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EDITORIAL

First of all may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families all the very best for 1994. 1993 has not been the best of years health wise for me, but I am now back to full health.

This issue sees the final part of John Plant's new listing on the Ascension Island Picture Postcards, an interesting article on Ship Mail Covers together with information on St. Helena's new Stamp Issues. (If any of our Ascension collectors has information on Ascension New Issues, I would only be to glad to include them in the Supplement). Also included is an article on a letter from the Dunlop Correspondence, St. Helena's New Postage Rates, R.M.S. St. Helena Sailing schedule and the usual from the Auctions.

I have enough material for about 15 pages for Supplement No 22, so if any member has anything of interest, please send it along and I will do my best to include it in the next issue.

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SHIP MAIL COVERS 1978-1984

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Over the years - most recently in a mixed lot I bought at the "Attwood" sale - I've accumulated various philatelic "R.M.S. St. Helena" and other "ship" covers of the late 1970's and early 1980's. I thought I might try to write them up, and was surprised that there seems to be relatively little written about them. Supplement No 12 (P12-17) has an article by R.J. Maddocks with interesting information about RMS St. Helena, whilst Supplement No 19 provides useful information about correct PAQUEBOT useages. Perhaps other members could add to, or quite possibly correct, my thoughts about the covers illustrated?

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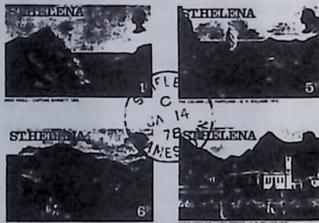
ST. HELENA SHIPPING SERVICE



St. Helena—Cape Town—St. Helena—
Ascension—United Kingdom—
Ascension—St. Helena



R.M.V. "St. Helena"



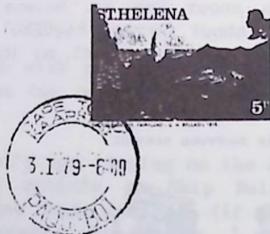
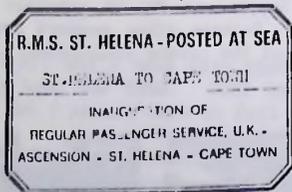
Postmaster, St. Helena Island

The first cover comes from the "proving" voyage (Voyage 1), which took place in December 1977 and January 1978. This cover was apparently posted on St. Helena on 14 January 1978, and carried by ship to Ascension, from where I presume it would have been forwarded by air, as 20p (the airmail rate) stamps are provided. This cover has the cachet for the "Northern" leg - I believe other cachets were used for the Southern leg (St. Helena to Cape Town) and the Ascension leg (Ascension to U.K.) The special cover is marked R.M.V. "St. Helena", not R.M.S. - the status of the vessel not having been upgraded to R.M.S. for the proving voyage. Apparently R.M.S. vessels have priority berthing rights at all ports because of their status, to assist in the speedy delivery of the mails.

The second cover bears a large cachet marking the "inauguration of regular passenger service, U.K. - Ascension - St. Helena - Cape Town", with the leg on which it was "posted", St. Helena to Cape Town, typed in. This type of cachet can be found with October 1978 postmarks (Voyage 2) or January 1979 postmarks like this one (Voyage 3). The cachet can also be found on covers with July 1981

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postmarks, from Voyage 20, with the words "INAUGURATION OF" removed. The ink colour on the cachet varies from leg to leg on each voyage, and comes with or without the leg typed in. I presume the cachet's status is that of a private commemorative cachet, rather than one provided by the operators of the vessel. The reason both the second and third voyages were regarded as inaugurating the regular passenger service was that the second voyage ran no further than St. Helena, the route was extended to Cape Town only on the third voyage. I believe the ship was at Cape Town from 28 to 31 December 1978, so I presume the postmark of 3 January 1979 means that the letter was brought on R.M.S. St.



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Helena to Cape Town, and then carried to England on the next direct seammal (which must have left Cape Town on 3 January), and not by R.M.S. St. Helena. 5p was the correct seammal letter rate to the U.K. (1 February 1979 to 31 March 1981). 1981 covers with this cachet may have 4p or 5p stamps - from 1 April 1981 the seammal printed matter rate (including postcards with no messages) was 4p, the postcard rate 5p, and the letter rate 7p (shortlived surface rates that lasted only until 30 April 1982, and hard to find except on these postcards!). I cannot help thinking that many of the cards and letters were sent at old rates, perhaps because the sender was unaware of the increase, but that this was in order because they all qualified for the printed paper rate anyway. This does mean that the 5p letters illustrate no particular postal rate, being 1p overfranked for the printed paper rate, and 2p below the surface letter rate.

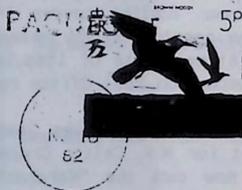
The third cover shows the cachet of the Aragonite, a vessel chartered to replace R.M.S. St. Helena when she was under Ministry of Defence control during the Falklands War. M.V. Aragonite ran a shuttle service between Ascension, St. Helena and Cape Town, hence, presumably, the South African stamps. How the cover travelled to England I do not know, it is postmarked Ascension JU 23/82.



ARAGONITE	
GLASGOW	
O.N.	300210
G.R. TON	698.30
B.H.P.	850

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The fourth cover is postmarked NO 18/82, my guess would be that this is the first voyage after R.M.S. St. Helena was restored to its usual duties, though I have no evidence at all for this, and in mid 1982 it seems to have been expected she would be with the Ministry of Defence for the rest of the year. Does anyone else know? The cover is underfranked with only a 5p stamp - the surface printed paper rate increased on 1 May 1982 to 6p, and the letter rate to 11p. Presumably it was accepted as part of a large philatelic batch. There are two cachets - the oval can be found throughout the lifetime of R.M.S. St. Helena, the boxed one replaced an earlier one which started R.M.V. "ST. HELENA"/LONDON, but otherwise gave the same details.

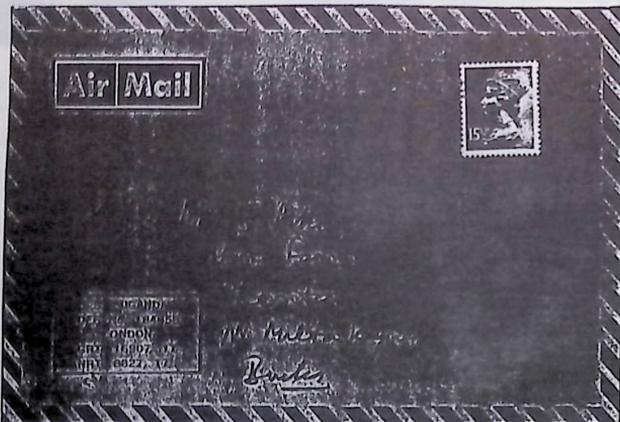


R.M.S. "ST. HELENA"	
JAMESTOWN	
OFF. No.	320184
REG. NET. TON	1893.78
GROSS TON	3160

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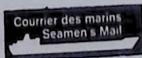
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The fifth cover bears cachets for the celebrated S.S. Uganda. The most usual date for Ascension PAQUEBOT cancels on S.S. Uganda covers is JA 27/83, which would date from her voyage out from England to the Falklands via Ascension (she left Southampton on 14 January 1983). S.S. Uganda then operated a shuttle



service between the Falklands and Ascension, primarily for troops, until the Airport at Stanley opened (she left Stanley on her last voyage on 4 April 1985). My cover (unlike covers 1-4!) could possibly be commercial, if posted by a seaman serving on the vessel. It is an airmail cover properly prepaid with the BFPO Airmail rate of 15½p, though it seems odd for such mail to go PAQUEBOT via the Ascension Post Office rather than the BFPO.

I know nothing of the last cover. It is postmarked SE(?) 26/83, and has a cachet for M.V. Celtic Crusader, and came through the Ascension Post Office. I also now own the "Merchant Navigator" cover illustrated in Supplement No 17 P10, which came through the BFPO with the postmark 28 MR/84. Perhaps these also were vessels connected with the aftermath of the Falklands War?



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PICTORIAL POSTCARDS OF ASCENSION ISLAND

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NOTES ON THE NEW INDEX TO THE C. SERIES - DECEMBER 1992

Continued from St. Helena Supplement No 20

NOTES

Card No

27, 27a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical - on the address side the Types are different.

28, 28a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical - on the address side, the Types are different.

29, 29a, 29b.

On the picture side, the Titles of all three Cards are identical - on the address side, the Types differ. (note - word "Mountain" in plural).

30.

On the picture side, in the Title, the word "Mountain" is spelt (correctly) in the singular, with no "s".

31, 31a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical - on the address side, the Types are different.

32.

On the picture side, in the Title, the word "Mountains" is in the plural (with an "s"), the word followed by a comma.

33, 33a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical, with the word "Mountains" in the plural, but followed by a full stop. On the address side, the Types are different.

34.

No comment.

35, 35a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical. (Note - the word "Squadron" is omitted). On the address side, the Types are different.

36.

On the picture side, in the Title, there is a comma after the word "Atlantic", but no comma after the word "Squadron".

36a.

On the picture side, there is no comma after the word "Atlantic", but there is a comma after the word "Squadron".

37, 37a, 37b.

On the picture side, the Titles on all three cards are identical, but on the address side, the Types on all three are different.

38.

No comment.

39, 39a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical, (N.B. no comma after "Mountain"). On the address side, the Types are different.

39b, 39c.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical. (N.B. a comma after "Mountain"). On the address side, the Types are different.

40.

On the picture side, the Title is written as "Sea Level" (i.e. with a capital "S" and a capital "L").

41, 41a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical - on the address side, the Types are different.

42, 42a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical - on the address side, the Types are different.

42b.

On the picture side, note that, in the Title, there is a comma after the word "Tower".

43.

No comment.

44. 44a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical - on the address side, the Types are different.

45.

No comment.

46.

Elliotts' Pass etc. On this card, note that, in the Title, on the picture side, the type of lettering is shown as AA. This indicates that the Title is printed in block lettering with initial capitals.

47.

On the picture side, the wording is as for Card No. 46, but the lettering is Type "B". The wording on the address side is as stated in the New Index (i.e. Y (variant).)

48. 48a. 48b.

On the picture side, the Titles on all three Cards are identical - on the address side, the Types are all different.

49.

On the picture side of the Card, at the bottom right hand corner, the words "Muller & Co's Series" are included.

50.

No comment.

51 to 57.

No further additional comments to the details given in the New Index.

58. 58a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical (with the words "Sea Level" spelt with capitals). On the address side the Types are different.

58b.

On the picture side, the wording of the Title includes the words "Sea Level", with a capital "S" and a small "l".

58c.

On the picture side, in the Title, note that there is no comma after the word "Ascension", "2,800 ft." (not "feet") and the words "sea level" are spelt without capitals. On the address side the variant of Type Z is that the words "THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE" are 81mm in length, not 71mm.

59 and 60.

No comment.

61. 61a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical - on the address side, the Types are different.

62. 62a.

On the picture side, the Titles are identical - on the address side, the Types are different.

63 to 66.

No comment.

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INDEX OF ASCENSION ISLAND PICTORIAL POSTCARDS - C. 1902 SERIES
DECEMBER 1992

(The picture is in black unless otherwise stated) (The "/" indicates separate lines in the Title).

Key to lettering and colour of

Type		Picture Side	Address Side
<u>CARD No.</u>			
27.	Barter's Cottage, /Green Mountain, / Ascension.	B	Q
27(a).	Barter's Cottage, /Green Mountain, / Ascension.	B	S
28.	Garden Cottage, /Green Mountain, / Ascension.	B	S
28(a).	Garden Cottage, /Green Mountain, / Ascension.	B	Z
29.	Rock Cottage, /Green Mountains, /Ascension.	B	Q
29(a).	Rock Cottage, /Green Mountains, /Ascension.	B	S
29(b).	Rock Cottage, /Green Mountains, /Ascension.	B	R and S(comb)
30.	Rock Cottage, /Green Mountain, /Ascension.	B	P
31.	The Settlement, /Green Mountain, / Ascension.	B	R
31(a).	The Settlement, /Green Mountain, / Ascension.	B	I
32.	The Settlement, /Green Mountains, / Ascension.	B	R and S(comb)
33.	The Settlement, /Green Mountains. / Ascension.	B	S
33(a).	The Settlement, /Green Mountains. / Ascension.	B	R and S(comb)
34.	The Mountain Settlement, Ascension Island.	E	V
35.	Sanatorium for /South Atlantic, /Ascension.	B	S
35(a).	Sanatorium for /South Atlantic, /Ascension.	B	Z
36.	Sanatorium for /South Atlantic, /Squadron / Ascension.	B	R
36(a).	Sanatorium for /South Atlantic /Squadron, / Ascension.	B (var)	R
37.	SANATORIUM FOR /SOUTH ATLANTIC /SQUADRON, / ASCENSION.	A	R
37(a).	SANATORIUM FOR /SOUTH ATLANTIC /SQUADRON, / ASCENSION.	A	T
37(b).	SANATORIUM FOR /SOUTH ATLANTIC /SQUADRON, / ASCENSION.	A	U
38.	Mountain Sanatorium, Ascension Island.	E	V
39.	View from foot of /Green Mountain /Ascension, 3,000/ft. above sea level.	B	R

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39(a).	View from foot of/Green Mountain/Ascension, 3,000/ft. above sea level.	B	S
39(b).	View from foot of/Green Mountain, Ascension, 3,000/ft. above sea level.	B	R
39(c).	View from foot of/Green Mountain, Ascension, 3,000/ft. above sea level.	B	S
40.	View from foot of/Green Mountain, Ascension, 3,000/ft above sea level.	B	R
41.	Cable Hut,/Comfortless/Cove, Ascension.	B	S
42.	Commandant's/Offices, Barracks/ and Salt Water/Tower/Ascension.	B	S and U(comb)
42(A).	Commandant's/Offices, Barracks/ and Salt Water/Tower/Ascension.	B	R and S(comb)
42(b).	Commandant's/Offices, Barracks/ and Salt Water/Tower,/Ascension.	B(var)	S
43.	The Captain-in-Charge's Offices, Ascension Island.	F	V
44.	CAPTAIN'S OFFICES,/BARRACKS AND/ SALT WATER/TOWER,/ASCENSION.	A	T
44(a).	CAPTAIN'S OFFICES,/BARRACKS AND/ SALT WATER/TOWER,/ASCENSION.	A	U
45.	Captain's Offices,/Barracks and/ Salt Water/Tower,/Ascension.	B	R
46.	Elliotts' Pass,/Green Mountain,/Ascension.	AA	Y
47.	As for 46 but "THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE" is 81mm not 54mm in length.	B	Y(variant)
48.	Dew Pond,/2,800 ft. above/Sea Level, Ascension.	B	S
48(A).	Dew Pond./2,800 ft. above/Sea Level, Ascension.	B	Z
48(b).	As for 48(a) but "THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE" is 81mm not 71mm in length.	B	Z(variant)
49.	"Sea Turtle" in Pond, Ascension Island.	F	V
50.	Double Rollers, Ascension Island.	C	V
51.	Double Rollers, Ascension Island. (no message space on picture side).	B(var)	V
52.	Double Rollers, Ascension Island. (5/8" message space(with Title in) at bottom in small fancy lettering, with initials in capitals. Title 37mm long and "Muller and Co's Series" included).	-	B
53.	Double Rollers, Ascension Island. As 52, but the Title in larger letters. (Title 52mm, not 37mm, in length).	-	V
54.	The Garrison, Ascension Island.	D	V

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54(a).	The Garrison, Ascension Island.	E	V
55.	As for 54, but 5/8" message space at the bottom and the words "Muller & Co's Series" included.	-	V
56.	THE CEMETARY, /GREEN MOUNTAIN, /ASCENSION.	A	R
57.	The Cemetary, /Green Mountain, /Ascension.	B	R
58.	View of Island/of Ascension, /from 2,800 feet/above Sea Level.	B	R
58(a).	View of Island/of Ascension, /from 2,800 feet/above Sea Level.	B	S
58(b).	View of Island/of Ascension, /from 2,800 feet/above Sea Level.	B(var)	R
58(c).	View of Island/Of Ascension/from 2,800 ft./above sea level.	B(var)	Z(var, as No 18)
59.	Top of Green/Mountain, /showing rain/ water catchments, /Ascension.	B	P
60.	View of S.W. of/Island, from/ Green Mountain, /Ascension.	B	R
61.	St. Mary's/Church, /Ascension.	B	S
61(A).	St. Mary's/Church, /Ascension.	B	Z
62.	Admiralty/Cottage, /Ascension.	B	S
62(a).	Admiralty/Cottage, /Ascension.	B	Z
63.	Pier Head, /Ascension.	B	S
64.	Georgetown, North, /Ascension	B	P(var)
65.	Turned Turtle on Long Beach Ascension. (multicoloured)	-	V
66.	Turtle Pond with/Turtle and Kiroomen/ Ascension. (multiicoloured)	-	V
67.	Wideawakes (Sooty Terns) & Eggs, Ascension. (multicoloured)	-	V

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ST. HELENA & S. ATLANTIC BOOKS IN PRINT 1993

[listed by author; UK prices for guidance]

- Bain, Kenneth: ST. HELENA, THE ISLAND, HER PEOPLE AND THEIR SHIP (W & S) £19.50
 Due 1 Nov. 1993; 198pp. 37 text illus., 23 colour plates [soft cover £10]
- Blackburn, Julia: THE EMPEROR'S LAST ISLAND (Seeker & Warburg) £16.99
 A personal reaction to the Island and the exile. [Now in p/b]
- Campbell, Bryn: ST. HELENA (Solomon, Jamestown) A 32-page colour booklet £2.50
- Cannan, Edward: THE CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC 1502-1991 (Anthony Nelson)
 A fascinating social history of all Island churches [p/b £14.95] £20.00
- Crook, Michael: SURGEON IN BORNEO, PRIEST IN ST. HELENA (Book Guild) £12.95
 Candid autobiography of a surgeon/priest, settled since 1985 at St. Helena
- Edwards, Alasdair: FISH & FISHERIES OF ST. HELENA ISLAND (Newcastle Univ) £15.00
 And sea monsters too! Excellent, comprehensive and lavishly illustrated
- Gosse, Philip: ST. HELENA 1502-1938 (Anthony Nelson) £16.50
 New edition of this classic Island history, with Introduction
- Janisch, H.R.: EXTRACTS FROM THE ST. HELENA RECORDS 1673-1835 £12.50
 Percy Teale's welcome reprint, published by W.A. Thorpe, Jamestown
- Mathieson, Ian & Carter, Laurence: EXPLORING ST. HELENA (Anthony Nelson) £9.00
 A walker's guide; well-illustrated, popular, indispensable for sight-seeing
- Oldfield, Sarah: FRAGMENTS OF PARADISE (Pincus for WWF &c) £8.00
 Conservation action guide for all Britain's dependent territories
- Stamp, Geoffrey: SEASONED TALES [illus. by Peter Cox] (Baobab Publ.) £5.50
 Lovingly crafted tales of 'Atlantic people'; Foreword by Alan Hoole
- Weaver, Barry: A GUIDE TO THE GEOLOGY OF ST. HELENA (Oklahoma Univ) £2.50
 The age-old mystery of the Island simply explained for the layman
- Winchester, Simon: OUTPOSTS (Sceptre p/b) £4.95
 Thoughtful reflections on all Britain's dependent territories
- Woolton, Stephen: A DOCTOR'S THOUGHTS ON ST. HELENA (publ. by author) £5.00
 60 pages of sparkling colour photos - the best published; medical text
- TOURIST MAP [1:25,000] (in colour, with historical notes) £6.00
 [post free from Ordnance Survey International, Romsey Rd., Maybush,
 Southampton SO9 4DN. Ask for details of other St. Helena maps]
- VIDEOS: Frater, Charles & Julia: SAINT HELENA, SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN [1992] &
ISLAND OF SAINT HELENA [1962, the first ever documentary film made of the
 Island] are available from Silverglade Associates Ltd., 11A Enterprise House,
 Upper Ground, London SE1 at £20 each (incl. VAT & postage)
- ASCENSION ISLAND
- Packer, John: ASCENSION ISLAND - A CONCISE GUIDE [A treasury of island lore] £2
- Watkins, M: ASCENSION ISLAND (J.A. Dixon, IoW) [18 page colour booklet] £2
 [£2.00 each + £1 p&p from the Administrator's Office, Ascension Island]
- TRISTAN DA CUNHA
- Crawford, Allan: TRISTAN DA CUNHA & THE ROARING FORTIES (Chas. Skilton) £10.50
 The standard work by the leading authority; well illustrated [post free]
 [from Curnow Shipping Ltd., The Shipyard, Porthleven, Helston, Cornwall TR13 9JA]
- Walt, Duncan: TROUBLE IN TRISTAN (Graham Brash, Singapore) [p/b] £4.99
 Action-packed adventure story of "the Wallace boys" in a S. Atlantic setting;
 coming shortly in the same series, SKULDUGGERY IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

TITLES due in 1994 include Crank, Quentin: THE ENDEMIC PLANTS OF ST. HELENA with
 colour plates painted by Lesley Nines; Evans, Dorothy: SCHOOLING IN THE SOUTH
 ATLANTIC ISLANDS 1661-1992; and Cawkell, Mary: THE HISTORY OF THE FALKLAND
 ISLANDS 1592-1993, all from Anthony Nelson, PO Box 9, Oswestry SY11 1BY.

NOTE: All South Atlantic titles can be obtained in UK from Waterstone's
 Booksellers (Mary Vanderkamp), 88 Promenade, Cheltenham GL50 1NB post extra, or
 as indicated. In case of difficulty write to me: Trevor Hearl, The St. Helena
 Link, 49 Noverton Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham GL52 5DD: FAX/phone (0242) 244430

NEW STAMP ISSUES

St. Helena has been quite busy with new issues over the past few months; on 16th August a set of six stamps depicting the "WIREBIRD" was issued.

This attractive set of six stamps depicts the "WIREBIRD" which is unique to St. Helena, therefore it creates great interest for the staunch supporters of the World Wild Fund for Nature. Just why this bird settled in St. Helena and nowhere else is a mystery, but this makes its conservation all the more important. The Wirebird owes its name to its long thin legs and is a relative of the Plover family. It can be found where fertile grassy land gives way to dry barren rocky areas such as Horse Pasture, Deadwood Plain and Longwood Golf Course where the photographer was able to get a most uncommon but good view of a Wirebird on a piece of asbestos roofing - shown on the 60p value. Whilst the Wirebird has a low graceful flight they spend most of their time foraging on the ground. They feed on invertebrates - beetles, caterpillars and ants. The clutch is almost invariable two eggs which are olive green mottled with black or charcoal, sometimes paler in semi-desert areas; laid throughout the year, but nesting in the dry season peak from October to February. Incubation is shared between the parents and if disturbed, eggs are embedded in dry sandy soil or by other debris, thus making nests very difficult to find. (A full report on the Wirebird can be found in the book "The Status and Ecology of the St. Helena Wirebird" by Neil McCulloch). The WWF have graciously allowed their Logo to be featured on the bottom right-hand corner of the first four values of this set.

The size of the stamps are 27.94 x 44.54mm, designed by Norman Arlott and printed in Sheets of 50 (2 panes of 25) with a central gutter, by BDT Interational Security Printers Ltd in Lithography process.

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St. Helena Wirebird issue.

On Friday 1st October 1993, the Post Office released a special Christmas Stamp issue depicting Christmas Toys. The set comprises five bright and colourful designs capturing admirably the festive spirit. The five stamp values are 12p, 15p, 18p, 25p and 60p and were printed by the House of Questa in the Lithography process. The stamp size is 31.75 x 26mm.



St. Helena Christmas issue.

NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE

The St. Helena Post Office released a new Definitive Stamp Issue on 26th August entitled "BIRDS". This issue replaces the "Explorers & their Ships" definitive issue. The issue comprises of 12 values which are:- 1d. - Swainson's Canary, 3p. - Chucker Partridge, 11p. - Pigeon, 12p. - Waxbill, 15p. - Common Myna, 18p. - Java Sparrow, 25p. - Red-billed Tropicbird, 35p. - Maderian Storm Petrel, 75p. - Madagascar Fody, £1. - Common Fairy Tern, £2. - Southern Giant Petrel and £5. - Wirebird.



On 9th June 1986 St. Helena issued a set of Postage Dues. The six values comprise 1p, 2p, 5p, 7p, 10p and 25p. Has any member seen these stamps genuinely used on mail to St. Helena?



H.M.S. TERRIBLE

JEREMY MARTIN

Recently I was shown a picture postcard of 'JAMESTOWN LOOKING NORTH'. The picture was of poor quality but the message was most interesting:-

"H.M.S. Terrible" Aug 30th 06

A spot in St. Helena not half bad is it. Yours Will.

The card was franked with a G.B. Edward V11 1d. and postmarked 'London/SP 26/06/174' in the Foreign Section. The mail from H.M.S. Terrible would have been bagged and held by the St. Helena Postmaster until a north-bound Union Castle Steamer arrived.

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Legal Notice No. 14 of 1993.

ST. HELENA



**THE POST OFFICE ORDINANCE, (CAP. 92)
THE POST OFFICE (RATES OF CHARGES) (NO. 2) ORDER, 1993**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Governor in Council by sections 3 and 4 of the Post Office Ordinance the following Order is hereby made:

Citation and Commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Post Office (Rates of Charges) (No. 2) Order 1993 and shall come into effect on 1st May, 1993.

Rates for external mail. First Schedule

2. The rates of postage and other charges on postal packets sent to external destinations from the Post Office of St. Helena shall be those set out in the First Schedule to this Order.

Internal postage rates. Second Schedule

3. The rates of postage and other charges on postal packets sent from the Post Office, Jamestown, to Sub Post Offices in the country districts of St. Helena, and vice versa, shall be those set out in the Second Schedule to this Order.

Revocation of Legal Notice No 4 of 1993

4. The Post Office (Rates of Charges) Order 1993 is hereby revoked.

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HB24 L.N. No. 14. Post Office (Rates of Charges)

FIRST SCHEDULE

EXTERNAL POSTAL RATES AND OTHER CHARGES

PART I

Surface Mail

	International £	Ascension £	
(i) Letters—			
For the first 20 grammes or part thereof	0.15	0.12	
above 20g up to 100g	0.36	0.28	
" 100g " " 250g	0.71	0.55	
" 250g " " 500g	1.36	1.06	
" 500g " " 1000g	2.37	1.84	
" 1000g " " 2000g	3.86	3.00	
(Maximum weight 2Kg)			
(ii) Postcards—	0.11	0.08	
(iii) Printed matter—			
For the first 20 grammes or part thereof	0.07	0.06	
above 20g up to 100g	0.16	0.13	
" 100g " " 250g	0.30	0.23	
" 250g " " 500g	0.53	0.41	
" 500g " " 1000g	0.89	0.69	
" 1000g " " 2000g	1.23	0.97	
each additional 1000g	0.62	0.48	
(Maximum weight: papers 2kg, books and pamphlets 5Kg)			
(iv) Small packets—			
For the first 100g or part thereof	0.16	0.13	
above 100g up to 250g	0.30	0.23	
" 250g " " 500g	0.53	0.41	
" 500g " " 1000g	0.89	0.69	
" 1000g " " 2000g	1.23	0.97	
(Maximum weight 2Kg)			
(v) Special Charges—			
a. Registration fee	0.35	0.35	
b. Insurance premium	18p per £35 of the insured value or part thereof plus registration fee		
	(Maximum insured value £1000)		
c. Advice of delivery	0.26	0.26	
(vi) Parcels—	Great Britain £	South Africa £	Ascension £
a. Weight up to 1Kg	2.90	2.37	1.84
above 1Kg up to 3Kg	4.90	3.37	2.64
" 3Kg " " 5Kg	6.90	4.37	3.44
" 5Kg " " 10Kg	11.90	6.87	5.44
" 10Kg " " 15Kg	16.90	9.37	7.44
" 15Kg " " 20Kg	21.90	11.87	9.44
" 20Kg for each additional 1Kg or part thereof	1.00	0.50	0.40
(Maximum weight 30Kg)			

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b. To other countries, the rate of postage to Great Britain or South Africa (as the case may be) plus the onward postage therefrom to the country of destination.

c. Insurance (via Great Britain only) 18p per £35 of the insured value or part thereof (maximum insured value £1000).

		PART II Air Mail	
		To all destinations:	
(i)	Letters—		£
	For the first 10 grammes or part thereof		0.25
	above 10g up to 20g		0.35
	For each additional 20g or part thereof		0.24
	(Maximum weight 2Kg)		
(ii)	Postcards—		0.11
(iii)	Printed matter—		
	For the first 20g or part thereof		0.20
	for each additional 20g or part thereof		0.15
(iv)	Small packets—		
	For the first 100g or part thereof		0.75
	For each additional 20g or part thereof		0.15
(v)	Aerogrammes—		0.15

SECOND SCHEDULE

INTERNAL POSTAGE RATES AND OTHER CHARGES

(i)	Letters—		£
	For the first 50g or part thereof		0.03
	each additional 50g or part thereof		0.02
	(Maximum weight 2Kg)		
(ii)	Postcards—		0.03
(iii)	Printed matter and small packets—		
	For the first 30g or part thereof		0.03
	For each additional 20g		0.01
(iv)	Special charges—		
	a. Registration fee		0.35
	b. Recorded delivery		0.30
	c. Advice of delivery		0.26
	d. Private bag (to be supplied by the user)		
	for collection and delivery by the Postman.		
	Annual fee		£12

P. I. D. ANDREWS,
Clerk of Councils.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

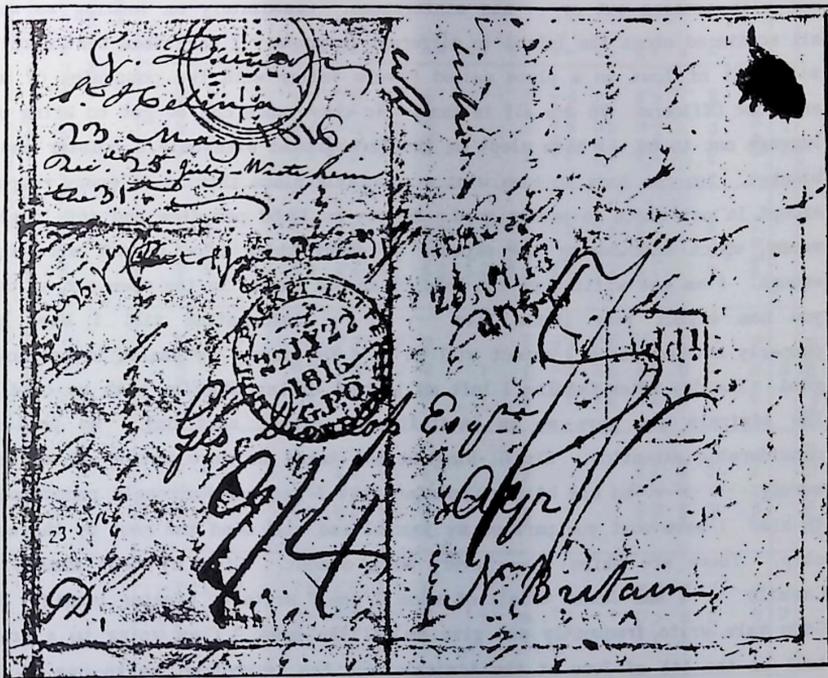
This Order revokes and replaces the Post Office (Rates of Charges) Order, 1993, which contained a number of typographical errors and omissions.

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A LETTER FROM THE
DUNLOP CORRESPONDENCE

Between the 23rd May 1816, and 2nd April 1819 some fifteen letters are known from George Dunlop to his father in Scotland: of these nine show the St. Helena Packet Letter handstamp and six do not. Five of the six letters that do not have the Packet Letter handstamp show Ship Letter handstamp marks or Ship Letter Postage Rates, and these are dated between 10th October 1817 and 1818. Letters from him showing the Packet Letter Handstamp are known from 24th August 1816 and 2nd April 1819. The letter illustrated is significant in the fact that it is the first letter from George to his father after his arrival on the island. The letter addressed to "Geo Dunlop Esq, Ayr, W. Britain" shows crowned "INDIA PACKET LETTER LONDON" circular date stamp for 22nd July 1816, London transit circular date stamp for 22nd July 1816, three line Scotland arrival for 25th July 1816 and the additional boxed ¼d. Scottish Toll. The letter shows manuscript "7/-" (Double the Packet Letter Rate of 3/6d. from St. Helena to England). This has been deleted, and "9/4d." added (Double the 1/2d. milage charge from London to Ayr). I can imagine the horror on the face of George Dunlop's father when he received this letter from his son and having to pay the 9/4¼d. postal charges, as in those days postal charges were met by the recipient of the letter, not the sender. No doubt he wrote back to George telling him to write only single sheet letters in future (Letters were charged per sheet until 1840) as all further Packet Letters from George show Single Sheet Packet Letter Rates of 3/6d.

It was previously thought that the Packet Letter Handstamp came into use with the opening of the St. Helena Post Office in 1815 even though the first recorded use of the handstamp is known for 24th August 1816. This letter proves that it was not in use until at least June 1816.



Entire Letter from George Dunlop to his father in Ayr, Scotland dated 23rd May 1816 showing "INDIA PACKET LETTER LONDON" handstamp and double Packet Letter rate of "7/-".

St. Helena 23rd May 1816.

My Dear Father,

We have at last arrived at our final destination where we have met with nothing but cr--- and misfortunes.- Immediately on landing we were all scattered about the Island to different outposts. I have been sent about 7 miles out of Town to a place called Powels Valley with two companies of men and four Officers. We are all in camp.- No conveyance can be got to bring out luggage out to us. I have slept on the bare ground with only a bolster and a blanket. You can form no idea what a miserable place this is in every respect except in pay which is pretty good. My pay is 13.6d per diem and £60 lodging money, which considering the expence of every thing here is not more than enough. I am now writing on the head of an old barrel in the open air so that you can expect very little like ----- information till I have got properly settled which I expect will be in a few days. My health is perfectly good. The day after landing I left my letters of introduction with my card at the Admirals who gave me an invitation to dinner next day. He paid me considerable attention. Sir G. Bingham has taken no more notice of me than merely ----- to one of our Captains that I had been strongly reccomended to him. I have sent you part of my journal and will send the rest by the next ship. There are ships ----- every week almost. Give my best wishes to Cammila ---- and James to all of whom I shall write at greater length. For Gods sake write frequently and give me all the news. I am going to a grand ball on the 4th of June at the Admirals who has introduced me to one of the first men in the Island who pays much attention to strangers a Mr. Balcome. A ship might leave news in a few days when I shall give you more satisfactory information about all my affairs. Believe me therefore for the present,

Dear Father,

Yours most sincerely

Geo Dunlop.

SCHEDULE 1994/1995

RMS "ST HELENA"

Voyage Number		17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
CARDIFF	d	Fri 05 Nov	Fri 31 Dec	Thu 10 Mar	Thu 12 May	Thu 07 Jul	Thu 08 Sep	Thu 10 Nov	Thu 19 Jan
TENERIFE	c	Wed 10 Nov	1994 Wed 05 Jan	Tue 15 Mar	Tue 17 May	Tue 12 Jul	Tue 13 Sep	Tue 15 Nov	Tue 24 Jan
ASCENSION	c		—	Tue 22 Mar	Tue 24 May	Tue 19 Jul	Tue 20 Sep	Tue 22 Nov	Tue 31 Jan
ST HELENA	a	Fri 19 Nov Sun 21 Nov	Fri 14 Jan Sun 16 Jan	Thu 24 Mar Sat 26 Mar	Thu 26 May Sat 28 May	Thu 21 Jul Sat 23 Jul	Thu 22 Sep Sat 24 Sep	Thu 24 Nov Sat 26 Nov	Thu 02 Feb Sat 04 Feb
ASCENSION	a	Tue 23 Nov	Tue 18 Jan	Mon 28 Mar	—	—	Mon 26 Sep	Mon 28 Nov	Mon 06 Feb
	d	Tue 23 Nov	Tue 18 Jan	Tue 29 Mar	—	—	Tue 27 Sep	Tue 29 Nov	Tue 07 Feb
ST HELENA	a	Thu 25 Nov	Thu 20 Jan	Thu 31 Mar	—	—	Thu 29 Sep	Thu 01 Dec	Thu 09 Feb
	d	Fri 26 Nov	Fri 21 Jan	Fri 01 Apr	—	—	Fri 30 Sep	Fri 02 Dec	Fri 10 Feb
CAPE TOWN	a	Wed 01 Dec	Wed 26 Jan	Wed 06 Apr	Thu 02 Jun	Thu 28 Jul	Wed 05 Oct	Wed 07 Dec	Wed 15 Feb
	d		Fri 28 Jan						Fri 17 Feb
TRISTAN DA CUNHA	a		Wed 02 Feb	—	—	—	—	—	Wed 22 Feb
	d		Fri 04 Feb	—	—	—	—	—	Fri 24 Feb
CAPE TOWN	a		Wed 09 Feb	Sat 09 Apr	Sun 05 Jun	Sun 31 Jul	Sat 08 Oct	Sat 10 Dec	Wed 01 Mar
	d	Fri 03 Dec	Sat 12 Feb						Sat 04 Mar
ST HELENA	a	Wed 08 Dec	Thu 17 Feb	Thu 14 Apr	Fri 10 Jun	Fri 05 Aug	Thu 13 Oct	Thu 15 Dec	Thu 09 Mar
	d	Sat 11 Dec	Sun 20 Feb	Sat 16 Apr	Sun 12 Jun	Sun 07 Aug	Sat 15 Oct	Sat 17 Dec	Sat 11 Mar
ASCENSION	a	Mon 13 Dec	Tue 22 Feb	Tue 19 Apr	Tue 14 Jun	Tue 09 Aug	Mon 17 Oct	Mon 19 Dec	Mon 13 Mar
	d	Tue 14 Dec	Wed 23 Feb	Tue 19 Apr	Tue 14 Jun	Tue 09 Aug	Tue 18 Oct	Tue 20 Dec	Tue 14 Mar
ST HELENA	a	Thu 16 Dec	Fri 25 Feb	Thu 21 Apr	Thu 16 Jun	Thu 11 Aug	Thu 20 Oct	Thu 22 Dec	Thu 16 Mar
	d	Thu 16 Dec	Sat 26 Feb	Fri 22 Apr	Fri 17 Jun	Fri 12 Aug	Fri 21 Oct	Sat 24 Dec (C)	Fri 17 Mar
BANJUL (A)	c	—	—	Thu 28 Apr	Thu 23 Jun	Thu 18 Aug	Thu 27 Oct	1995 Thu 05 Jan	Thu 23 Mar
TENERIFE	c	Sat 25 Dec	Fri 04 Mar	Sun 01 May	Sun 26 Jun	Sun 21 Aug	Sun 30 Oct	Sun 08 Jan	Sun 26 Mar
CARDIFF	a	Wed 29 Dec	Tue 08 Mar	Fri 06 May	Fri 01 Jul	Fri 26 Aug (UK Port) (B)	Fri 04 Nov	Fri 13 Jan	Fri 31 Mar

c - calls; a - arrives; d - departs

(A) Banjul Call: Subject to Freight Inducement

(B) Drydocks

(C) Christmas Cruise: Ascension c Tue 27 Dec : St. Helena a Thu 29 Dec : d Fri 30 Dec

(Schedules subject to alteration without notice and at Government directions:- cargo commitments and/or Government requirements might result in alterations to these schedules taking place.)

Whilst the managers seek to operate the service in accordance with this published schedule they cannot be responsible for changes caused by circumstances beyond their control.

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R.M.S. St. Helena

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FARES PER SINGLE PERSON — ONE WAY (Return fares are double), with effect from 20 April 1992
 (Children: age below 2 years — 10% adult fare, from 2 years and under 12 years — 50% of adult fare)

CABIN GRADE *	T1S	T1	T2S	T2	T2H5	T2H	T3	T4S	T4
	Sole use Two berth B Deck	Sole use Two berth A Deck	Two berth B Deck	Two berth A Deck	Two berth B Deck	Two berth A Deck	Three berth A Deck	Four berth B Deck	Four berth A Deck
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
CARDIFF — TENERIFE	533	519	474	444	414	400	376	311	297
CARDIFF — ASCENSION	1351	1314	1201	1126	1051	1014	826	788	751
CARDIFF — ST. HELENA	1686	1561	1427	1338	937	602	491	468	446
CARDIFF — CAPE TOWN	2214	2153	1968	1845	1722	1661	1353	1292	1230
TENERIFE — ASCENSION	797	775	709	664	620	598	487	465	443
TENERIFE — ST. HELENA	1500	1401	1327	1238	837	502	391	368	346
TENERIFE — CAPE TOWN	1661	1616	1477	1385	1292	1246	1015	969	923
ASCENSION — ST. HELENA	486	473	432	405	378	290	290	290	290
ASCENSION — CAPE TOWN	574	840	768	720	672	648	528	504	480
ST. HELENA — CAPE TOWN	687	593	542	508	474	343	275	263	250

All above cabins have natural lighting and air conditioning and private facilities

BIUDGET ACCOMMODATION *	2Bhw	2BoS	2Bo	2Bi	4Bo
C DECK	£	£	£	£	£
CARDIFF — TENERIFE	218	213	203	188	180
CARDIFF — ST. HELENA	428	428	415	402	390
ASCENSION — ST. HELENA	204	202	192	180	168
ST. HELENA — CAPE TOWN	232	230	219	206	194

* 2 - outer, 1 - inner; w - with facilities; S - superior

All above cabins have air-conditioning

* For more detail on cabin grades please refer to pages 12 and 13 of the brochure.

On SOUTHBOUND and SOME NORTHBOUND voyages, passengers for Cape Town will disembark at St. Helena to spend approximately 8 days ashore whilst the ship enroute to and from Ascension Island. Full board for the accommodation available currently costs up to £64 per day per person (children age below 2 years — 10% of adult tariff; from 2 years and under 12 years — 50%) depending upon which Hotel passengers utilise. This sum is IN ADDITION to the cost of the passage fare and is payable directly to the proprietor at the end of the stopover.

A mini cruise from Cape Town/Tristan da Cunha/Cape Town is included in voyage 18 and voyage 24. The cost of this is available on application.

Fares are subject to alteration without prior warning or notice, should unavoidable change occur.

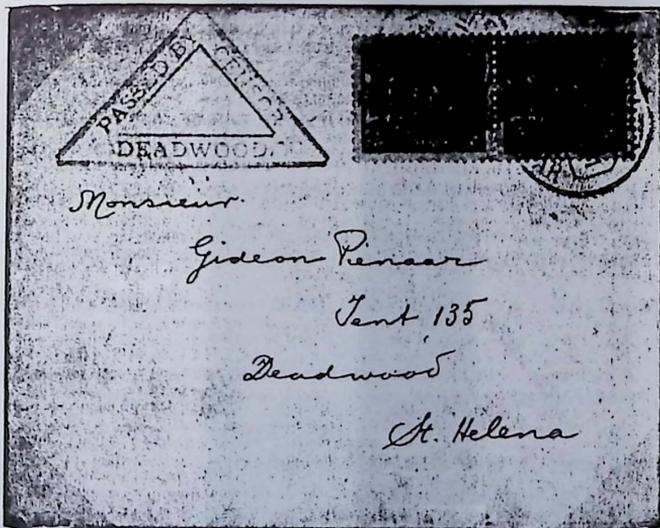
Scale of cancellation charges on unfulfilled passages:
 Cancellation Date Cancellation Fee

FROM THE AUCTIONS

On June 25th and 26th 1993 Cavendish Philatelic Auctions sold the Bill Hart Natal and Boer War collections. Among the vast Boer War section were some 64 Lots connected with St. Helena. I have listed some of the more interesting Lots together with photographs where available. Estimates in (£) with realisations beside.

LOT 1522 THOMAR: Rare 1901 cover from Boer Internee in Portugal to Deadwood Camp, St. Helena with fine "PASSED BY/CENSOR/DEADWOOD".

EST (£200) REAL £500



LOT 1522

LOT 1690 Type 1. censor marks with initials V.A. on two stationery postcards dated March and April 1902. EST (£100) REAL £120

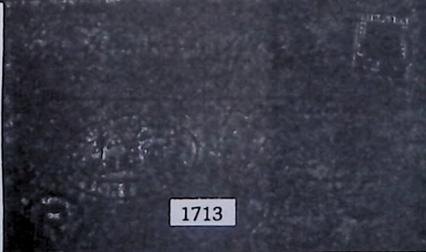
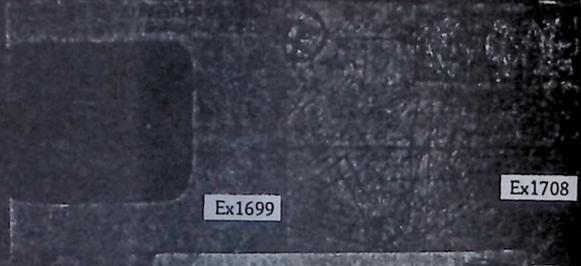
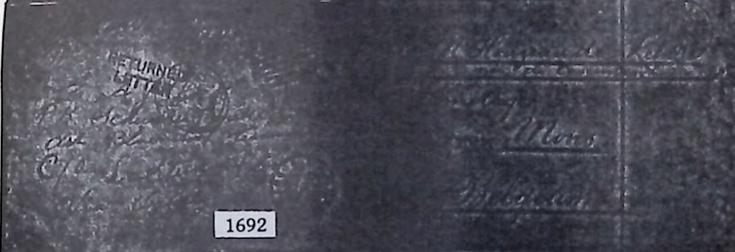
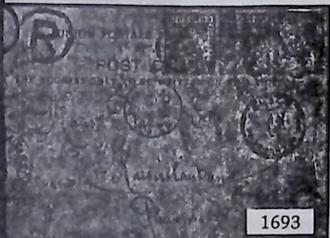
LOT 1692 Type 1. censor mark initialed J.H.M.B. on "POST SUSPENDED" cover dated Feb 1901 with St. Helena "RETURNED/LETTER" handstamp.

EST (£150) REAL £110

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- LOT 1693 Type 1. censor mark with handstruck initials A.V.P. on registered postcard. EST (£120) REAL £140
- LOT 1694 Large registered formula envelope to Holland with Type 1. censor mark initialed P.R. EST (£200) REAL £240
- LOT 1696 Large registered formula envelope to Belgium dated Aug 1901 with Type 1. censor mark initialed E.V. EST (£180) REAL £160
- LOT 1699 Pair of Picture Postcards with red handstruck "BROAD-BOTTOM-CAMP" on the picture side to Holland with Type 1. censor marks initialed E.V. EST (£100) REAL £130
- LOT 1701 Superb Type 2. censor mark with initials H.G.M. on registered P.P.C. to Johannesburg. EST (£150) REAL £320
- LOT 1702 1901 cover to Holland with Type 2. censor mark initialed H.M. EST (£100) REAL £90
- LOT 1705 June 1901 stationery card to Germany with Type 2. censor mark initialed A.V.P. EST (£100) REAL £95
- LOT 1708 Pair of registered covers with Type 3. censor marks initialed E.V. EST (£150) REAL £110
- LOT 1711 Rare Type 4. "PASSED/PRESS/CENSOR" initialed P.R. ON p.p.c. to Germany dated April 1902. EST (£300) REAL £260
- LOT 1712 Three P.P.C. with Type 6. "ST. HELENA/HEAD OFFICE" censor marks. EST (£100) REAL £190
- LOT 1713 Rare oval "GARRISON OFFICE/ST. HELENA" oval handstamp for December 1901 on registered cover to Germany with one stamp removed. EST (£100) REAL £180
- LOT 1715 "DEADWOOD CAMP" and "BROADBOTTOM CAMP" handstamps on same stationery card registered to Germany dated March 1901 with Type 1. censor mark initialed A.V.P. EST (£150) REAL £170
- LOT 1716 March 1901 registered cover to Germany with "BROADBOTTOM CAMP" on the front and two strikes of the "DEADWOOD CAMP" on the reverse. EST (£120) REAL £85
- LOT 1719 May 1901 cover to Cape Town with Type 1. censor mark initialed A.D.B. together with "BROADBOTTOM CAMP" handstamp. EST (£100) REAL £70

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LOT 1720 Feb 1901 cover to O.R.C. with Type 1. and Type 2. censor marks uninitialed together with straight line "BROADBOTTON CAMP" handstamp. Item published and unclaimed and returned to St. Helena with "RETURNED/LETTER" handstamp in purple applied on arrival. EST (£150) REAL £180

LOT 1721 Two redirected cards with Type 1. censor marks initialed H.G.M and H.M. together with "BROADBOTTON CAMP" and "DEADWOOD CAMP" handstamps. EST (£120) REAL £140

LOT 1722 June 1901 cover to Holland with signature of Cronje enclosed. Cover shows fine "DEADWOOD CAMP" handstamp on reverse and Type 1. censor mark initialed C.D.N.S. EST (£100) REAL £170

LOT 1725 Two cards and a cover all with "DEADWOOD CAMP" handstamp and Type 1. censor mark initialed C.D.N.S. EST (£120) REAL £80

LOT 1729 Three covers with contents and card all connected with British Troops on the island. EST (£159) REAL (£190)

LOT 1730 Five covers and cards ex British Troops and civilian mail, some with Tax Marks. EST (£150) REAL £200

LOT 1731 FRENCH CONSULAR COVER dated June 1901 to France with fine "AGENCE CONSULAIRE DE FRANCE/A/ST HELENE" cachet on reverse. EST (£75) REAL £95

IF ONE OF OUR MEMBERS BOUGHT THIS PARTICULAR ITEM I WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN A PHOTOSTAT (BOTH SIDES) PLEASE.

LOT 1737 Rare "POST OFFICE/UNCLAIMED/ST. HELENA" on much travelled cover redirected through various camps in India etc. EST (£100) REAL £180

LOT 1740 Three incoming items of mail, one to The R.A.M.C. Station Hospital. EST (£75) REAL £50

LOT 1747 Three items of mail addressed to prison ship "BAVARIAN". EST (£80) REAL £120

1763 Two covers to S.S. 'Orient' St. Helena. EST (£75) REAL £150

1778 Two covers from MASERU, Basutoland to St. Helena EST (£150) REAL £110

1715

DEAD DOG CAY

1722

1737

Ex1729

1720

Ex1730

1735

Ex1742

From the Rev. S. S. ...
 Union Place ...
 P. S. ...
 P. S. ...
 R. C.
 RETURNED LETTER
 Unclaimed
 May

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