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Dear Member,

It is some two years since several of you kindly sent your comments on our current listings made by the late Colin McCaig. It was generally agreed that we needed new listings giving all the Offices to Independence in 1961 together with their dates of opening, closing and reopening where the latter was the case. Then it would be necessary to list the types of postmarks used by that Office. Several of you wanted first and last dates for each type of canceller, as also a note of the Codes used in the cancellers.

I have now revised the types of cancellers that we list and have found it necessary to renumber several of them as new types have had to be added. I have listed all the Offices but at present they are in two notebooks of a size that prevents me making photostats. I have still to check the most recent of the Gazettes to ensure that none is missing. Where I cannot establish the date of opening I will give the date of the first canceller to be despatched or the date of the first recorded postmark. It would be possible to illustrate some more cancellers but these would only be to show slight differences in lettering and that I do not reckon to be significant. As for first and last dates, I propose to give the year of the first known use of a canceller of each type but I doubt whether there is much value in giving a last year known. I will show the Codes.

I am circulating the list of types for comment. I suggest you make a photostat and then pass on the sheets to the next person. I am sending out three copies so that each distribution list will be a very short one. I would like your comments on the listing - even if it is merely to approve - and then later in the year I ~~hope~~ ^{hope} to have the ~~list~~ ^{list} of Offices, each with their cancellers, available for those who would like to consult it.

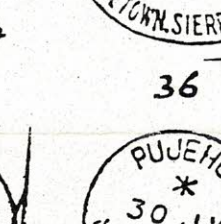
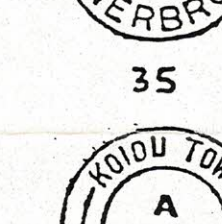
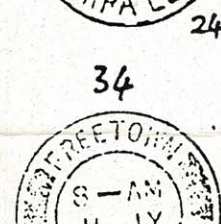
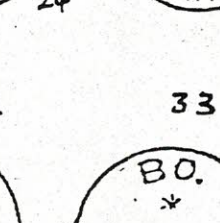
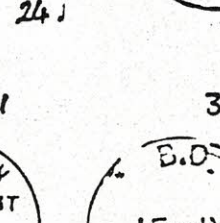
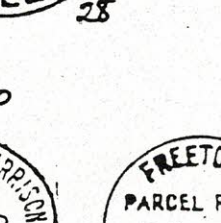
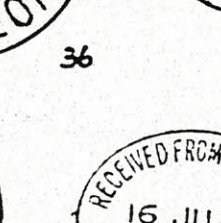
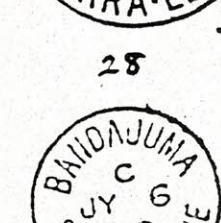
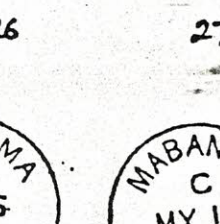
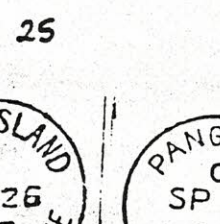
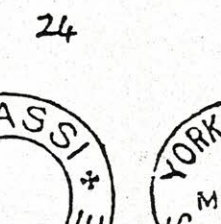
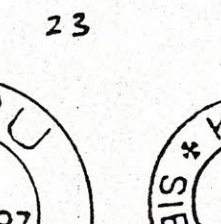
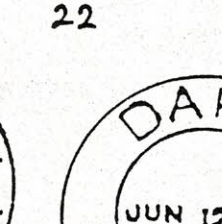
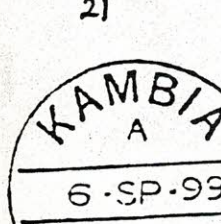
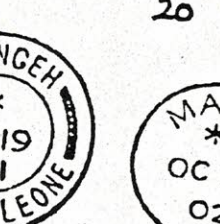
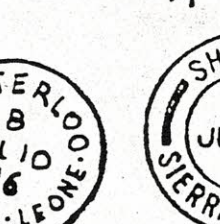
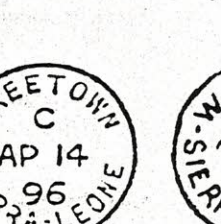
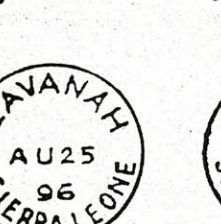
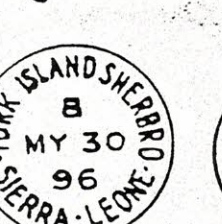
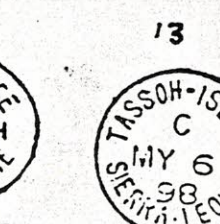
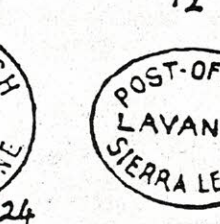
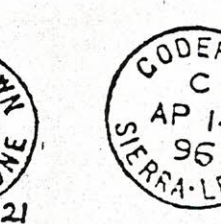
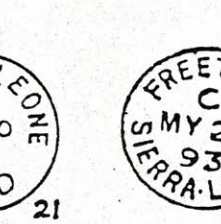
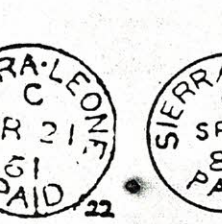
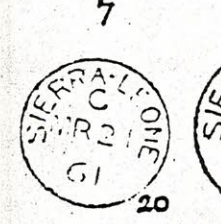
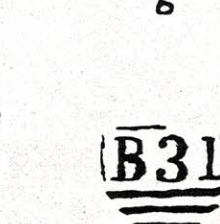
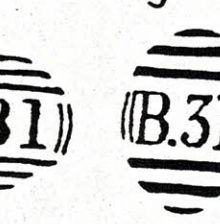
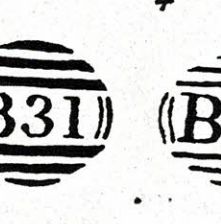
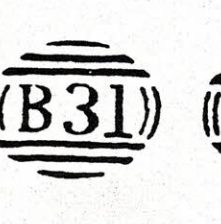
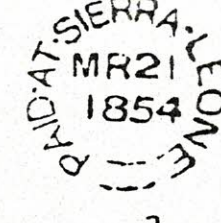
For the Railway cancellers, I have attached two ^{ill} expressions from the G P O Proof books which differ from the Registered mark that he illustrates and one from Type 1 of a larger size, ~~also~~. I think we can refer to his numbering and give these as a and b. Colin's number 4 will be 104, for example.

Colours of postmarks will be noted if they are not in black.

Marks I wish to identify are a Type 43 ~~marks~~ ^{reading} ~~code~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ —ER ST BO, the Type 49 in full, and a recent Registered oval for Freetown which is of a taller size than those I illustrate but of which I have only a faint strike.

Philip Beale

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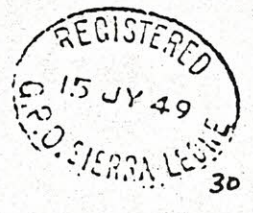
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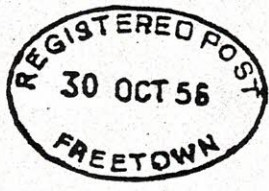
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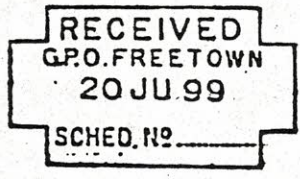
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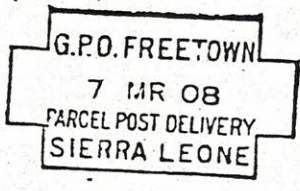
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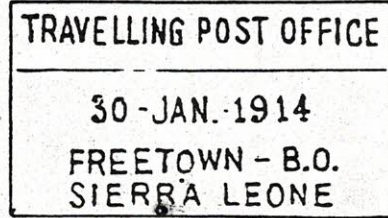
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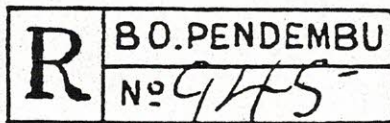
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