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EDITORIAL

Here we are at the start of another year. It does not seem possible that I have been your Study Editor for some 7½ years. Life over the past year has had its share of problems which culminated a few weeks ago, as I was preparing this Supplement. My trusty old Amstrad PCW 8256 finally gave up on me, and has had to be consigned to the computer graveyard. I have managed to purchase, with some financial backing of the WASC, a new Canon Word Processor. This will be a great boon to me, and I should be able to prepare the Supplements quicker, and hopefully with better quality printing etc. In fact I have managed to put this Supplement together in four days, something of a record. The only problem I can now see is that the discs from my old system are not compatible with the new machine, so that all the previous Supplements that I had stored on disc, cannot now be retrieved.

This Supplement sees a variety of articles on date stamps, postcards, new issues, World War 1., postage rates etc and, also an article by Trevor Hearl on Saul Solomon. As most St. Helena collectors will know Saul Solomon is synonymous with early St. Helena Postal History, his manuscript notations and Forwarding Agents cachets are to be found on early St. Helena mail. While the article is not philatelic in content, it gives an insight into the man behind some of the most important St. Helena Postal History. Also included in this issue is an index to Supplements 10 to 25, something I have been meaning to do for some time, but had not managed to get round to doing.

I am now in need of articles (long or short) for Supplement No26. I have a little material, about 6 pages, so if you have any thing of interest, or an unusual item or question that you require an answer to, just drop me a line.

For those of you who were unable to attend the November WASC meeting, you missed an excellent meeting with some very fine displays of Ascension and St. Helena Forgeries. all being well I will see you all in March, at the next London meeting.

All it takes now is for me to wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous new year.

BERNARD MABBETT

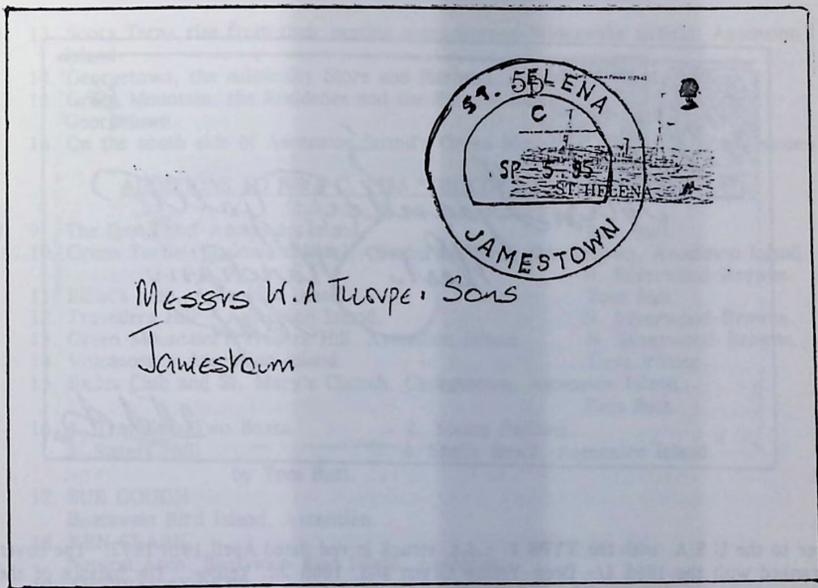
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NEW DATE STAMP FOR ST. HELENA

by Bernard Mabbett

I have recently received two items of mail used internally on the Island of St. Helena that show a very large circular date stamp struck in violet. The date stamp measures some 43mm in diameter, with the wording "ST. HELENA" at the top, and "JAMESTOWN" round the bottom. There is a code letter "C" beneath the "E" of "HELENA", with the date across the centre. I have three covers that show this style of c.d.s. dated between May 25th and September 5th 1995. It is possible that this is an experimental type, as I have several other covers of the same period all with the standard c.d.s.

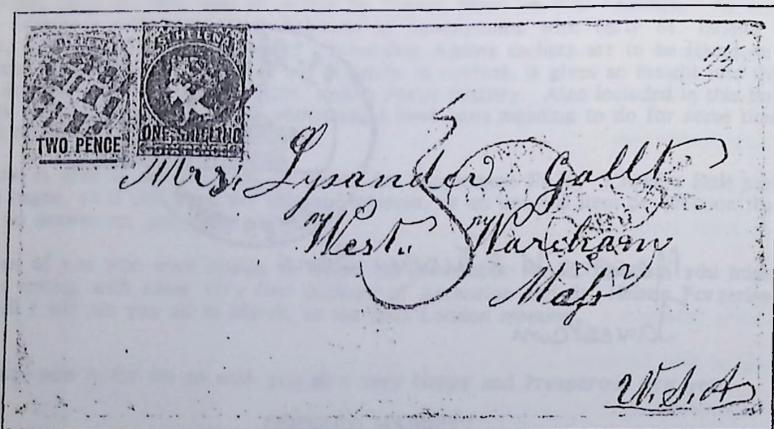


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TYPE 1. C.D.S.

by Bernard Mabbett

The TYPE 1. c.d.s. came into use in 1870 to replace the oval date stamp that had been in constant use since 1855. It is recorded used in red for the early part of its life, with the first recorded date of use being 6th June 1870, and until recently the latest date of use in red was 3rd April 1872. I have a cover in my collection addressed to the U.S.A. dated 19th April 1872 with the c.d.s. struck in red. From May 1872 until October 1897 this TYPE 1. c.d.s. is to be found struck in black. Although this c.d.s. was withdrawn from use in 1897, stamps can be found struck with this c.d.s. until 1912; although it is thought that these have probably been cancelled by favour.



Cover to the U.S.A. with the TYPE 1. c.d.s. struck in red dated April 19th 1872. The cover is franked with the 1865 1/- Deep-Yellow Green and, 1868 2d. Yellow. The balance of the 1/5d. postage rate being made up in cash, as denoted by the manuscript "3". The cover shows London transit c.d.s. and "2CENTS" Carrier Charge, both in red.

THE PICTORIAL POSTCARDS OF ASCENSION

UP DATE - 20/4/95

by John H. Plant

As I imagine that there may be a number of members of the West Africa Study Circle who, like me, collect the Pictorial Postcards of Ascension Island, they may like to be brought up to date with the latest developments in this field of collecting.

The last up-date of these cards was published in the West Africa Study Circle St.Helena & Ascension Supplement No. 13, which was distributed with Cameo in 1990.

Since then there have been printed some additional cards belonging to "Series 6" and, also, to "Series 9". Accordingly I start this article with these additions as follows:-

ADDITIONS TO NO 6 "PETER JOHNSON" SERIES

6. 13. Sooty Terns rise from their nesting areas beyond Wideawake airfield. Ascension Island.
14. Georgetown, the Admiralty Store and Pierhead. Ascension Island.
15. Green Mountain, the Residence and the Farm - from the aerial fields near Georgetown.
16. On the south side of Ascension Island's Green Mountain, pines and grassy slopes.

ADDITIONS TO NO 9 C. 1988 "THOUGHT FACTORY" SERIES

9. 9. The Dew Pond-Ascension Island. Tom Butt.
 10. Green Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) - Catherine Point, Georgetown, Ascension Island. N. Silverwood-Browne.
 11. Elliot's path, Ascension Island. Tom Butt.
 12. Travellers Hill - Ascension Island. N. Silverwood-Browne.
 13. Green Mountain/Travellers Hill, Ascension Island. N. Silverwood-Browne.
 14. Volcanoes - Ascension Island. Dave Virden.
 15. Exiles Club and St. Mary's Church, Georgetown, Ascension Island. Tom Butt.
 16. 1. Travellers/Two Boats. 2. Young Feeding.
 3. Sisters Hill. 4. Shelly Beach, Ascension Island.
- by Tom Butt.
17. SUE GOUGH
Boatswain Bird Island, Ascension.
 18. KEN CLARK
Natural Arch, Boatswain Bird Island, Ascension.
 19. THEREAS CORKER
Mars Bay, Ascension.

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cont:-

9. 20. SUE HERDMAN
Comfortless Cove, Ascension.
21. Georgetown by night, Owen Ditch.

SERIES OF NEW CARDS, PUBLISHED AFTER 1990, NOW FOLLOW

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SINGLE CARD - WITH NO PUBLISHER GIVEN

10. 1. WIDEAWAKE BIRD, Ascension Island, South Atlantic Ocean.
Printed by Dexter Press, West Nyack, New York,
Photo by Jimmy Young. (This card has deckled edges)

"SOLD IN AID OF ST. MARY'S RESTORATION APPEAL" SERIES:-

Printed by Judges of Hastings.

11. 1. ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ASCENSION ISLAND.
Photographed by N. Silverwood-Browne.
2. GEORGETOWN, ASCENSION ISLAND.
Showing the old barracks and St. Mary's Church

ASCENSION ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY SERIES

Printed in Great Britain by J. ARTHUR DIXON

12. 1. RMS St. Helena at Long Beach, Ascension Island.
Photography - M. Potter No.L6/SP.11144
2. The Exiles Club, Ascension Island.
Photography - N. Silverwood-Browne No.L6/SP.11145
3. The Grotto, Ascension Island.
Photography - N. Silverwood-Browne No.L6/SP.11146
4. The Residence, Green Mountain, Ascension Island.
Photography - B.N. Connelly No.L6/SP.11147
5. Rough Sea at the Peirhead, Ascension Island.
Photography - S. Grey No.L6/SP.11148
6. Sunset at Comfortless Cove, Ascension Island.
Photography - J. Atkinson No.L6/SP.11149

SERIES PUBLISHED BY THE POST OFFICE; ASCENSION ISLAND

Printed in Great Britain by J. Arthur Dixon

13. 1. Sunset at Long Beach, Ascension Island.
Photography by Sam Turtle No.L6/SP.11168

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cont:-

13. 2. Palm Trees at Grazing Valley, Ascension Island
Photography by Sam Turtle No.L6/SP.11169
3. Ascension Frigate Bird (Fregata aquite) Male
Photography by Sam Turtle No.L6/SP.11170
4. Landcrab (Gecarinus lagostoma)
Photography by Sam Turtle No.L6/SP.11171
5. Green Turtle (chelona mydas) returning to water after laying eggs.
Photography by Mike Potter No.L6/SP.11172
6. Flame Tree - Ascension Island
Photography by Fr. Nicholas Turner No.L6/SP.11173
7. Donkey with Cattle Egret, Ascension Island
Photography by Fr. Nicholas Turner No.L6/SP.11174
8. View from Green Mountain, Ascension Island
Photography by Ian Margetts No.L6/SP.11175

POSTCARD - "GREETINGS FROM ASCENSION ISLAND" ON FRONT

Printed by Graham and Sons Ltd.
Photography by Darrin Henry

14. The card has no printed title - the picture is a view of the sea and a distant view of Ascension Island in the mist.

SINGLE POSTCARD WITH NO PUBLISHER SHOWN

Photography by Darrin Henry

15. (Title on back) A view of Two Boats Village, Ascension Island, with the peak of Sisters in the background.

"JUDGES OF HASTINGS" SERIES

16. 1. The Pierhead, Georgetown, Ascension Island, South Atlantic Ocean.
No.C15361X
2. Turtle Shell Beach, Ascension Island, South Atlantic Ocean.
No.C15362X
3. Coconuts from Bullock Ponds, Ascension Island, South Atlantic Ocean.
No.C15363X
4. View from Green Mountain, Ascension Island, South Atlantic Ocean.
No.C15364X
5. Comfortless Cove, Ascension Island, South Atlantic Ocean.
No.C15365X
6. Ascension Island Donkeys, South Atlantic Ocean.
No.C15366X
7. View from Cross Hill, Ascension Island, South Atlantic Ocean.
No.C15367X

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ADDITIONS TO THE "C1902" SERIES

- 39(d) View from foot of/Green Mountain/Ascension 3,000/ft. above sea level.
Lettering Picture side B.
Address side Q
- 41(a) Cable Hut./Comfortless/Cove, Ascension.
Lettering Picture side B.
Address side Z.

NOTE:- Codes listed as in Supplement No. 21, page 12.

SERIES OF PICTORIAL POSTCARDS

Printed by Judge's of Hastings (01424) 420919

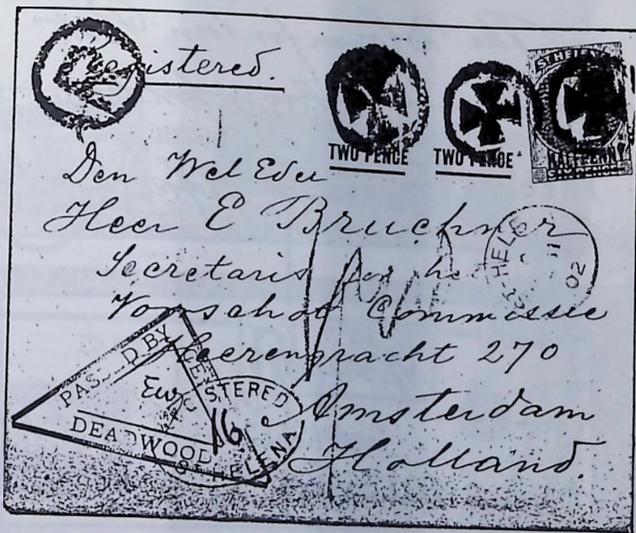
Printed on the back of the cards is the word "POSTCARD" in capitals and above this word is a "LOGO" in the form of a black diamond enclosing a judge's wig. The cards are numbered consecutively, starting with C16059X

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|--|-------------|
| No. 1. GREEN TURTLE, ASCENSION ISLAND,
SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN | No C16059X |
| 2. UNDERWATER LIFE, ASCENSION ISLAND,
-MORAY BELLS AND SQUIRREL FISH
Photographed by Steve Power | No. C16060X |
| 3. VIEW FROM SCOUTS PATH, ASCENSION ISLAND,
SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN | No. C16061X |
| 4. THE DEVIL'S RIDING SCHOOL, ASCENSION ISLAND,
SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN | No. C16062X |
| 5. LONG BEACH, ASCENSION ISLAND,
SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN | No. C16063X |
| 6. GEORGETOWN AND CROSS HILL, ASCENSION ISLAND,
SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN | No. C16064X |
| 7. THE DEW POND ON GREEN MOUNTAIN,
ASCENSION ISLAND, SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN | NO. C16065X |

AN UNUSUAL BOER PRISONER OF WAR ITEM OF MAIL

by Robert Deakin

I have in my collection a rather unusual St. Helena, Boer Prisoner of War item of mail. The cover is registered to Amsterdam, Holland, and shows the correct postage rate. The cover is dated February 11th 1902 with the Type 4. c.d.s., and shows on the front the "PASSED BY/CENSOR/DEADWOOD" double triangle censor mark initialed "EW". The cover is backstamped London 4th March 1902 and Amsterdam 5th March 1902; but the unusual thing about this cover is the manuscript notation on the reverse, "Sender O. Cederstrom, Briar's Camp". A camp at the "Briar's" has not been noted before. It is possible that this was a camp for parolees, as it obviously did not warrant its own censor mark. In the address is the wording "Voorschot Commission", can any member tell me what the "Voorschot Commission was?

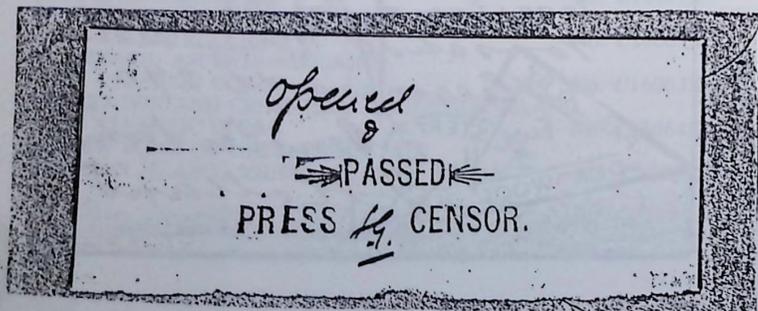
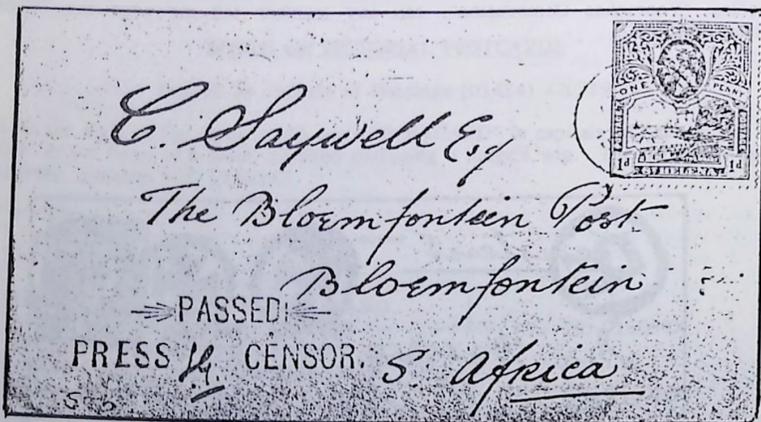


WW1 ST. HELENA CENSOR LABEL

by Jeremy Martin

In our book on West African Censorship (1) we have not recorded the use of censor labels during world war 1.

However, in a Cornish Stamp auction catalogue there was offered as Lot 1058 (2) a cover dated 10th March 1915 with a "temporary" label on the reverse. This will be classed as Type 1. in any new edition of the book.



TYPE 1.

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Type 1. White "temporary" label with violet Type 2. censor cachet with, added in manuscript "opened 2" plus censors initials.

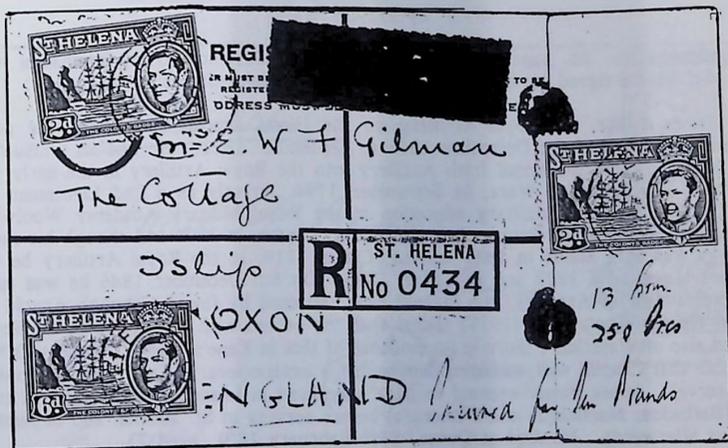
TYPE	PAPER	EARLIEST	LATEST
1.	White	10 March 1915	10 March 1915

1. "West African Censorship World War 1 and 2" by J.J. Martin and F.C. Walker, published 1993 by the West Africa Study Circle.
 2. Cornish Stamp Company : Postal Auction 31st July 1995.

ST. HELENA "VALEUR DECLAREE" MAIL

by Jeremy Martin

I cannot recall seeing such mail from St. Helena before. This is a size F Formula Registered envelope with a dark red (which does not show well) label "INSURED/(VALEUR DECLAREE)".



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In red ink there is "Insured for Ten Pounds" and also "13..." and "250..." The franking is 10d. and the c.d.s. June 23rd 1939. Books consulted on Ascension and St. Helena, do not appear to give rates for this period. However, Philip Beal's Sierra Leone suggest the rate could be 2d. Postage + 3d. registration + 5d. insurance for up to £12.

EDITORS NOTE:- The late Edward Hibbert sent me a photostat of this same cover many years ago, where it has remained in my reference file. I have a cover in my own collection that has the same type label applied; although my cover is far more modern, being dated June 1977. The cover was refused, and returned to St. Helena. The cover was charged £8.40 Customs Duty, and shows several Customs labels and "RETURN TO SENDER" handstamps. Unfortunately the cover is quite large and impossible to illustrate.

With regard to the postage rate of 10d. on the 1939 cover. This rate is correct. The postage rate of 2d. came into effect on 27th March 1922 after the War Tax act was repealed. The 3d. postage rate did not come into effect until 24th November 1939. Registration Fee had been set at 3d. on 1st September 1916, and did not increase to 4d. until 24th November 1939. The first information I can find on insurance premiums for letters, is dated 1941, and states 5d. for the first £12 or part thereof, + 2d. for each additional £12 or part thereof. So it is highly probable that this rate was in use in 1939.

MAJOR JAMES POWER

by Trevor Hearl

In Supplement No. 24, page 3. an entire letter was illustrated from Bombadier Wheeler, which was countersigned by his Commanding Officer, Major James Power.

Major James Power, i/c Royal Artillery on the island almost throughout the period of Napoleon's captivity, from December 1816 to September 1821. He had an unusual career, being recruited from the Royal Irish Artillery into the Royal Artillery in the early years of the French Revolutionary Wars, in September 1794, directly as a 2nd Lieutenant without going through the usual military education at the Royal Military Academy Woolwich. In 1799 he was promoted directly to 2nd Captain, to Captain in 1804 and though his ranking in the Army was as a Major in 1811 and Lt. Col in 1819, in the Royal Artillery he was not appointed Major until 1823 and as Col in 1835. On 6th December 1846 he was appointed Col. Commandant of Artillery, the highest rank, attained by few. Although Arnold Chaplin in A St. Helena Who's Who (1919) claims that "he served with distinction in the Peninsular War and also at Waterloo", there is no evidence of this in Kane's List of Artillery Officers (it is possible that Chaplin was confusing him with his contemporary, Capt. Francis Power, who did so serve). James Power seemed to have specialised in Island service, being in the West Indies (Barbados, Martinique and Demerara) before serving in St. Helena, and in Jamaica and Mauritius afterwards. He died at Dover, 17th February 1851, aged 73.

ST. HELENA CIRCULAR DATE STAMPS

TYPES 3 AND 4

On 11th March 1901 a c.d.s. measuring 22mm in diameter was sent to the island. The Date Impression Books, Colonial Stamps & seals Vol 51., 1893-1909 show two versions of this c.d.s.; and these have been designated as Types 3 and 4. The main difference between them is that the Type 3. has a dot between the "T" of St. and "H" of Helena, while the type 4. has a definite hyphen between the "T" and "H". The Types 3 and 4. were in use from April 1901 until 1913.

I illustrated the earliest use of the Type 3. on a cover dated April 6th 1901, in Supplement No. 15, page 17. I have recently purchased a copy of the 1884-94 2½d. with a very fine strike of the Type 4. c.d.s. dated April 4th 1901. This is the earliest use of the Type 4. that I have so far recorded.

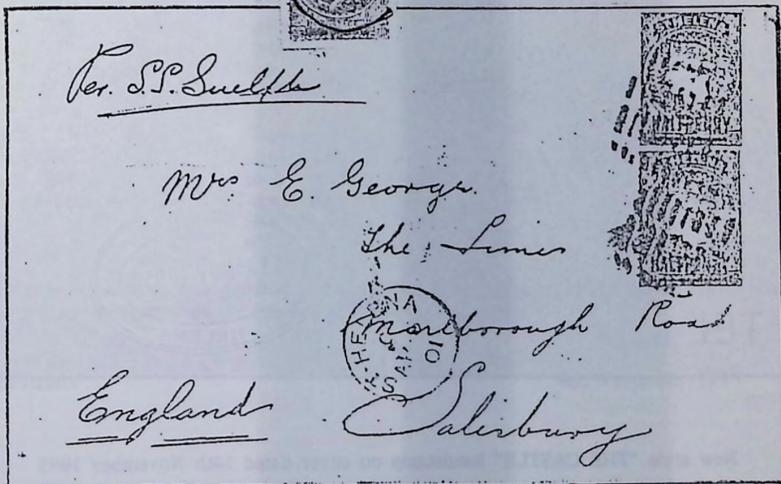
Type 3. c.d.s. with dot between "T" and "H".



Type 4. c.d.s. with hyphen between "T" and "H".



Type 4. c.d.s. on stamp.



Type 3. c.d.s. on cover dated 6th April 1901.

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NEW ST. HELENA "THE CASTLE" HANDSTAMP

by Bernard Mabbett

In a recent batch of covers sent to me by a friend on the island were three covers all with an entirely new style of double oval handstamp. The outer oval of the new handstamp measures 47mm x 31mm with the inner oval measuring 36mm x 19mm. The old style handstamp measured 50mm x 33mm and 36mm x 21mm respectively. The wording "THE CASTLE/ST. HELENA" is in serif capitals between the two ovals. The date is across the centre, with the word "DESPATCHED" in sans-serif capitals above it. This new handstamp probably came into use on 1st November 1995 as I have an O.H.M.S. cover dated 25th October 1995 with the old style handstamp applied.



New style "THE CASTLE" handstamp on cover dated 14th November 1995

ASCENSION STAMP PANEL

The Panel, comprising the Administrator, Mrs. Janet Scott, Mr. Mervyn Issac and the Postmistress Mrs. Angela Francis, met on 9th November. The following was decided.

The 70th Birthday Of the Queen: The Panel agreed to participate in HM the Queen's 70th Birthday issue in 1996. This is part of a world-wide issue in celebration of the event. The five stamps will feature portraits of the Queen on a background of local scenes.

Birds and their Young: The panel approved the designs for this 15-stamp definitive set which will issue on 12 August 1996 and remain current for 3 years.

1996 Christmas Issue: There had been no response from the public to the Administrator's request for ideas. So the Panel agreed that the five stamps should be in cartoon form (a bit like this year's issue).

Game Fish: The panel will ask the philatelic artist to design a set of five stamps comprising: Wahoo, Yellowfin Tuna, Atlantic Sailfish, Swordfish and the Black Marlin. The First Day Cover will depict a Striped Fish (Rainbow Runner).

The Forthcoming Calendar of Issues will be as follows:

January 1996:	Molluscs
April 1996:	70th Birthday HM The Queen
June 1996:	Old Vehicles
August 1996:	Birds and their Young Definitive
September 1996:	BBC 30th Anniversary of the Relay Station
October 1996:	Xmas Issue
January 1997:	Trees
March 1997:	Flags
June 1997:	Letter Boxes
August 1997:	Cacti
September 1997:	Game Fish
October 1997:	Xmas Issue
January 1998:	Rock Formations
March 1998:	Georgetown Senntenent
June 1988:	UNICEF (?)

The Panel would like to hear from any readers who have suggestions for future stamp issues. Please contact a member of the Panel with your ideas.

R.C. Huxley
Administrator

9th November 1995

HARPERS EARTH DAM

Unlike many small tropical and sub-tropical islands, St. Helena is relatively endowed with water. The island has five perennial streams; average annual rainfall is over 900mm in the vicinity of the Peaks. Despite having a relative abundance of water, droughts have also been a regular part of St. Helena's history; the last drought lasted from 1983-1987.

The lack of constant supply of water has been identified as a key constraint to agricultural production on St. Helena. In the past, domestic supplies to certain areas have been insufficient to meet demand.

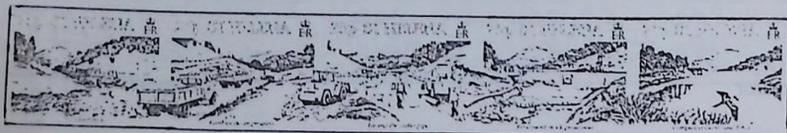
W.S. Atkins International in the United Kingdom were appointed consultants to design and supervise the construction in Harpers Valley of an earth dam, with an embankment 7-8 meters high, and a volume of 14,000m³ of compacted soil. The embankment has a drainage blanket up and down stream, a concrete crest, a reinforced concrete spillway including a pedestrian bridge. The excavated reservoir has a water storage capacity of 25,000m³.

The earth dam including a 15,000m³ butyl lined reservoir took 18 months to complete at a cost of £1,080,000 which was funded by the Overseas Development Administration (United Kingdom Government). The reservoirs will be managed by the St. Helena Water Authority.

The total storage of 40,000m³ was required to meet the current and projected demand for the Red Hill water distribution system during the next 10-15 years. Red Hill which supplies 540 water consumers is the largest of 14 distribution systems.

Designer.....Mr. Nick Shewring
Printer.....Walsall Security Printers Ltd
Process.....Lithography
Release date.....6th April 1995

MEETING ST HELENA'S WATER NEEDS HARPERS EARTH DAM



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9.8 Postal statistics

1975-1993

	Mall received						Mall despatched			number
	Letters	Parcels	Other	Letters	Parcels	Other	Stamp			
							Issues			
1975	49,167	4,898	16,387	80,239	191	5,252	..			
1980	26,502	2,183	17,417	35,610	134	1,576	..			
1982			
1983	59,245	1,953	18,482	61,879	110	12,984	0			
1984	48,965	2,883	17,238	52,813	65	14,228	6			
1985	31,426	4,248	19,239	40,096	89	10,683	4			
1986	30,950	4,064	15,959	40,367	133	16,354	4			
1987	35,536	2,381	19,591	35,440	135	22,503	5			
1988	33,726	2,833	18,620	35,250	146	14,912	3			
1989	42,277	2,263	19,800	42,476	138	10,980	5			
1990	44,658	2,070	19,157	35,412	95	18,123	6			
1991	37,321	1,605	17,553	48,350	102	15,424	4			
1992	38,607	1,228	15,978	35,748	122	19,362	5			
1993	29,347	1,142	14,379	39,512	152	24,666	5			
1989	Qtr 1	7,615	251	2,735	5,829	20	2,142	1		
	Qtr 2	11,650	925	6,759	10,760	34	5,006	1		
	Qtr 3	6,203	237	3,394	9,049	22	1,180	1		
	Qtr 4	16,809	850	6,912	16,838	62	2,652	2		
1990	Qtr 1	10,826	614	5,240	5,104	17	2,384	1		
	Qtr 2	5,633	480	2,762	6,789	20	3,562	1		
	Qtr 3	5,151	225	3,762	5,084	6	1,542	2		
	Qtr 4	23,048	751	7,393	18,435	52	10,635	2		
1991	Qtr 1	4,985	105	2,261	5,666	7	3,419	0		
	Qtr 2	12,567	551	6,769	11,443	30	4,936	1		
	Qtr 3	7,742	509	3,720	10,129	38	3,381	1		
	Qtr 4	12,027	440	4,803	21,112	27	3,688	2		
1992	Qtr 1	11,300	320	4,739	10,234	19	5,125	2		
	Qtr 2	7,401	283	3,722	7,691	23	3,735	1		
	Qtr 3	10,856	355	4,056	13,307	50	8,148	0		
	Qtr 4	9,050	270	3,461	4,516	30	2,354	2		
1993	Qtr 1	8,550	281	3,814	6,278	25	6,905	2		
	Qtr 2	4,822	230	3,430	11,539	57	4,217	1		
	Qtr 3	3,525	253	2,662	7,137	25	2,339	0		
	Qtr 4	12,450	378	4,473	14,558	45	11,205	2		

Voyage Number		25	26	27	28	29	30
CARDIFF	d	Thu 6 Apr	Wed 31 May	Thu 3 Aug	Thu 5 Oct	Thu 7 Dec	Thu 7 Mar
TENERIFE	c	Tue 11 Apr	Mon 5 Jun	Tue 8 Aug	Tue 10 Oct	Tue 12 Dec	Tue 12 Mar
ASCENSION	c	Mon 17 Apr	Mon 12 Jun	Tue 15 Aug	Mon 16 Oct	Mon 18 Dec	Mon 18 Mar
	d	Tue 19 Apr	Tue 13 Jun	Wed 16 Aug	Tue 17 Oct	Tue 19 Dec	Tue 19 Mar
ST HELENA	a	Thu 20 Apr	Thu 15 Jun	Fri 19 Aug	Thu 19 Oct	Thu 21 Dec	Thu 21 Mar
	d	Sat 22 Apr	Sat 17 Jun	Sun 20 Aug	Sat 21 Oct	Sun 24 Dec	Sat 23 Mar
ASCENSION	a	—	—	—	Mon 23 Oct	Tue 26 Dec	Mon 25 Mar
	d	—	—	—	Tue 24 Oct	Tue 26 Dec	Tue 26 Mar
ST HELENA	a	—	—	—	Thu 26 Oct	Thu 28 Dec	Thu 28 Mar
	d	—	—	—	Fri 27 Oct	Fri 29 Dec	Fri 29 Mar
CAPE TOWN	a	Thu 27 Apr	Thu 22 Jun	Fri 25 Aug	Wed 1 Nov	1986 Wed 3 Jan	Wed 3 Apr
	d	Sun 30 Apr	Sun 25 Jun	Mon 28 Aug	Sat 4 Nov	(C) Fri 13 Jan	Sat 6 Apr
TRISTAN DA CUNHA	a	—	—	—	—	Wed 24 Jan	—
	d	—	—	—	—	Fri 26 Jan	—
CAPE TOWN	a	—	—	—	—	Wed 31 Jan	—
	d	—	—	—	—	Sat 3 Feb	—
ST HELENA	a	Fri 5 May	Fri 30 Jun	Sat 2 Sep	Thu 9 Nov	Thu 8 Feb	Thu 11 Apr
	d	Mon 8 May	Mon 3 Jul	Sun 3 Sep	Sat 11 Nov	Sat 10 Feb	Sat 13 Apr
ASCENSION	a	Wed 10 May	Wed 5 Jul	Tue 5 Sep	Mon 13 Nov	Mon 12 Feb	Mon 15 Apr
	d	Wed 10 May	Wed 5 Jul	Tue 5 Sep	Tue 14 Nov	Tue 13 Feb	Tue 16 Apr
ST HELENA	a	Fri 12 May	—	Thu 7 Sep	Thu 16 Nov	Thu 15 Feb	Thu 18 Apr
	d	Sat 13 May	—	Fri 8 Sep	Fri 17 Nov	Fri 16 Feb	Fri 19 Apr
BANJUL (A)	a	Fri 19 May	Mon 10 Jul	Thu 14 Sep	Thu 23 Nov	Thu 22 Feb	Thu 25 Apr
	d	Fri 19 May	Mon 10 Jul	Thu 14 Sep	Thu 23 Nov	Thu 22 Feb	Thu 25 Apr
TENERIFE	c	Mon 22 May	Thu 13 Jul	Sun 17 Sep	Sun 26 Nov	Sun 25 Feb	Sun 28 Apr
CARDIFF	a	Sat 27 May	Tue 18 Jul	Fri 22 Sep	Fri 1 Dec	Fri 1 Mar	Fri 3 May

c - calls; a - arrives; d - departs

(A) Banjul Call: Subject to Freight Inducement

(B) A UK - UK cruise is planned during this period. Details will be available later.

(C) Schedules subject to alteration without notice and at Government's discretion - 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 accept no responsibility for any failure to do so.

(C) Voyage 298: CAPE TOWN a Wed 3 Jan
d Sat 6 Jan
ST HELENA a Thu 11 Jan
d Sat 13 Jan
CAPE TOWN a Thu 18 Jan

IN SEARCH OF SAUL SOLOMON

OF ST. HELENA

1776 - 1852



Saul Solomon of St. Helena.
From a painting in the possession of
Mr. Justice Solomon, of Johannesburg.



'Eastwood', Portinhead, the home of Capt. T.M. Hunter,
son-in-law of Saul Solomon, where he died in 1852.

Trevor W. Hearl
1994

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Trevor Hearl, The St. Helena Link.

If one man dominates St. Helena's history it must, according to 'the outside world', surely be Napoleon Bonaparte. But the experience of daily life tells St. Helenians differently. Long before Napoleon arrived, Saul Solomon had founded a business that, after 200 years, still wields all-pervasive influence over their affairs. yet the founder is as little known as St. Helena's other benefactors. So what can a search, far from Island sources, reveal about St. Helena's "Merchant King".

Solomon's origins seem mantled in mystery. Where and when he was born, why and how he reached St. Helena, no-one yet knows. Tradition has it that he was born in London about 1776 and in his 'teens set out for India on a ship sailing via St. Helena. There he was left at death's door and nursed back to health by an officer's family. Geoffrey Kitching, pre-war government secretary, told W.E.G. Solomon that he was a corporal in the St. Helena Corps in 1796. But the India Office Library has no record of this.

Trade rather than drill soon seduced young Solomon. Kitching thought he "first set up" in 1790; indeed Solomon & Co's notepaper declares "Established 1790". But 1990 saw no bicentenary celebration and I doubt he entered military service or trade at 14! He had "a general store and boarding house" well before 1800, however, reputedly charging 30s[£1.50] a day. This exorbitance brought success as St. Helena's mini-economy was most profitable when catering for 'the carriage trade'. But this needed committed workers so he sent for his brothers, Benjamin, Joesph, Lewis, and Charles who married in 1798. There also came the Moss family, whose Hannah married Joesph in 1814. Lewis married Julia Magnus in 1818, taking his other name, Gideon, as surname; Benjamin wed Eliza Chamberlin in 1823; while Saul was married thrice: before 1800 to Margaret (Lee), in 1815 to Mary Chamberlin and in 1824 to Harriet Bryan.

A significant Jewish community was thus established at St. Helena. Yet it did not last. One reason was migration to the Cape from the 1820's. Joesph's family went about 1830, leading to the rise of their son, Saul (1817-92) - the famous "member for Cape Town" and founder of The Cape Argus - whose memorial is in St. James' Church, though St. Helenians do not yet claim him as a distinguished compatriot. a more potent reason, perhaps, was the integration of the remaining members into the Island community. No Jewish rites were observed; most became active Anglicans. Saul was undertaker at many Anglican funerals, in 1818 at that of Napoleon's Roman Catholic valet, Cipriani.

Anti-Semitism is nevertheless evident in remarks about "the Jew Solomon". General Lefroy relates a case of an officer in 1842 refusing to pay the "outrageous charge of old S-, a well known Jew", which led to a court of inquiry on the ship home. Over-charging was the commonest complaint; even Napoleon grumbled at his 12/-[60p] for macaroni. while the

cost of Cipriani's funeral still makes a French author wince, "the Jew Solomon" giving Montholon the bill of 1400 gold francs "as soon as the candles were extinguished." His role as money-lender created another source of friction. Yet opinions differed, even about his shop. One sneered that it was "so run down in stock that they could not find even a paper of pins", whereas another found "everything from diamonds down to cloves and tintacks." But one official commented significantly that Solomon was "a very different man from what had been represented to [me] on [my] arrival". He did not court popularity, either as an innovator - setting up the first Island press in 1806 - or in driving a bargain. He was known at the Cape for challenging the value of deliveries when they arrived! But one Cape merchant, Richard Prince, who came in 1813 to enforce payment of Saul's debts, stayed to set up a rival concern which traded for 89 years, leaving Prince's Lodge [Bishopsholme] as his legacy.

TRADE AND INTRIGUE

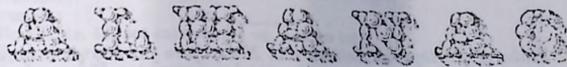
Solomon's success owed much, though by no means all, to Napoleon's exile. By 1816 the population had doubled to c.8,000, bringing wealth and opportunities of a kind he was well placed to exploit. But Lieut. Basil Jackson was not impressed:

"We military officers went to the boarding house of Mr. Saul Solomon, and were well entertained at the cost of 30/- [75p] per servant. I remained there but four days for which £6 seemed to me an extravagance for a subaltern officer. In conjunction with Lieut. Wortham of the Royal Engineers a lodging was hired and we shook the dust of our feet at the door of Mr. Solomon."

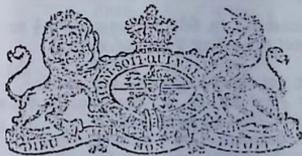
Solomon was not in business to entertain subalterns when there was a luxury trade and busy commercial markets to be met. For the later he provided legal and insurance services, for the former fashions and jewellery. Any whether they traded under the name of Solomon, Gideon or Moss, Saul was architect of their fortunes.

A business bonanza was not his only Napoleonic legacy, however. It earned him a reputation for dubious loyalty to the government. Hudson Lowe listed the Solomon brothers, with the clerk Bruce, as the chief suspects aiding Napoleon, finding even their name to imply "some predisposition to engage in illicit speculation." His premises, being venues for visitors and favoured entrepôt for the entourage of both Governor and ex-emperor - and their ladies - became notorious for gossip and intrigue. The now wealthy merchant took an impish delight in snubbing the Governor, once refusing to lend him a silver salver wanted to impress an illustrious guest - whom he was entertaining later! He was even said to have smuggled a silken ladder into a Longwood in a chest of tea to help Napoleon clamber down a cliff into a waiting boat! He was an assumed admirer of the exile and certainly Longwood's clandestine correspondence passed through his hands - at a price. In 1840, as French Consul, he was among the favoured few to accompany Napoleon's coffin aboard the Belle Poule.

To be continued.

THE
SAINT HELENA

AND
Annual Register.
FOR THE
Year of our Lord
1856.

BEING BISSEXTILE, OR LEAP YEAR;
AND THE
19TH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HER PRESENT MAJESTY
VICTORIA I.
CONTAINING A DETAILED ACCOUNT
OF THE
Public Departments and Local Institutions,
TOGETHER WITH A
VARIETY OF GENERAL & LOCAL MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION.



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„ exceeding 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 oz.	-	2 0
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LETTERS RE-DIRECTED,

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" " 1 lb.	"	2	0
" " 2 lbs.	"	3	0
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New Zealand: by private Ship, 1s. 2d. not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and so on.
Ditto, via * Sydney: 1s. 0d. not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and so on.

* Letters to be sent by these routes, must be so addressed.

FROM THE AUCTIONS

THE 'JOHN BARFOOT' ASCENSION

by Jeremy Martin

This sale, held by Warwick & Warwick on the 2nd August 1995, was one of the largest of ascension for some time. A wide range of stamps and Postal History was on offer. Prices realised include the buyer's premium of 12½%, but not VAT on the premium. Estimates are in brackets.

The sale opened with 33 lots of G.B. stamps, some on piece, used in the Island. Nearly all sold at about the estimate. A cover to the U.K. bearing a 1d. plate 160 and an 1873 Ascension c.,d.s. made £619 (750).

Several W.W.1. censored covers were in the sale. The rare 'PASS CENSOR' applied in 1916 soared to £236 (£75). A 1916 straight line 'CENSORED' made £73 (£100) whilst two 'PASSED CENSOR/ASCENSION' of 1917 and 1918 made £107 (£100) and £124 (£100) respectively.

Next W.W. 2. An undated envelope to London with a GVI 3d. tied by 'POST OFFICE/MARITIME MAIL' and with the boxed cachet 'CROWN/PASSED/XX/...' in red went for £84 (£40). A 1939 cover with the red 'CENSORED' made £124 (£60). Then a 1940 formula registered envelope with, on reverse, 'PASSED/BY CENSOR' in black sold for £101 (£50). Three U.S. A.P.O. 877 censored covers reached £84 (£50).

Turning now to the stamps. The 1922 2d. s.g. 4a. mint with line through 'P' of 'POSTAGE' fetched £47 (£50). In the 1924633 Badge issue the 1½d. with line through 'C' of 'ASCENSION' realised £38 (£30) o.g. and £29 (£30) used. A die proof of the 5d. duty plate in black on white card 62x78mm. sold for £394 (£350). Then to give some examples of the Badge Flaws:

- 8d. Torn Flag s.g. 17g mint £38 (£35)
- 1/- Broken Main Mast s.g. 18a mint £32 (£35)
- 3/- Torn Flag s.g. 20g o.g. £135 (£100)
- 3/- Cleft Rock s.g. 20c mint £124 (£100)

This section was followed by the 1934 pictorial issue. A pair of the 1d., unmounted, one with 'teardrops' flaw made £62 (£30). A single mint with the flaw made £36 (£20). A similar 2d. reached £34 (£20); the 8d. mint £40 (£30); the 2/6d. mint £73 (£40) and a used £52 (£40). A completed imperforate die proof of the 3d. value in black and ultramarine, but printed on white unwatermarked paper 64x44mm £461 (£300) and the 5/- in the same colours on thick card, imperforate and stamp sized, £236 (£300).

Finally we come to the 1938-53 definitive issue. The perf 13 ½d. with long centre bar to 'E' s.g. 38ga unmounted sold for £19 (£8). It was catalogued at £18. The 'davit' flaws did well: 1½d. perf 13½ mint s.g. 40a £47 (£20), 1½d. perf 14 mint s.g. 40ca £79 (£25), 1½d. perf 14 mint s.g. 40c/a £62 and £47 (£15) in blocks of four. 2/6d. perf 13½ mint s.g. 45b £236 (£75).

Altogether a very interesting sale.

ST. HELENA & ASCENSION SUPPLEMENT NO 25

Post Office.

ORDINANCE No. 2, of 1863.

On all Letters, Papers, and Books, *excepting those which pass through the United Kingdom,*

Letters each per half ounce	-	4d.
Papers each	-	1d.
Book Packet and Patterns not exceeding 1 ounce	-	1d.
do	-	2 ounces 2d.
do	-	3d.
Above 2 ounces and not exceeding 4 ounces	-	3d.
Book Packet and Patterns per quarter of lb	-	3d.
Letters of Soldiers or Seamen not exceeding half ounce	-	1d.

On all Letters, Packets, Newspapers, and Periodical publications conveyed BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ST. HELENA, such rates as from time to time be fixed and authorized by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury. The present Rates are as follows:—

Rates of Postage to the United Kingdom.

For every Letter by Mail Packet per half ounce	-	1s.
If by a Private Ship	-	4d.

Book Packet and Patterns not exceeding 1 ounce	-	1d.
Do.	-	2 ounces 2d.
Do.	-	3d.
Book Packet and Patterns per $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	-	3d.
Registers each	-	1d.
Registered Letters or Papers, 4d. fee for Registry in addition to postage.	-	1d.
Soldiers and Sailors, each letter not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	-	1d.

Rates of Postage to the Cape of Good Hope.

For every Letter by Mail Packet per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce	-	6d.
Do. Private Ship	-	4d.

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Mem. 1—In those cases where the names of the places are printed in Italics, the Postage must be prepaid.

2—Letters may be Registered to all places except those marked (*). To those places marked (b) in addition to half the Registration of 4d each letter, double the ordinary rate of Postage must be accounted for; but in all other cases the Registration Fee is 8d. from St. Helena to the place of destination.

3—An additional Postage of 3d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce must be collected on Letters, 1d. on each Newspaper, and 3d. per 4 ounces on Book Packets and Patterns for the places marked (*) when addressed to be sent via Brindisi.

	s.	d.
(b) Algeria, and (b) France, each letter per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.....	0	7
Egypt, (except Alexandria and Suez) Greece, Ionian Islands, Smyrna, (a) Syria, each letter per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.....	1	7
Constantinople, each letter per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.....	1	3
Italy, Moldavia, Norway, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, via France, Wallachia, each letter per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz	1	4
Azores, Canary Islands, (a) Mytilene, Portugal, (b) Rhodes (b) Salonica, (b) Samsoun, Spain (b) Trebizond, (b) Tulschin, (b) Tunis, (b) Varna, each letter per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz	1	5
Do. Do. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz	1	11
(a) Africa, (West Coast of) Alexandria, *Australia, Bermuda, Cape de Verdes, Dardanelles, Falkland Islands, (a) Fernando Po Calutz, Gallipoli, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Lagos, Laruica, *Liberia, Madeira, Malta, *New Zealand, Newfoundland, Sektari, Seres, Sierra Leone, Suez, *Tasmania, Tehesme, Tenedos, Victoria, each letter per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.....	1	5

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	s.	d.
Austria, Belgium, Canada, (including British Columbia and Vancouver's Island) Denmark, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Switzerland via Belgium, and the United States, each letter per ½ oz...	1	2
Zanzibar, (by Outward Packet)	1	2
Belize, (Honduras) (a) *Borneo, (a) Brazil, (a) Buenos Ayres (a) Costa Rica, (a) *China (except Hong Kong) (a) Cuba, (a) Grey Town, (a) Guatemala, (a) Hayti, *Hong Kong, *Labuan, (a) Mexico, (a) Monte Video, (a) New Grenada, United States of Columbia, *Penang, (a) Porto Rico, *Singapore, Surinam (a) Venezuela, West Indies (British) (a) West Indies Foreign (except places specified) each letter per ½ oz	1	11
*Aden, *Ceylon, *India, each letter per ½ oz	1	3
(b) Bourbon, Mauritius, do ½ oz	1	9
Java, Japan, Philippines, Sumatra; each letter per ½ oz	2	3
(a) Bolivia, (a) China, (a) Ecuador, (a) Peru, per ½ oz	2	5

Postage on Newspapers to the undermentioned Colonies and Foreign Countries.

Africa, (West Coast) Alexandria, Belize, (Honduras) Bermuda, Buenos Ayres, Canada, (including British Columbia and Vancouver's Island) Cuba, Falkland Islands, Fernando Po, Gambia, Gold Coast, Grey Town, Guatemala, Hayti, Lagos, Liberia, Malta, Mexico, Monte Video, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Porto Rico, Prince Edward's Island, St. Croix, Sierra Leone, Surinam, United States America, United States Columbia, (New Granada) Venezuela, West Indies (British), West Indies Foreign, (except places specified)	0	2
Australia, (South) Australia, (West) Bolivia, Ceylon, Chili, China, Egypt, Ecuador, Hawaii, (Sandwich Islands) Hong Kong, India, Labuan, New South Wales, New Zealand, Penang, Peru, Queensland, Singapore, Tasmania, Victoria,	0	3
Borneo, Bourbon, Mauritius, Reunion,	0	4

Post Rates charged on all Newspapers sent to the undermentioned places.

Algeria, Azores, Belgium, Cap de Verds, Dardanelles, France, Galatz, Holland, Madeira, Myteleno, Portugal, Rhodes, Salonica, Samsoun, Smyrna, Switzerland, [via France] Syria, Trebizond, Tultcha, Tunis, Varna, not exceeding 3 ounces.....	0	3
Austria, Canary Islands, Constantinople, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ionian Islands, Italy, Larnica, Moldavia, Norway, Poland, Russia, Scutari, Seres, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland via Belgium, Tchesno, Tenedos, Wallachia, not exceeding 2 ounces.....	0	4

Money Order Office.

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For sums not exceeding £2 10s	1/
Above £2 10s. and not exceeding £3.....	2/
Above £5 do do £7 10s.....	3/
Above £7 10s. do do £10.....	4/

and on the Cape of Good Hope. 4d. for every 10s. or portion thereof,

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