

GOLD COAST MANUSCRIPT AND STRAIGHT LINE CANCELLATIONS

Occasionally one finds Queen Victoria and King Edward Gold Coast 1 cancelled with manuscript pen or handstamped markings; on cover or piece these are rare. The following listing summarises information gathered by the authors and probably is incomplete. It is intended to solicit further information from Circle members prior to completion of the definitive book on the stamps and postal history of the Gold Coast. The listings include the postal town name, date of cancellation and colour of pen if known, other information (catalogue number courtesy of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.) and reference or source of the material.

ABURI - 1/1/91 - overstamped "556"; Christie's Robson Lowe (RL) Sale 25 April, 1989, Lot 83.

ADDAH - Ms. on Victorian pair; London Stamp Exchange Auctions Sale 9 March, 1979, Lot 665.

AXIM - 9/4/02 - in black; RL Sale 18 December, 1984, Lot 200.

BEGORO - on cover associated with the Ashanti campaign; Todd, "Philatelic Magazine", Vol.80, No.4, 1972, p.208.

BOLE - 18/5/99 - on cover cancelling two S.G.26, with additional Kintampo Type 5 cds (My 22) not on adhesives; illustrated on p.51, "Advanced Philatelic Research" by P. Pearson, Arthur Barker Ltd., London (1971).

DODOWAH - several examples seen (late 1901 and early 1902):  
"Dodowah 3.6.01" cancelling three S.G.27 (RL Sale 25 April, 1989, Lot 80)  
"D.H. 27.7.01" cancelling S.G.27 (RL Sale 26 April, 1989, Lot 2127) and  
"Dodowah 2.5.02" on a registered cover to England (on S.G.26).

KPONG - 23.7.92 on S.G.12 in violet; see Cooper, "Cameo", Vol.3, No.10, 1989, p.253.

KWISSA - Newroth has three S.G.27 (off cover) dated "01" and a S.G.35 dated 1/11/01 is known; the post office was opened after 1900; see Newroth, "Cameo" Vol.3, No.10, p.251.

MAMPONG - up to 7 examples seen. Where the dates are visible they are in 1910 and 1911 (10/5/10 Akwapim Mampong" on S.G.69; "2.7.10 Mampong" on pair S.G.59 (RL Sale 26 April, 1989, Lot 2132).

NORTHERN TERRITORIES/GOLD COAST - (two line handstamps, sometimes with date printed below) - numerous examples in black and violet ink cancelling Victorian adhesives are known on covers dated 1898 and 1899; cover may have "Gambaga" in handstamp above (Harmers of London, Sale 12 November, 1980, Lot 639). Overstrikes of cds are known from Kumasi (RL Sale 7 June, 1988, Lot 207) and Kintampo (RL Sale 4 May, 1971, Lot 237).

NSABA - the earliest example known is dated 3.11.01. Newroth has pair SG.26 on card "Nsaba 9.1.03" in red ink; it more frequently occurs on Edwardian stamps dated 1903 or 1904 (RL Sale 18 Dec., 1984, Lot 200).

PRAMPRAM - 25.12. 9 (6?) on loose S.G.27; see Cooper, "Cameo", Vol. 3, No.10, p.253.

SOMANYA - Ms. on piece on S.G.27 "1./Somanya/7.04" in three lines (with B.P.A. Certificate); RL Sale 18 Dec., 1984, Lot 200.

TSCHITA - as "Tschita 27 Oc 27 Gold Coast" on S.G.87 on cover (RL Sale 26 April, 1989, Lot 2133) - doubtless misspelling of Tschitö (which became Tsiö).

WA - 5.10. 9 (??) on loose S.G.26 overstruck with the Accra 554 mark; and a cover with "Wa 25/3/1900" in the same handwriting as the address, which is in Ayr, Scotland, are known. The latter is backstamped Kpong and Accra.

YABUM - Ms. on loose S.G.12 written "Yabum/NT/11.X1.99" in three lines; seen in private collection by Newroth. There was never an office at Yabum, so probably written by a travelling official.

YEGI - Two M/s marks known - date Dec 22 05 and 4.1.06.

WINNEBAH - loose S.G.14 with Winnebah /Sept 6/ 9 (??) in ms has a "Paid Liverpool Packet" mark over it.

Various other manuscript initials and numbers may be found on stamps of this period and probably indicate fiscal use. Red "X" markings are reported to indicate cancellation of stamps after the arrival of the letter in Liverpool.

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