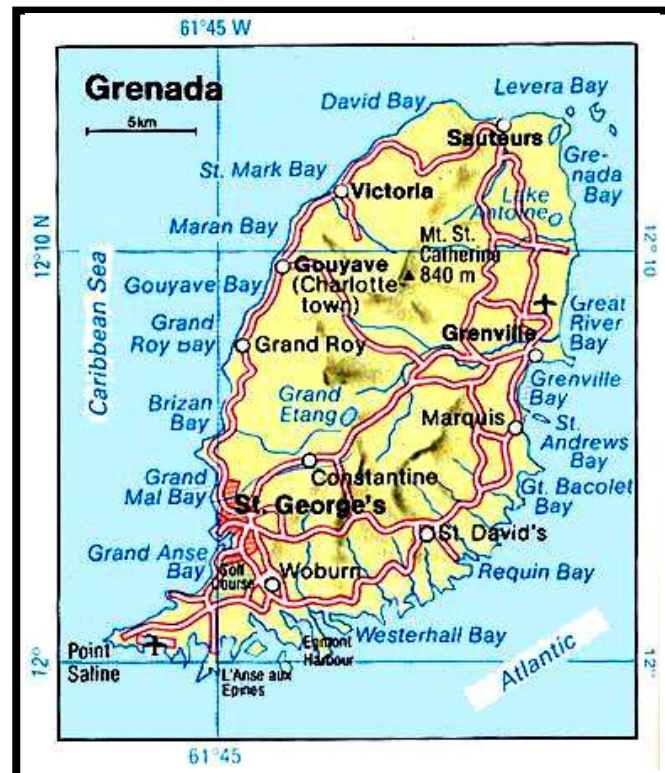
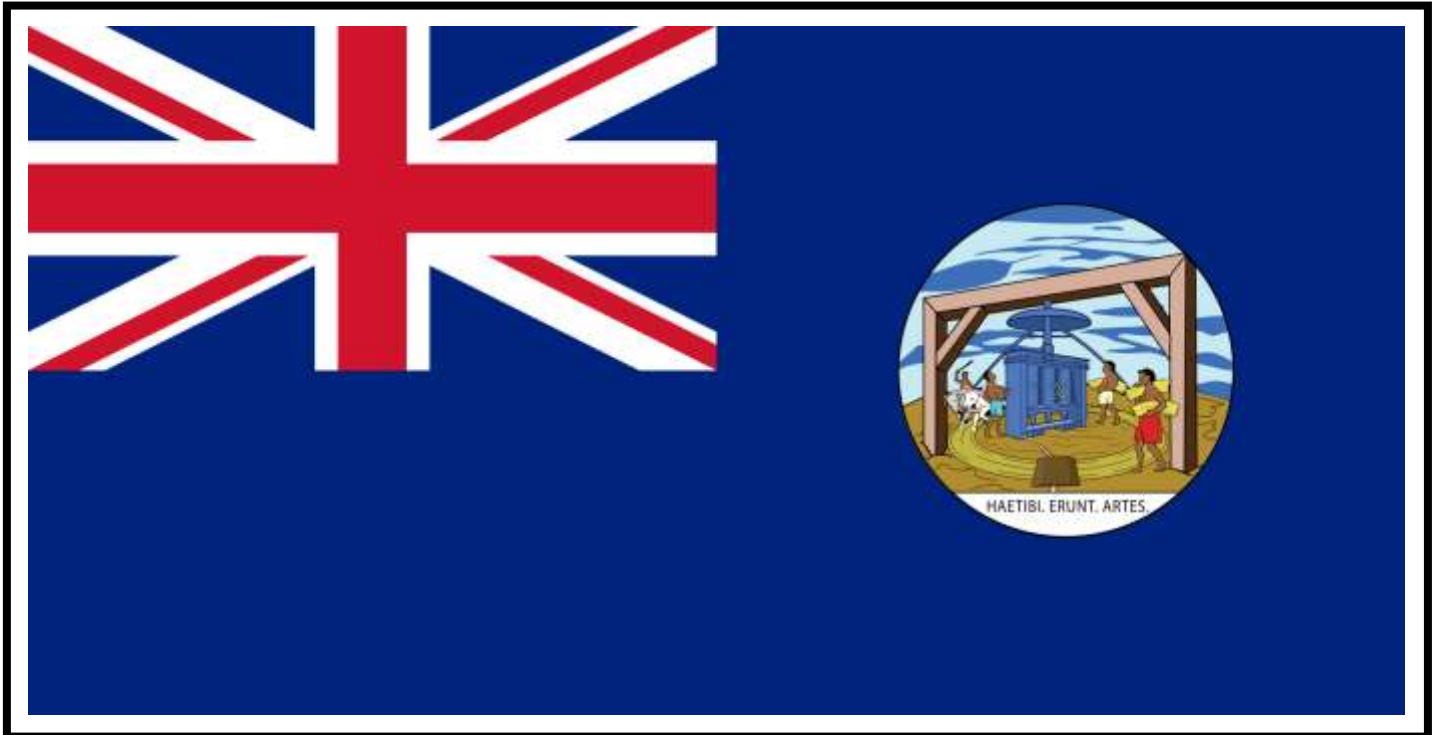
1974 Four Dollar SHEET of 50 revenues, Each PAIR SECURITY EMBOSSED WSP / SPECIMEN

1974 Revenues. \$4 yellow-orange complete unmounted o.g. sheet of fifty with Plate 2A and Walsall Security Printers imprint. Each pair of stamps is security embossed **WSP / SPECIMEN** within a triangle a remarkable multiple and probably unique. Ex James Podger






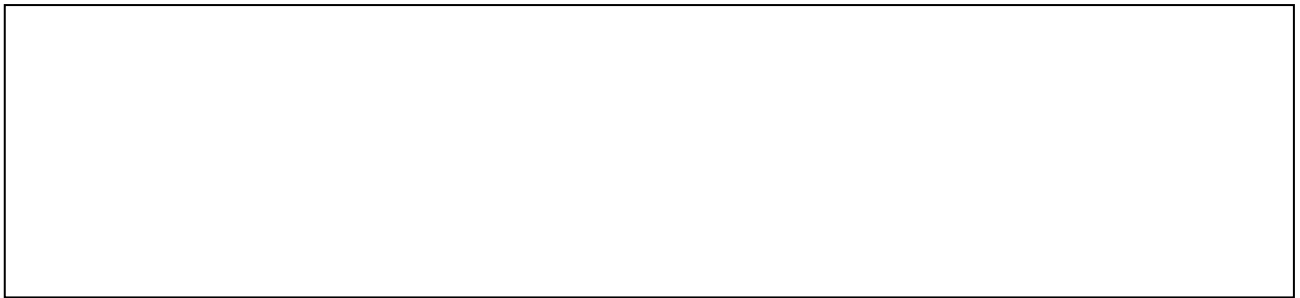
Image by courtesy of Mark Bloxham Stamps Ltd.

GRENADA

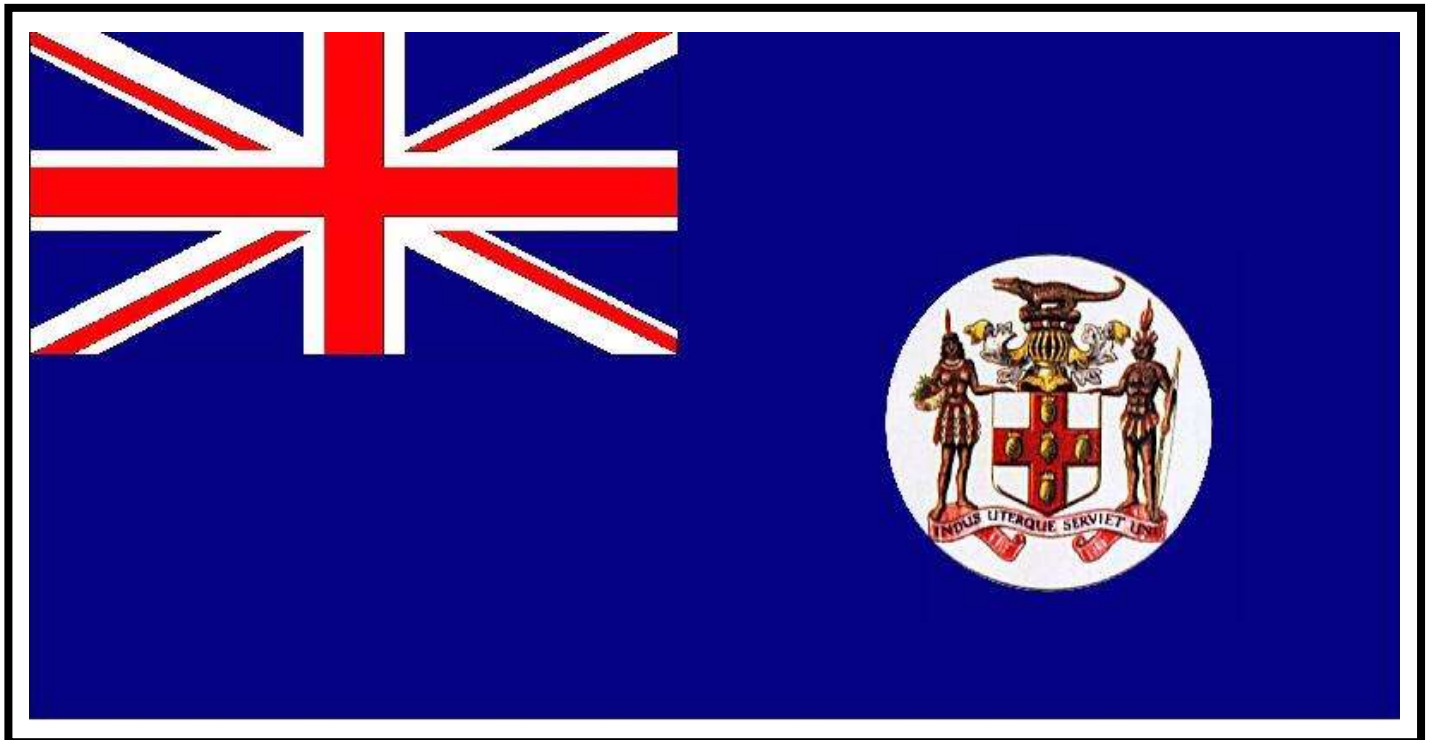


GRENADA

		 <p data-bbox="659 568 979 629">Additional overprint in Green for Postal use.</p>	<p data-bbox="948 356 1241 387">User: - Postal Authorities.</p> <p data-bbox="948 389 1171 421">Used: - 1883 Issues,</p> <p data-bbox="948 423 1034 454">Dates: -</p>
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JAMAICA



JAMAICA

<p><u>1</u></p>  <p><u>2</u></p> 		<p>User: - Judiciary, Judicial Revenue Issues. Used: - 1883 Issues. Dates: -</p> <p>Believed to be Partial 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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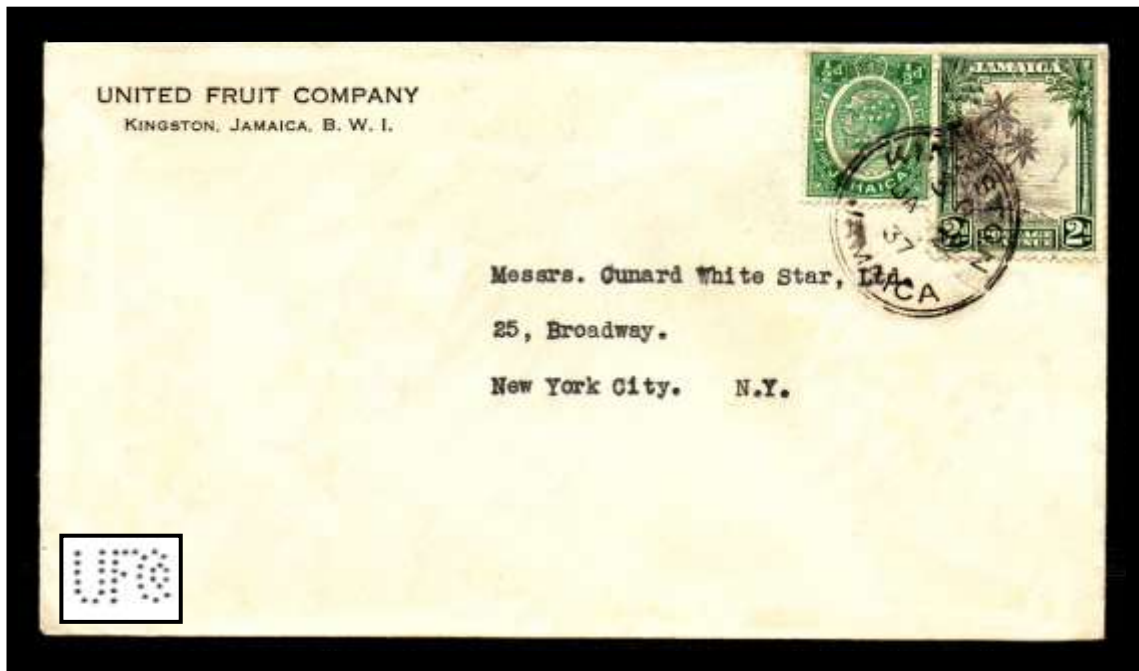
		<p>User: - United Fruit Company, Kingston. Used: - c1919-c1953. GV, GVI, QEII, Dates: - 10-4-1941.</p> <p>Cancel: - Postal.</p>
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		<p>User: - Ø Bank of Nova Scotia. Used: - c1922-c1958, GV & GVI Issues. Dates: - 6-9-1957, 20-1-1958.</p> <p>Cancel: - Postal.</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.



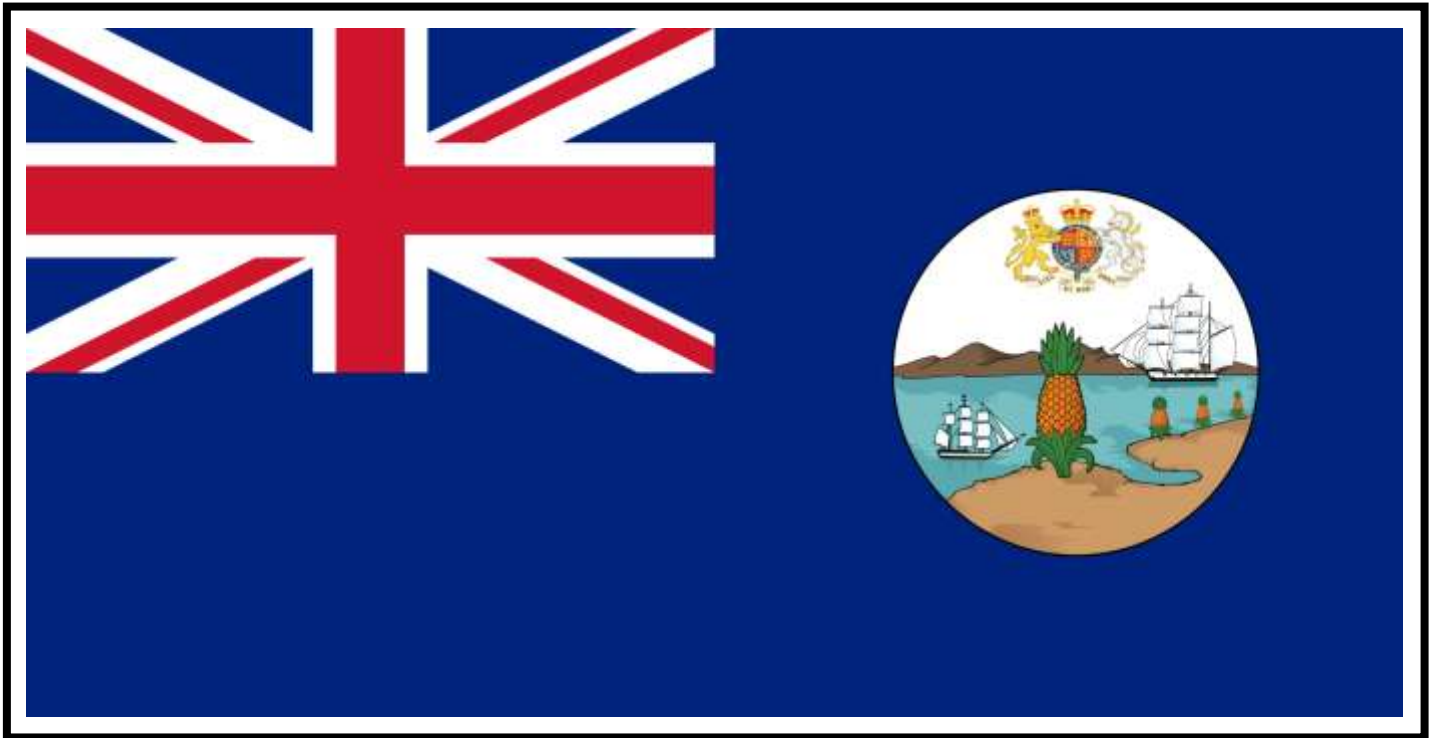
JAMAICA



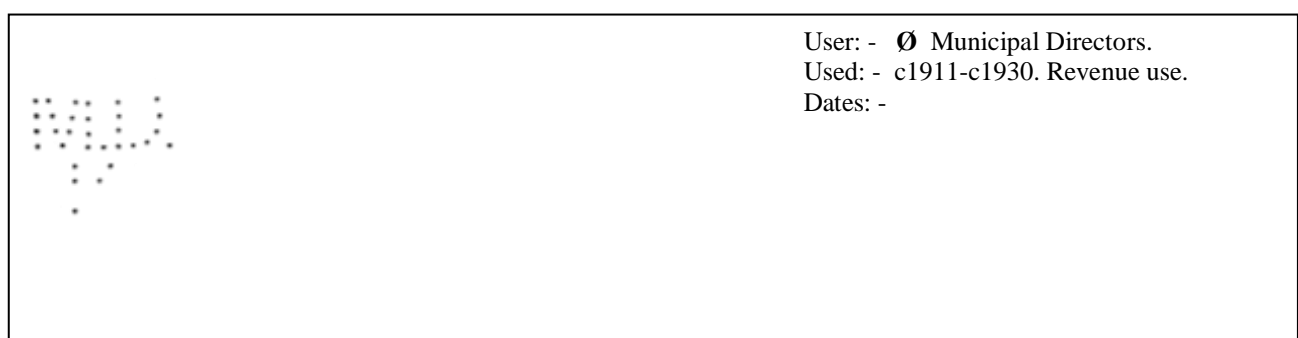
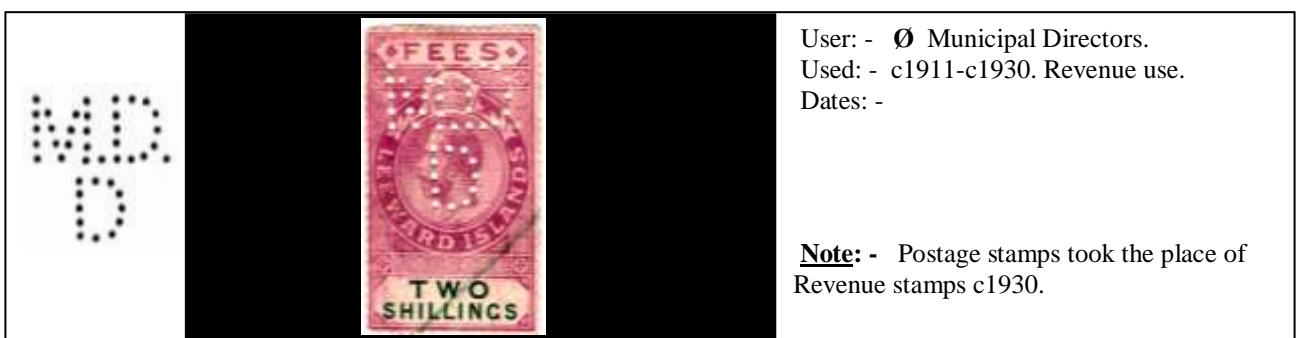
A nice example here of a perfin GB pair of EDVII 1/2d Greens used with a Paquebot Cancel of Kingston Jamaica.

John Sutcliffe & Son, were the agents for the Hamburg American Mail Steamship Company with seven sailings monthly to the West Indies.

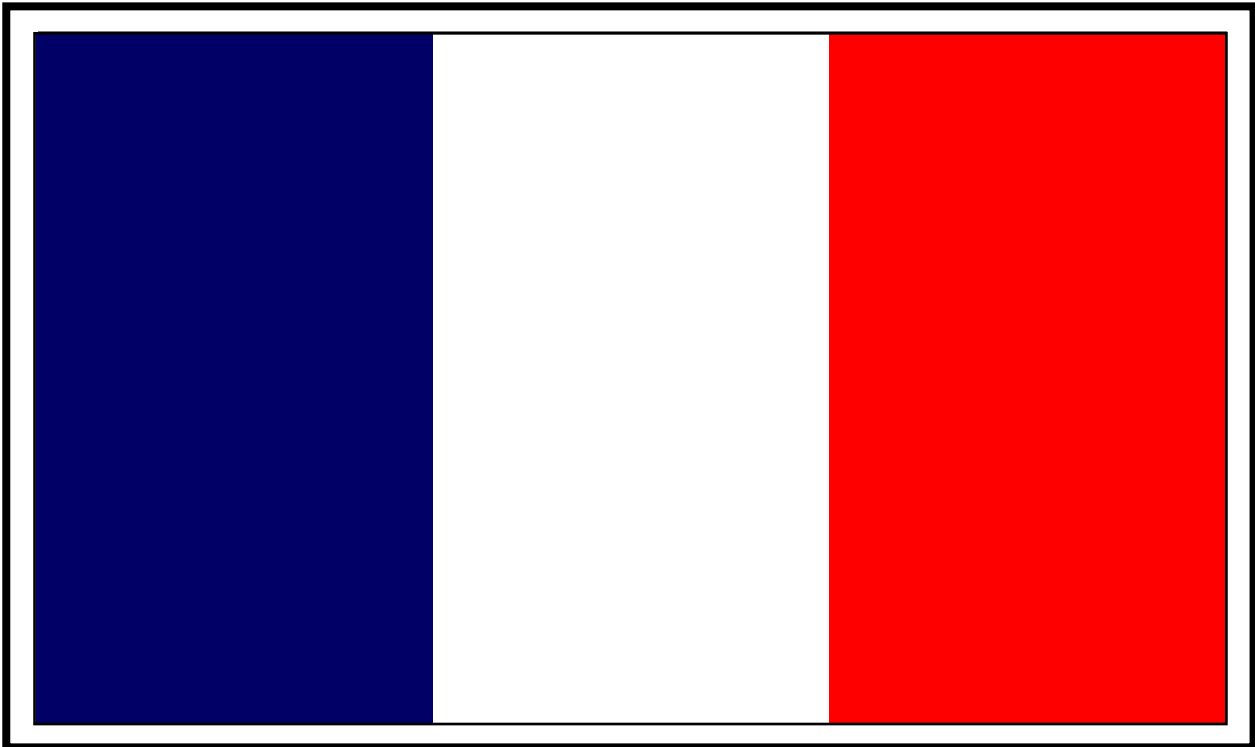
LEEWARD ISLANDS



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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 2024 :- This is the **only** recorded perfin die on GB Consular Service stamps.

Consular Service.

Dates of

27-10-1893 to 20-3-1896.

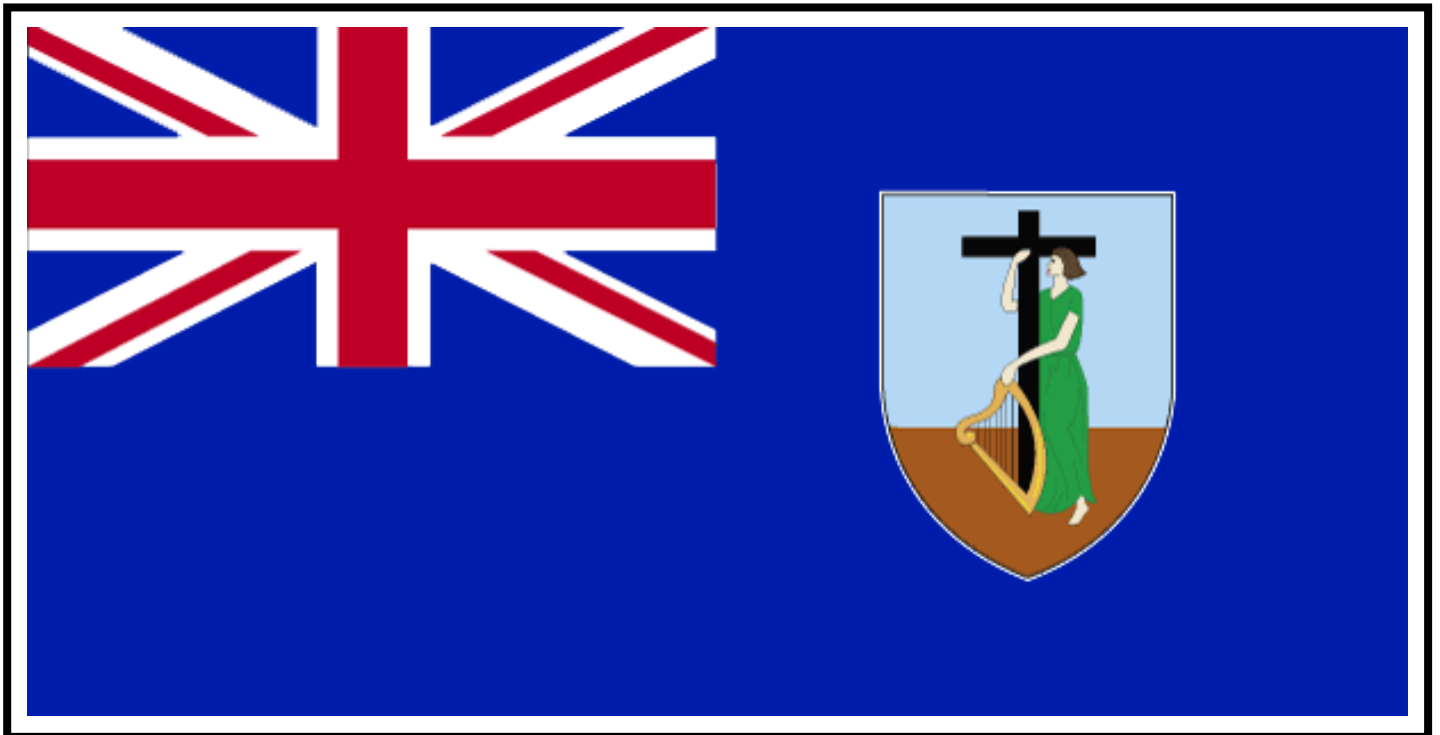
**User: - William Lawless,
British Consul, St Pierre, Martinique.
1875 to 1897.**

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

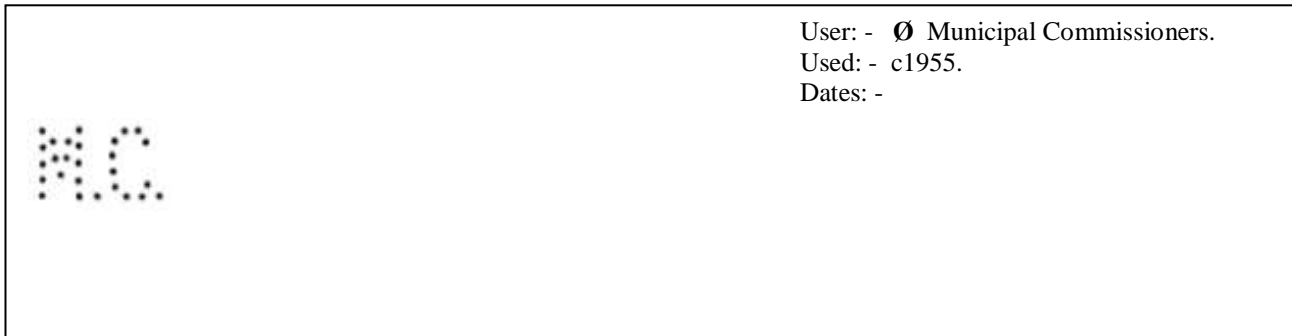
W.L.



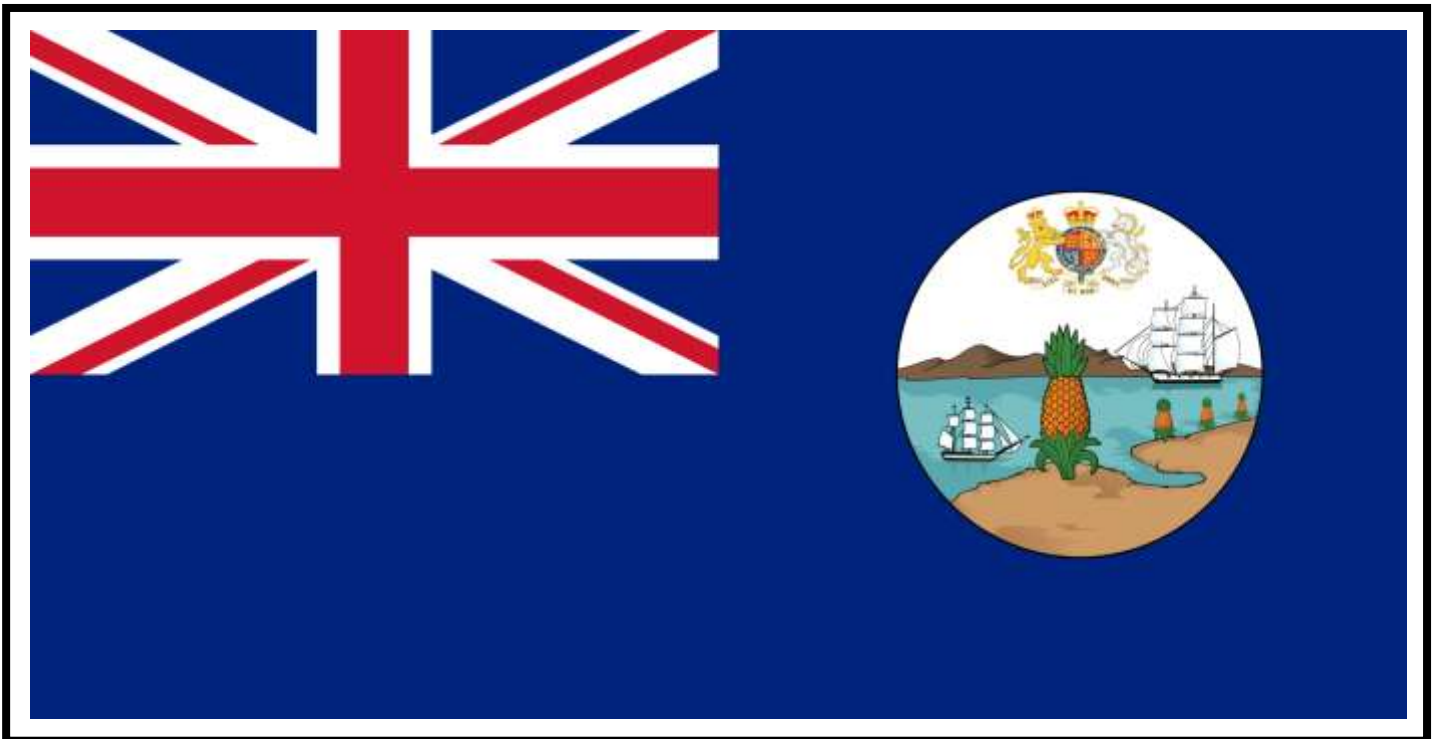
MONTSERRAT



MONTSERRAT



ST KITTS & NEVIS





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

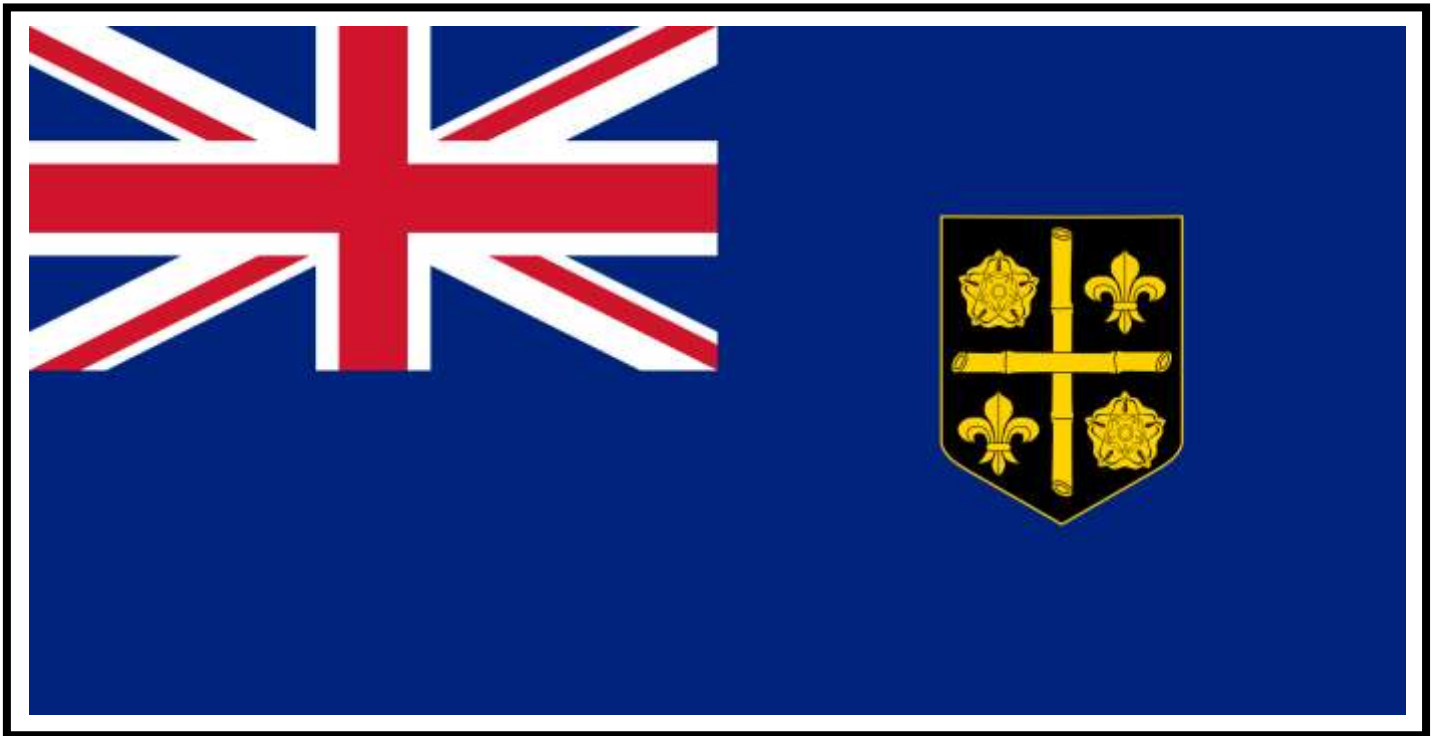


ST KITTS & NEVIS

		<p>User: - Ø Municipal Directors. Used: - c1930-c1950. Revenue use. Dates: -</p> <p>Note:- Postage stamps took the place of Revenue stamps c1930.</p>
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		<p>User: - De La Rue & Co Ltd, Specimen Perforation. Used: - 1938-1948. GVI Issues. Dates: -</p>
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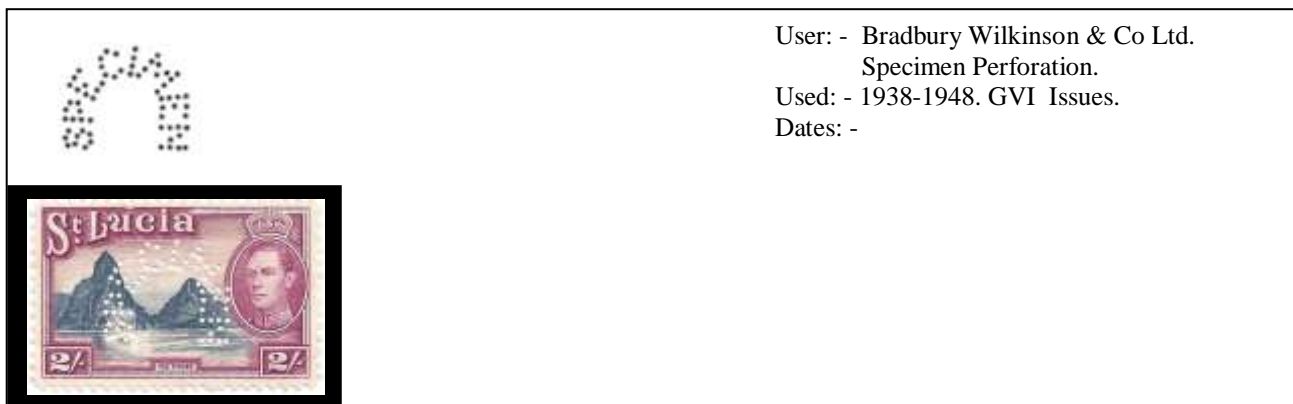
ST LUCIA



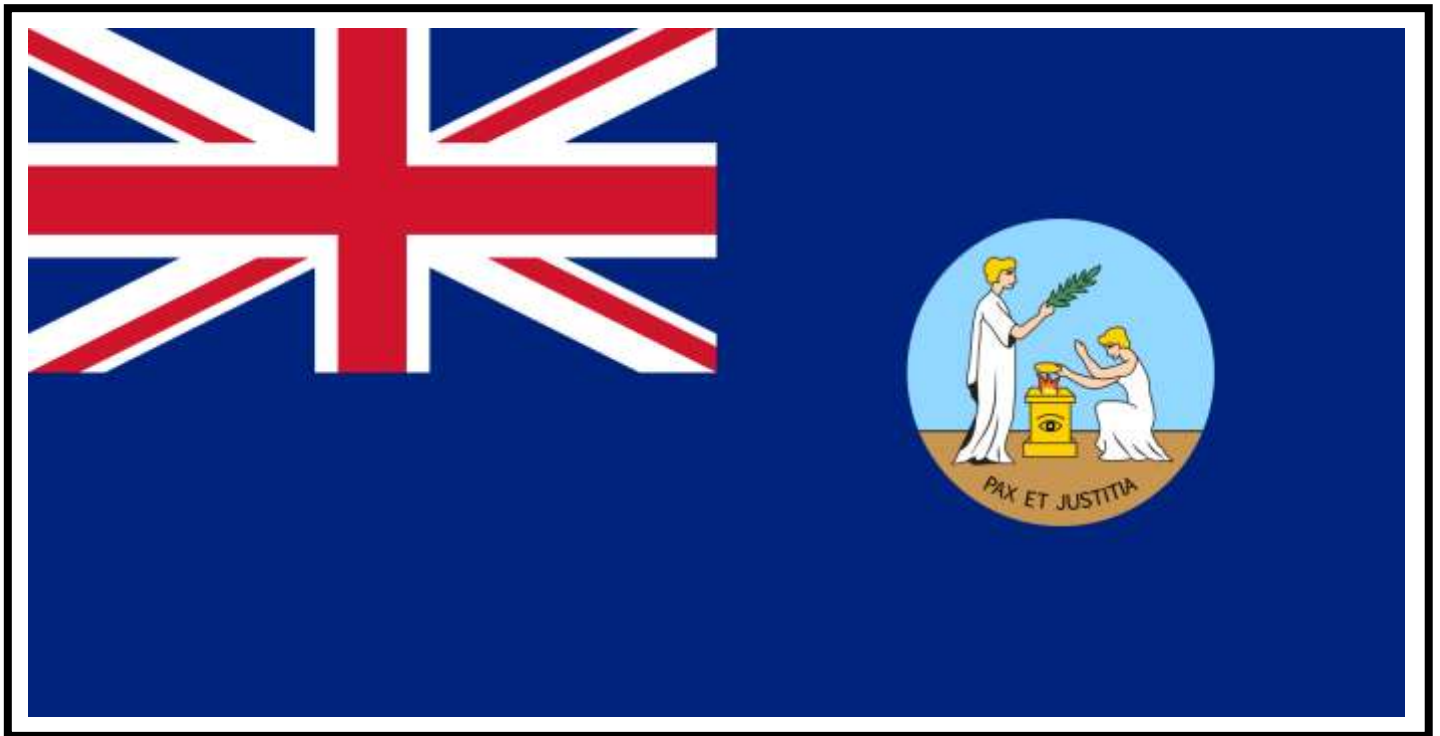
ST LUCIA

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,
Company was established in 1845.
Used: - c1949-c1950s.
Dates: -

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

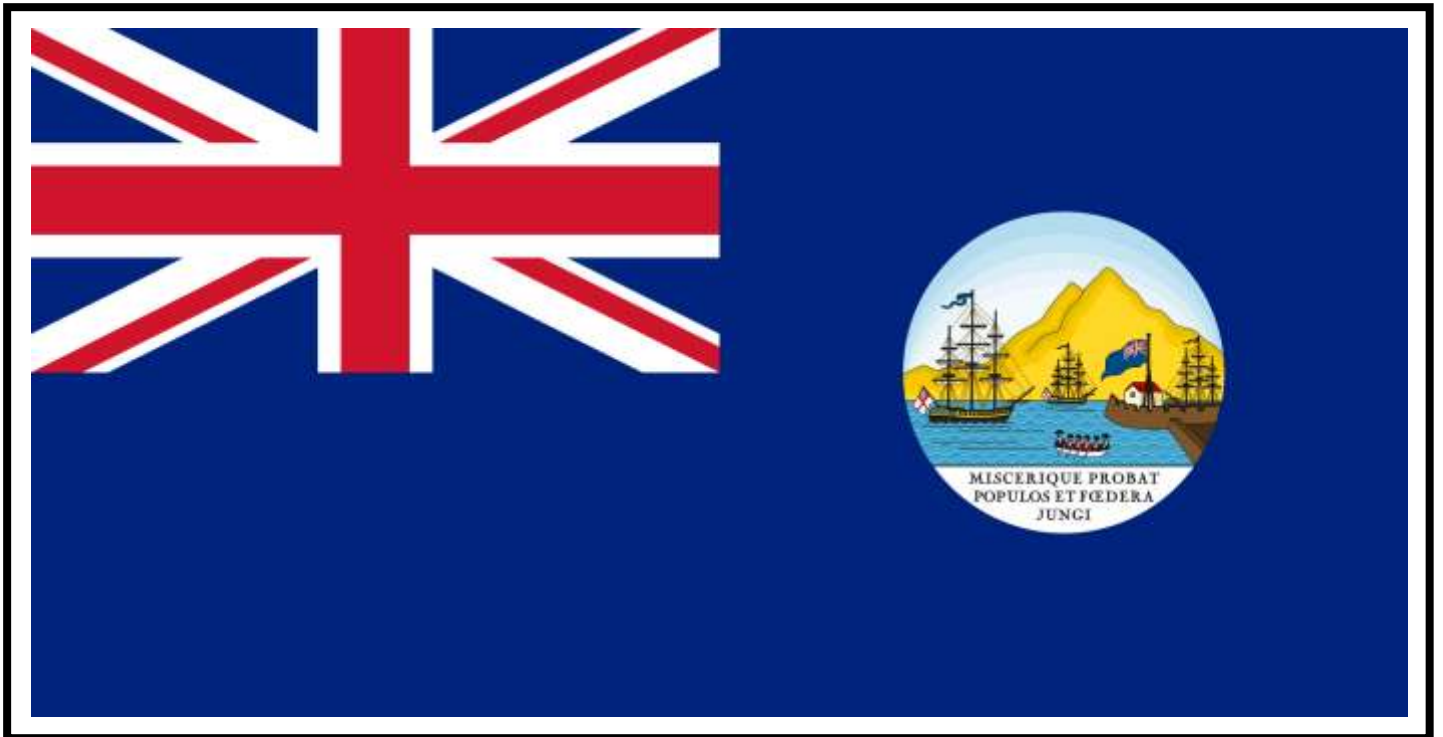
/CO LTD "U.D.CO LTD"



User: - Ø Union Discount Company Ltd.
Used: - c1888-1893 Issues,
Dates: -


NOTE:- This partial die is thought to be that of the Union Discount Company Ltd, of London, (International Clearing Bank) A perfect match as above.

TRINIDAD



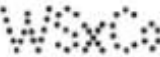
TRINIDAD

	<p>User: - District Court Office, Used: - Revenue use. Dates: - c1933-1950s. Revenue use.</p>
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		<p>User: - F. J. Scott & Son, 14 St Vincent Street, Port of Spain. Used: - c1902-c1910. Revenue use. Dates: - 14-11-1902.</p> <p>Cancel: - Manuscript, & Company Cachet.</p>
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		<p>User: - Gordon, Grant & Co, Port of Spain. Used: - c1902-c1910. Revenue use. Dates: - 14-11-1902.</p> <p>£1 image by curtesy of www.revrvd.com Cancel: - Company Cachet.</p>
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		<p>User: - G. R. Alston & Co, Port of Spain. Used: - c1870-c1908. Revenue use. Dates: - 13-6-1900, 2-9-1908.</p> <p>Cancel: - Company Cachet, Manuscript.</p>
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		<p>User: - Ø William Scott & Co, 6 Broadway, Port of Spain. Used: - c1900. Revenue use. Dates: - 9-5-1900, 16-11-1900.</p> <p>2d image by curtesy of www.revrvd.com Cancel: - Manuscript.</p>
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TRINIDAD

		<p>User: - Ø District Court, Used: - Revenue use. Dates: - c1890 Revenue Issues. (FEE)</p> <p>Cancel: -</p>
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		<p>User: - Registrar's Office, Port of Spain. Used: - c1905-c1923. Revenue use. Dates: - 1-5-1911.</p> <p>Cancel: - Office Cachet,</p>
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		<p>User: - Registrar General. Used: - c1913-c1919. Revenue use. Dates: - 13-6-1918.</p> <p>Cancel: - Office Cachet.</p>
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	<p>User: - Used: - 1901-1906 Issues, Revenue use. Dates: - 11-11-1907.</p> <p>Large PAID punch ?</p> <p>Cancel: - Manuscript.</p>
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	<p>User: - Used: - Dates: -</p>
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TRINIDAD

King George V1 1d Pale Scarlet.

SG 486 Strip of 3 with Trinidad Paquebot Cancel.

L.E.
&P.



L.E.
&P.

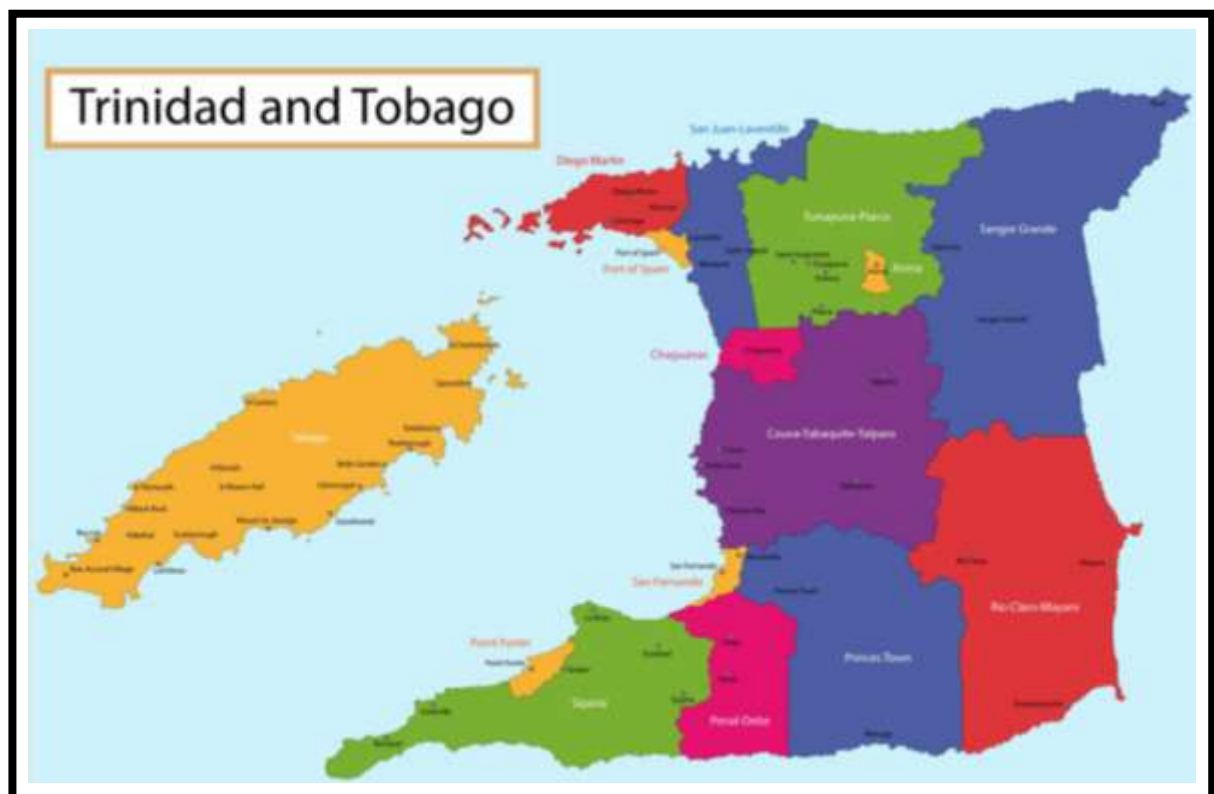
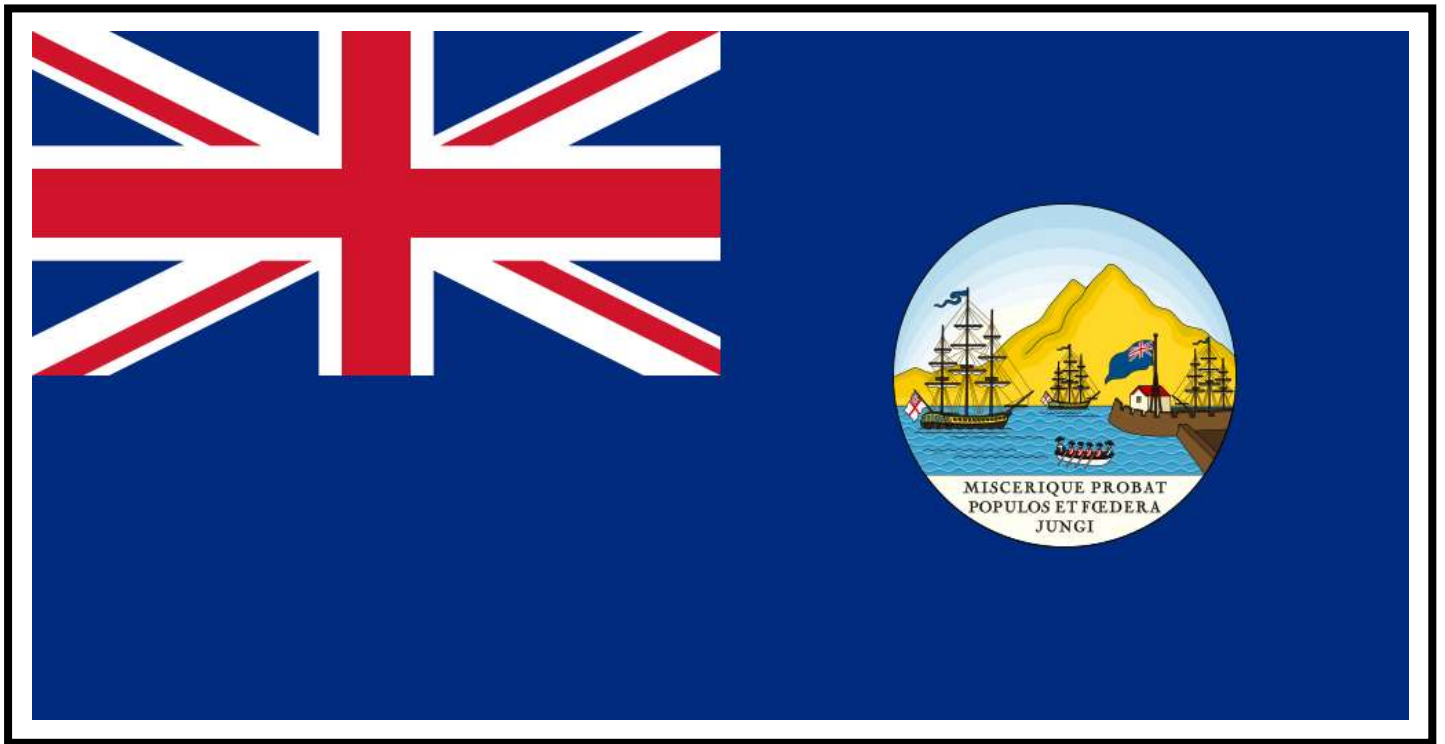
Perfin: - "L.E./&P." Cat No L 1930.01 In Use: - 1905-1954.

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.



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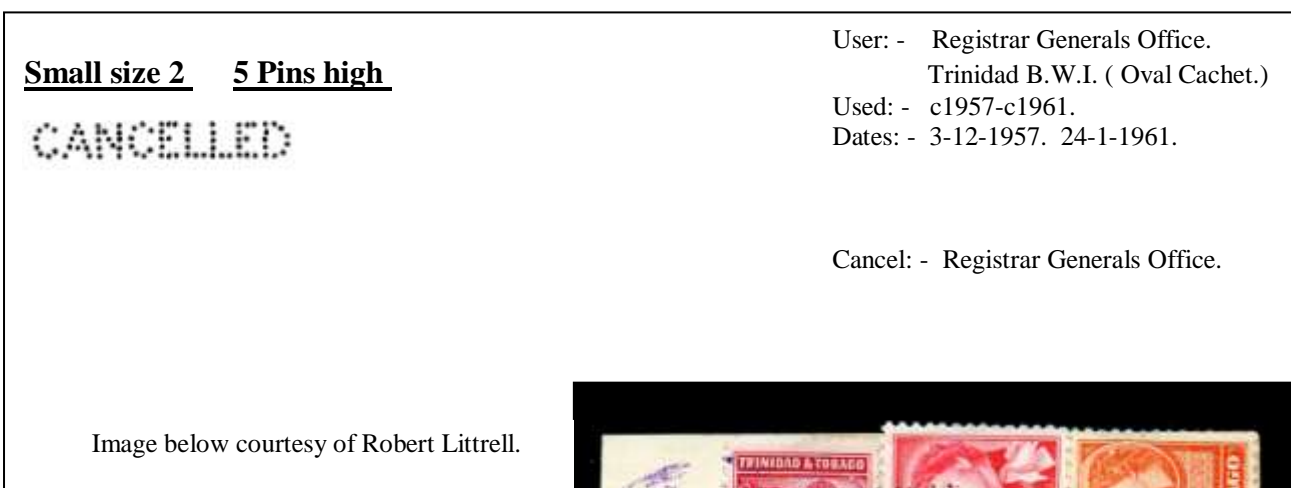
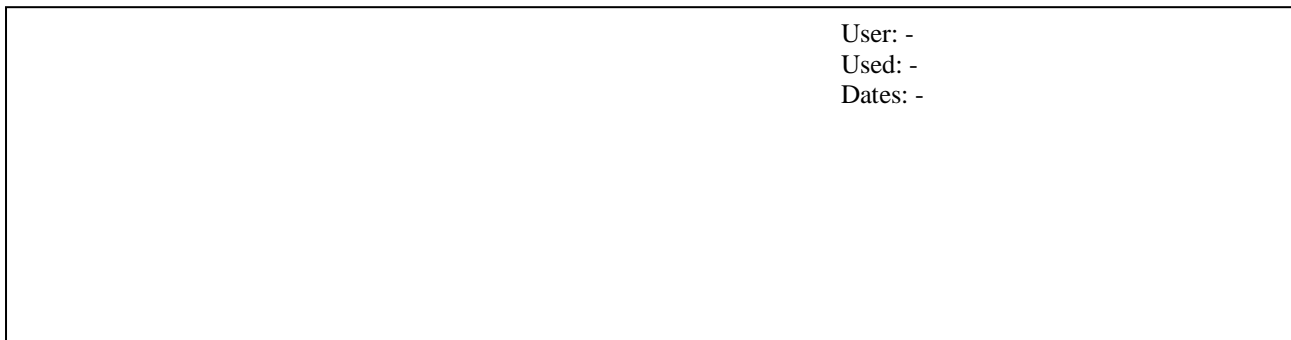
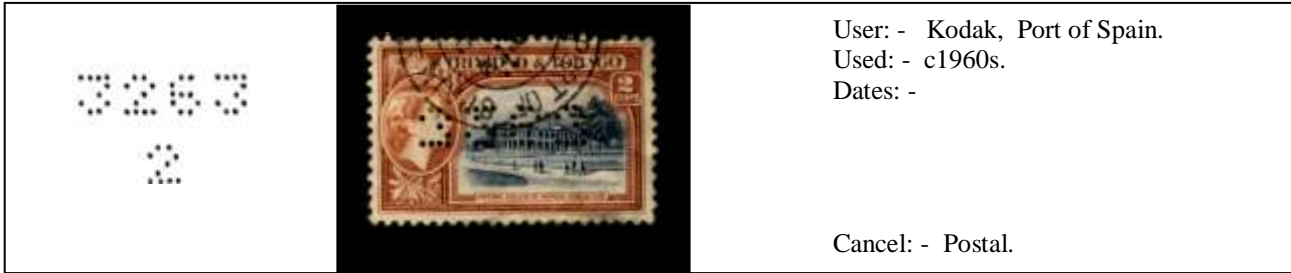


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The perfin "CANCELLED"

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

Small size 1

Noted with the Cachet of Registrar Generals Office. Trinidad, B.W.I. GV & GVI stamps. Dates of: --2-1925, 5-6-1949.



4 Pins high

CANCELLED

Medium size

Independence 1962.



4 Pins high

CANCELLED

Large size

Cease of use of the QEII Image c1962-1972. Noted with the Cachet of Registrar Generals Office. Trinidad & Tobago, B.W.I. Dates of: 13-8-1964, 28-12-1970.

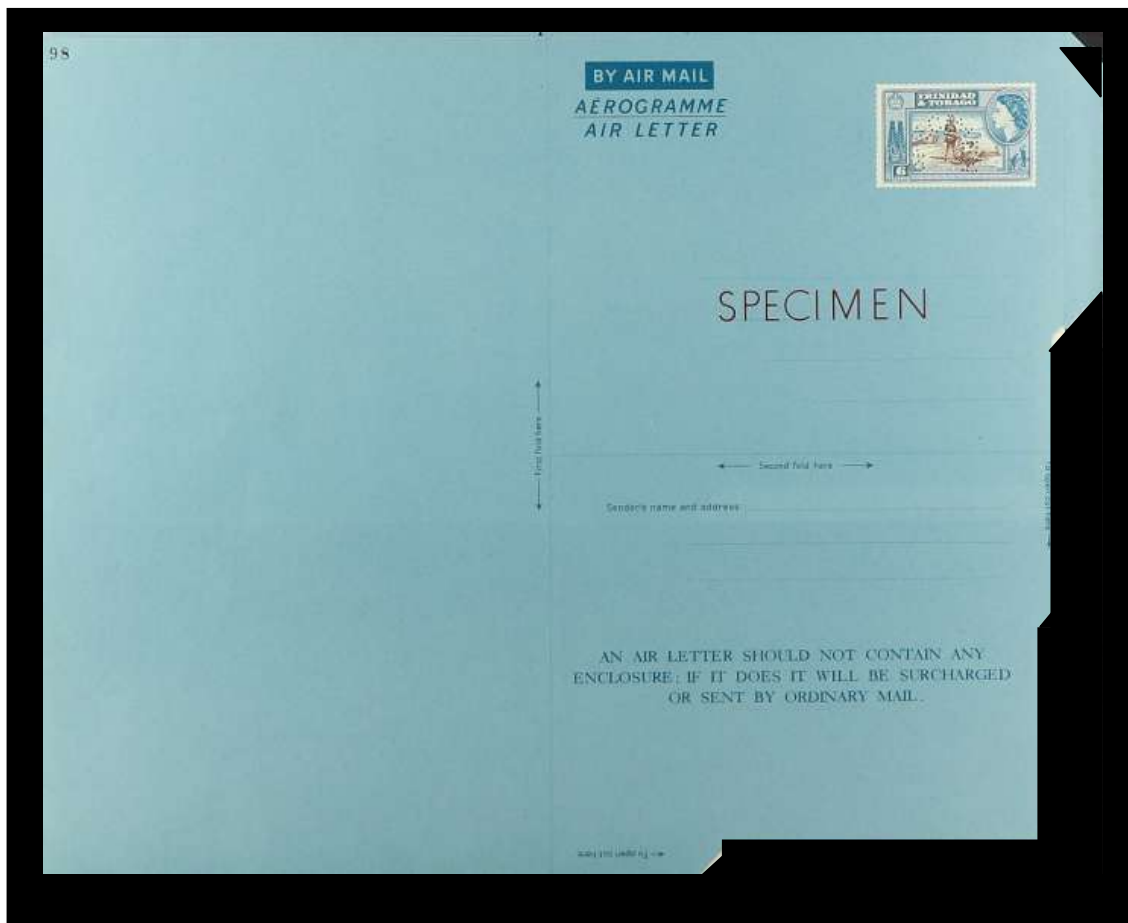


5 Pins high

CANCELLED

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This Bradbury Wilkinson & Co Ltd. "SPECIMEN" Perfin has also been noted on QE11 Air letters c 1953-1960 issues.



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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.

