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WEST**AFRICA****ASCENSION**

United States Eclipse Expedition to West Africa 1889, cover posted from Ascension franked by 6d G.B. Jubilee cancelled by Ascension c.d.s. and addressed to Albany New York with large oval Expedition date-stamp on reverse (see illustration).

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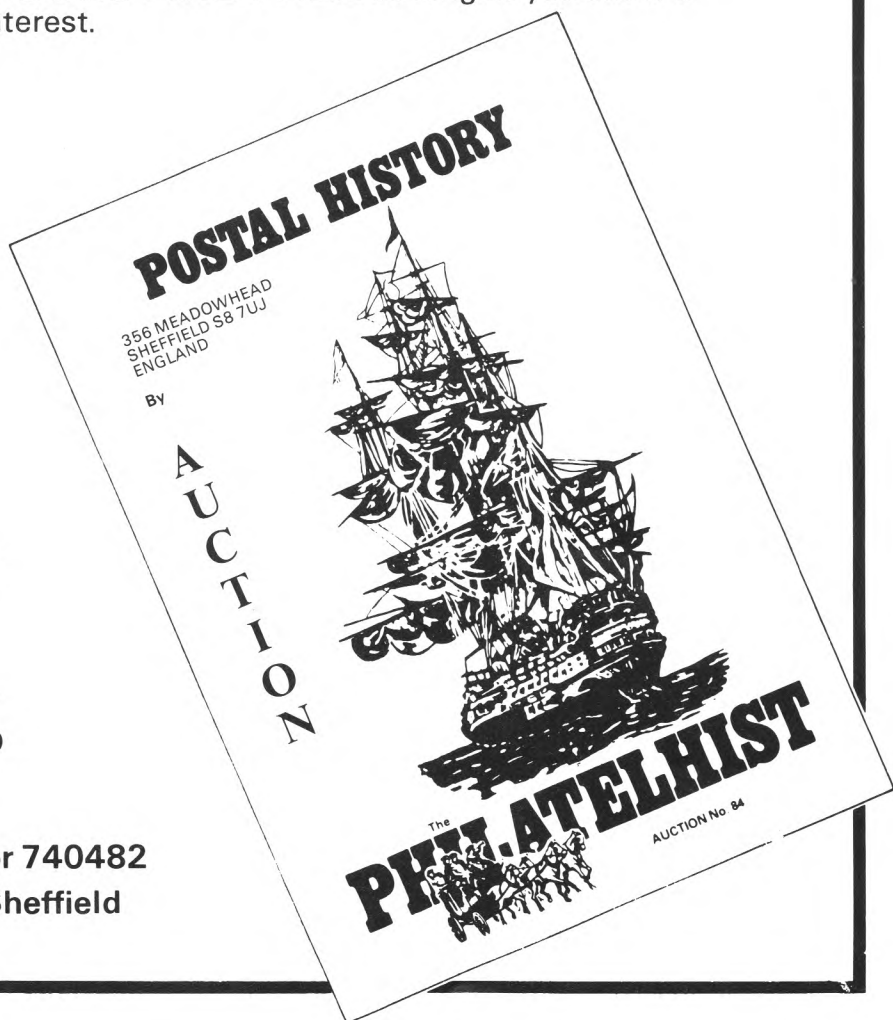
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EDITORIAL

In the July 1981 Cameo, your Editor wrote about a Sotheby's sale of Occupation issues – pages 80 and 81. Prices realised have now come to hand and it is apparent that several lots mentioned did not sell. Your Editor attended the sale and no indication was given that lots were "passed".

For the record, it should be noted that none of the Wide Setting stamps of Togo referred to sold and neither did the 1 mark Narrow Setting. In addition, the Cameroons 5pfg Postal Stationery card did not find a buyer.

Most comments on the new-style Cameo have been favourable. We are still experimenting with the cover and the size of print.

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AUCTION REALISATIONS

Stanley Gibbons Auctions November 5-6th 1981

Lagos 1901 May 4 Q.V. 1d on env. to London, tied by Ebute Metta c.d.s., on reverse same c.d.s., Plymouth Shipletter and London arrival of May 24, attractive. £110 + 10% Buyer's premium = £121 (£120).

Lagos 1904 1d imperf. colour trial in black and violet on red, o.g., ex Danson. £75 + 10% = £82.50 (£120).

Lagos 1904 1d imperf. colour trial in black and blue paper (sic) part o.g., ex Danson. £75 + 10% = £82.50 (£120).

Robson Lowe Ltd. December 15th 1981

Ascension 1937 Coronation set in imperf. singles perforated "SPECIMEN", 2d with small thin, otherwise fine with much original gum. £220 + 15% VAT (£225)

St. Helena 1937 Coronation set as above, all part original gum and fine. £300 + 15% VAT (£175).

Togo 1914 Wide Setting 2m. blue, overprint inverted, some faint staining, otherwise fine very lightly mounted mint. With certificates. £900 + 15% VAT (£500).

Robson Lowe Ltd. February 18th 1982

Northern Nigeria 1901 (7 Apr.) envelope with enclosed letter from Akwanaga, bearing Northern Nigeria 1d adhesive with manuscript cancellation "Akwanaga/7/4/01". (This seemed to be in the same handwriting as the address. Editor) showing on the flap oval d.s. of Lokoga. £450 (£80).

Northern Nigera a similar env. and letter showing red manuscript cancellation "P.O. Ibi 23/7/01" with transit c.d.s. "NORTHERN NIGERIA" £600 (£100).

Bournemouth Stamp Auctions April 1st 1982

Gambia 1886-87 1/2; 1d; 2d and 6d; the set of four overprinted "SPECIMEN" £65 + 15% VAT (£100).

Cavendish Philatelic Auctions April 3rd 1982

Gambia 1883/93 6d mint sheet of 15 with margins, showing "Sloping Labels" R 1/1 and R 1/5 £105 (£90).

Gambia 1904/06 1/2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 1/- and 2/-, all variety "Bulge under 'G' of 'Gambia'", R 1/6 mint £160 (£50).

Gambia 1912/22 collection of plate varieties, chiefly Split "A" on most values to 2/-, many in mint multiples with normals. £170 (£35-£40).

Gambia Fine collection of G.V. covers (24), pieces and loose adhesives (36), chiefly 1922/27 issues; the covers inc. registered and air; loose adhesives with variety of cancels inc. T.P.O.'s etc. £400 (£65).

Robson Lowe Ltd. April 21st 1982

Gold Coast 1855 (1st Jan.) entire letter from Keta to London endorsed "Kitta Slave - coast P.S." showing Plymouth Packet - Letter c.d.s. and five different rate marks, some deletions upon re-direction to Germany, light creasing. £120 (£75).

Gold Coast 1876 CC perf. 14 4d magenta, variety watermark inverted, unused with some original gum, small thin, otherwise fine. £115 (£100).

Robson Lowe Ltd. May 28th 1982

Gold Coast 1771 entire without letter showing "PENNY /POST /PAID", endorsed on flap "A letter from Revd. McQuagne, Mifsy in Africa, dated Cape Coast Castle Augst 21, 1771" and addressed to "the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts" at Westminster, London. £130 (£50).

Estimates in brackets.

ASCENSION: THE CAPTAIN W. BURNETT CORRESPONDENCE

J. H. ATTWOOD

Letter No.	Recipient	Ascension Datestamp	Arrival Datestamp	No of days Passage To England	Remarks
1.	Mrs. Burnett	A.AU.3.58	DEVONPORT CAPE PACKET AU.26.1858	23	6d rate unstamped
2.	Mrs. Burnett	A.JA.4.59	DEVONPORT CAPE PACKET JA.26.1859 LONDON JA.27.59 ABERDEEN A.JA.28. 1859	22	6d rate unstamped
3.	Mrs. Burnett	A.JY.4.59	DEVONPORT C.JY.28.59 LONDON JY.29.59 ABERDEEN A.JY.30. 1859	24	6d lilac obliterated "250"
4.	Mrs. Burnett	A.AU.31.59	DEVONPORT C.SP. 26.59 LONDON SP.27.59 ABERDEEN A.SP.28. 1859	26 obliterated	6d lilac "250"
5.	Mrs. Burnett	A.DE.2.59	LONDON DE.19.59 ABERDEEN E.DE.20. 1859	17	Stamp missing cancelled with two strikes of No. 48 each in a diamond
6.	Mrs. Innes	A.JA.760	LONDON JA.30.60 BANCHORY C.JA 31. 1860 ABERDEEN F.FE.1.1860		6d lilac obliterated with No. 14 in a diamond
7.	Mrs. Burnett	A.JA.4.60	LONDON JA.30.60 ABERDEEN JA.31.1860	26	6d lilac obliterated with No. 14 in a diamond
8.	Mrs. Burnett	A.?.?.60 letter dated April 1 1860	DEVONPORT CAPE PACKET AP.27.1860 LONDON AP.28.60.PAID	26?	6d lilac obliterated "250"
9.	Mrs. Burnett	A.SP.3.60	DEVONPORT CAPE PACKET SP.25.1860 LONDON SP.26.60 ABERDEEN A.SP.27. 1860	22	6d lilac obliterated "250"

10.	Mrs. Burnett	A.OC.5.60	DEVONPORT D.OC. 27.60 ABERDEEN F.OC.28. 1860	22	6d lilac obliterated "250"
11.	Mrs. Innes	A.?.?.60 letter dated November 3 1860	DEVONPORT C.NO. 29.60 LONDON DE.1.60. PAID ABERDEEN A.?.?.1860	26?	6d lilac obliterated "250"
12.	Mrs. Burnett	A.DE.4.60	DEVONPORT CAPE PACKET DE.23.1860	19	Stamp missing
13.	Mrs. Burnett	A.JA.4.60	PAID DEVONPORT CAPE PACKET 26.JA.61. ABERDEEN A.JA.27. 1861.	22	6d lilac obliterated "250" Ascension c.d.s. 60 not changed to 61.
14.	Mrs. Burnett	A.MR.6.60	PAID DEVONPORT CAPE PACKET 29.MR.61 LONDON MR.30.61 PAID ABERDEEN F.MR.31. 1861	23	2 x 6d lilac obliterated 2 x "250" Ascension c.d.s. c.d.s. 60 not changed to 61.
15.	Mrs. Burnett	A.MY.4.61.	DEVONPORT C.JU.1.61 ABERDEEN E.JN.3.1861	28	6d lilac obliterated "250" only small part of stamp remain- ing
16.	Mrs. Innes	A.JU.?.61 letter dated June 4 1861	LONDON JU.26.61 ABERDEEN A.JU.27. 1861	22?	6d lilac obliterated with No. 25 in a diamond

NOTE:

- 1) The Ascension c.d.s. is of Type 1
- 2) The 6d lilac is of G.B. SG. Type 18
- 3) The 6d rate on letter nos. 1 and 2 has been applied to the cover with a stamp

and not in manuscript.

This correspondence is unique in that the entire correspondence will remain, for the foreseeable future, in the custody of the family. The envelopes are the only ones known with the Type 1 cancellation or with the 1856-57 6d lilac, S.G. Type 18.

ASCENSION ISLAND HISTORY, MARCH 1858 – July 1861

The following historical detail can be gleaned from the following extracts from the Captain Burnett correspondence.

1. The Administration

"On this cinder we have at present about 250 or 300 souls, the bodies of which are some white, and some black and consist of men, women and children, all under the charge of the Captain of the Tortoise who is styled by the Lords of the Admiralty "Captain of H.M. Tortoise in charge of Ascension."

(22 March 1858).

"It is of course part of H.M. Dominions, but we have no lawyers or such folks, and the only man in the shape of a magistrate is the Captain of the Tortoise, and we look to the Lords of Admiralty and the Commander-in-Chief of the Station as our immediate masters and live principally under the Acts which govern Her Majesty's Fleets, and if a man brings his wife and as many children as he may be blessed with and his maid servants, etc., they are always rationed by the Government, unless they behave themselves very badly, when I might ship them off at very short notice if I am sure I am right.

We have marriages and christenings, and when an addition in the shape of a baby appears, it is rationed from the day of its birth. We have two schools, one in the Tortoise, and one on shore, with not less than 50 old and young attending them and with a school mistress for the girls."

(1 August 1858).

"None of us pays anything in shape of house rent, nothing for coals, candles, etc., in as much as it would be difficult to find anything to eat that does not belong to the Government, we are all rationed, there being one merchant allowed to keep a store under certain restrictions. We sell water, coals and provisions to passers by but have no harbour dues.

When I came here I found scarcely one of my white or black children (in all about 40) vaccinated, and was told that the **oldest inhabitant** had always declared that it would never take on Ascension, whereupon I sent to the Vaccine Institute in London and the Cape and Sierra Leone and got vaccine matter but now they are all done and this Ascension idea about vaccination has gone and the small pox if it should come will not probably make such a sweep amongst my children."

(2 September 1858).

"I am looking daily for the Meander to take the place of the rotten Tortoise, which latter is to be made fire wood or anything else of. The new ship is to have a condenser in case of rain again failing us. . . . the term of service . . . seems to vary from 3 to 5 years according to their Lordships ideas."

(29 December 1859).

"Our Bishop is here living with me and consecrating some of our cemeteries and our little Chapel. He is a quite agreeable man and I am glad to have had the honour of seeing the first Bishop of Ascension on the Cinder."

(4 May 1861).

2. Farming

"and few yards below my house a stable where at present stand the Captain's cow and the Captain's mule."

(22 March 1858).

"We get seeds and forage from England and Cape of Good Hope and can't rear normal cattle except for milk cows."

(22 March 1858).

"sometimes go . . . to the farm at the mountain, where I have a farmer and two of his assistants, 12 or 14 milk cows, a couple of hundred sheep, some horses, donkeys, foals, calves etc. and forty nigger labourers to look to . . . We have up there too, a game-keeper, to look after a good stock of guinea fowl, partridges, pheasants and vermin. There are said to be about 700 wild goats."

(1 August 1858).

"I have just established as fine a bullock team and cart as he could wish to see, to cart manure (up the mountain), which used to be thrown into the sea . . . We have thoroughbred horses and one or two splendid mules, a few excellent carters, stable men . . . We are at present preparing to plant the highest parts of the island more extensively than hitherto, as the surest means of getting water from the clouds and so bring the cultivation downwards. There are . . . about 40 acres of cultivated land well fenced, besides pretty extensive pasture."

(2 September 1858).

"I expect an importation of bees soon. . . . they are much wanted to assist the propagation of such things as pumpkins, which are our stable vegetable at certain seasons. At present, the plants have to be inoculated by manual labour. We are now having very favourable weather for planting trees and shrubs . . . as the surest method of getting more moisture from the clouds."

(30 September 1859).

"I have just got a fat English sheep out of the packet, and a few days ago five splendid Dorkings from London to improve our island stock."

(2 December 1859).

"We have had famous weather for what is termed or rather honoured with the name of farming operations in Ascension, which amounts principally to a good supply of vegetables and milk, and the putting into the ground fresh cuttings of sweet potatoes, as fast almost as the old crops are dug. The planting of trees and shrubs, amounting to about 6,000 has been our great success, for weather has to be watched closely here for such work to turn out satisfactorily. We are planting gradually from the upper peak downwards, and some day the island will get great benefit from them, that day may come in 6 or 7 years."

(29 December 1859).

"I have nothing to tell you in the farming line except that I have lately got a fine pair of horses."

(3 November 1860).

"We have been dreadfully eaten up by caterpillars in January, which may be considered our caterpillar month. Twenty five Muscovy ducks were constantly put out in the fields but made little impression although they seemed to do their best in the eating way. These ducks breed famously about our mountain cow house but nowhere else on the island, and all on the Cinder are the produce of an original stock of six of mine. Common ducks will seldom breed here. We have a few starlings imported several years ago, but they dont live where most wanted, nor do they destroy insects as expected. You cant fancy, however, fields of potatoes, cabbages and turnips that we were flattering ourselves on, got cleared off by insects in a few days.

We have loads of blackberries (brambles) just now and only want lots of people to pick them – one day last the week the cart brought us down 80lbs. of them."

(3 March 1861).

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THE 'JOHN LEONARD' ASCENSION AUCTION

J. H. ATTWOOD

The Auction, held by Robson Lowe Ltd. on April, 21st 1982 started promptly at 10.30 am with 28 attendees and bidding was brisk for each of the first 114 lots.

1	Lots Nos.	Description	Valuation £	Realisation £
	1-6	1683 Engraving. Post Office Notices, eight copies of official correspondence 1860-1932 early letters	1300	1865
	7-14	G.B. Queen Victoria used in Ascension	1585	2175
	15-27	G.B. King Edward VII used in Ascension	1375	1939
	28-38	G.B. King George V used in Ascension	755	1506
	39	Forged Cancellations on QV (19) KE (16) KG (10)	?	150
	40-45	1922 Provisional Issue, Specimens, issued stamps, covers and used in St. Helena	695	506
	46-56	1924/33 "Badge" issue proofs	3805	3210
	57-76	1924/33 "Badge" issue, Specimens, issued stamps and covers	2760	2983
	77-93	1934 Pictorial issue proofs	5600	4050
	94-98	1934 Pictorial issue, Specimens, issued stamps and covers	425	469
	99	1935 Silver Jubilee issue. Specimens, issued stamps and varieties	75	260
	100-106	1938/53 Pictorial issue, Specimens, issued stamps and covers	1025	1558
	107-114	Censored mail covers of both World Wars	450	885

2. General Observations

Based on the "Auction Summary" the following general observations could be made which might give Ascension philatelists an idea of those areas which presently command the greatest and least interest.

– G.B. King George V used in Ascension and Censored covers were the most popular and achieved on average a realisation which was virtually double the valuation.

– Die Proofs, 1922 Provisional issue and 1924/33 "Badge" issue were the least popular on average and only achieved between 28% and 22% below the valuation.

– All other lots obtained an average of 37% above the valuation.

3. Specific items of interest

The following specific items are highlighted since they each achieved between 4.7 and 3 times the valuation.

Lot 10 – 1892 1d orange-red on buff U.P.U. postcard sent from Ascension on 23 November 1903 and used as a Christmas Card showing a view of the island on the reverse.

Valuation £70 Realisation £220

Lot 28 – A Cancellation study showing a range of Ascension circular date stamps, 1913-22 (83 items)

Valuation £150 Realisation £700

Lot 34 – 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d and 1—, G.B. KG.V stamps on 1918 3 1/2d blue registered envelope to Sierra Leone each clearly cancelled and showing on the reverse "GARRISON MAIL /SIERRA LEONE"

Valuation £50 Realisation £190

Lot 107 – 1916 (19th Oct) envelope to London bearing a G.B. KG.V 8d, black on buff, and showing "CENSORED" (63 x 7mm) in dull blue.

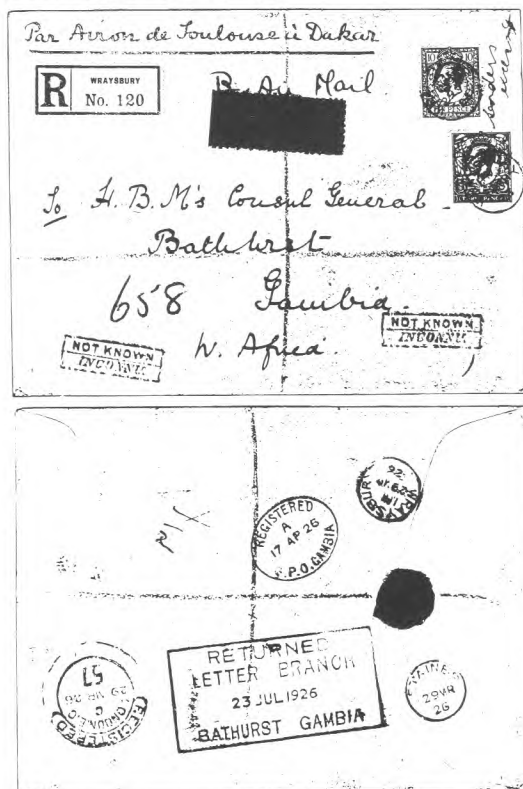
Valuation £50 Realisation £150

It will probably be noticed that Lot 99 also realised considerably more than the valuation. However, this was one of the lots purchased by myself and I should have stopped at £150 which was the true value of the lot. However, maybe the story against myself puts into true perspective a very exciting Auction for the Ascension enthusiast.

GAMBIA. THE FIRST ACCEPTANCE OF AIRMAIL VIA TOULOUSE AND DAKAR

P. O. BEALE

In CAMEO 14 details were given of the air route to the Gambia via Dakar. Covers dated March 29 and 30, 1926 are known flown from England to Dakar. As far as the writer knows, two covers exist which were addressed to Bathurst, The Gambia, one of which is illustrated. It left Wraysbury on the 29th and was backstamped in Bathurst on April 17th. Although Dakar is only about 100 miles direct from Bathurst there were no connecting roads in 1926 and a crossing of the river Gambia has to be made. It is clear that no arrangements had been made to receive airmail at Dakar which was intended for The Gambia and it took several days for mail to be transmitted. A particular interest of the cover is the backstamped RETURNED LETTER BRANCH, one of only two recorded examples. At that time there was no British Consul in The Gambia for it had its own Governor with his office in Bathurst. The handstamp on the front of the envelope NOT KNOWN/INCONNU is a scarce mark. Covers sent by air to Dakar are stamped 10 1/2d. This cover is stamped 1/1d which gives an excess of 1/2d if the registration charge was 2d. The sender has marked Sender's excess beside the stamps.



CHECK LIST OF CANCELLATIONS OF THE GAMBIA COUNTRY POST OFFICES AND POST AGENCIES

M. RANDRUP

Banjul North

A Postal Agency was opened 2.10.74. The Agent broke the canceller almost at once and it appears not to have been used since. Mail posted there is now cancelled at the G.P.O.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		2.10.74		

Bansang

On the south bank 186 miles up river, a Postal Agency was opened 15.11.48.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		15.11.48		27 & 16½mm

Barra

On the north bank opposite Banjul to which it is linked by a ferry. Listed as a Postal Agency in the 1960/61 Colonial Report.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		15. 4.64		23½mm

Basse

On the south bank 242 miles by river from Banjul.

According to the Gambia Gazette: The Post Office was opened 10.11.1921, no registration facilities available. (It appears that it was closed in May, 1922 and not opened for the 1922/23 season).
Opened 7.1.1924, all classes of postal business conducted. Closed 31.5.1924 for the rains.

Reopened 18.11.1924. Closed 31.5.1925 for the rains.

Reopened 1.11.1925. Closed 31.5.1926.

Reopened 1.11.1926 and the office appears to have remained open.

Early copies, January to May, 1924, have month before date. No. 2 has a finer and narrower lettering than No. 1.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		1. 4.22. 12. 1.24	23. 5.22 8. 6.48	24mm
2		4. 2.49		24mm

Brikama

About 14 miles south of Banjul. The P.O. was opened in April 1950.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		28. 4.50		27 & 16½mm

Bwiam

On the Bintang creek, a southern tributary of the Gambia, Bwiam is 43 miles east of Brikama. The P.A. was opened 17.1.49, but was not listed in the 1960/61 Colonial Report and is understood to have been closed for some years due to lack of suitable agent. It was open again in 1964. The year figures are sometimes missing.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		17. 1.49		24mm

Cape St. Mary (Bakau)

Bakau is by Cape St. Mary at the mouth of the river on the Atlantic, and is the site of the first mission station established in 1823 by the Society of Friends. The area is described historically as British Kombo.

The P.A. at Bakau was opened 10.2.49. According to the Gambia Gazette, closed before 28.6.50. "and it is not known whether it will be reopened", but stamps are found cancelled again from 11.3.52.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		10. 2.49		27 & 16½mm

Farafenni

Near the northern frontier, about 68 miles east of Barra on the Trans-Gambian Highway from northern Senegal to Casamance.

The Postal Agency was opened in April, 1960 (a cancellation dated 6.9.59, a Sunday, has been reported).

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		6. 9.59		27 & 16mm

Fattoto

Fattoto/Fatoto is 288 miles up river and is the highest point to which the river boats ply. The station is flooded during the rainy season.

A P.O. was opened 10.11.21. but is believed to have been open for a few months only. According to the Gambia Gazette:

Reopened 19.11.29. Closed 31.5.30.

Reopened 1.11.30. Closed 31.5.31.

Reopened 1.11.31. There is no further mention and one may presume it closed on 31.5.32. and did not reopen.

Cancellations dated 4.8.23, 29.5.26. and 26.6.26. have been noted.

A P.A. was opened 15.1.49. This is said to have been closed from 1955 to 1964.

No. 3 has a finer and narrower lettering than No. 1.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		29.11.21 30.11.29 20.12.30	8. 5.30 11. 4.31	24mm
2		15. 1.49	21. 9.54	27 & 16mm
3		15. 4.64		24mm

Georgetown/Macarthy Island

The Island lies about 160 miles up river from Banjul, and it was here that the first country office was established. Ferries link the island with both the north and south banks.

A P.O. was opened 15.4.1904 at which time mails were made up weekly for transport by the "Mansah Kilah" or by other conveyance when available. According to the Gambia Gazette:

Closed 31.5.16.

Reopened 1.10.17. Closed for July and August 1918.

Closed 30.6.19.

Reopened 26.9.19. Closed 8.6.20.

Reopened 1.10.20.

The inscription Georgetown has been used since 1948. Type M is a Money Order Office mark, it is found with month before date. Type W was probably not for regular use. No. 2 is usually with date before month.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		30. 3.06	31.10.06	24mm Rare
2		18. 3.08	15. 7.48	23½mm Common

3		17. 2.10	30. 8.43	24mm Uncommon
4		13. 3.48		23mm
R 1		18. 6.14		34 x 26mm
R 2		13. 2.15	13.12.29	34 x 26mm
R 3		21. 1.27	19. 1.48	34 x 26mm
M		15.11.21	to G.6. stamps	24mm

W



27. 4.20

8.10.26

24mm

Gunjur

Gunjur is 11 miles south-west of Brikama, near the Atlantic coast.

The P.A. was opened 7.2.49. and closed after two-and-a-half years in 1951 due to lack of suitable agent. When the P.A. was reopened 1.8.61 the original datestamp was found damaged and the Agent therefore instructed to write the name Gunjur with a blue ballpoint pen, see No 1a. This cancellation is found struck in both black and purple ink. The new datestamp, No 2, came into use 21.11.61.

Type
No

Earliest
Date

Latest
Date

Diameter

1



7. 2.49

4. 9.51

24mm

1a



21. 8.61

3.10.61

24mm

2



28.11.61

26½ & 16mm

Half-Die

A ward of Banjul, Half-Die is to the south of the town on what used to be swampland. It was originally called Mocam Town but later, after almost half the population died of an epidemic of yellow fever, referred to as Half-Die.

The P.A. was opened 2.9.61.

Type
No

Earliest
Date

Latest
Date

Diameter

1



2. 9.61

27 & 16mm

Jowara

Jawarra/Jowara is about 40 miles east of Barra, close to the Senegal frontier on a creek about 10 miles north of the river.

A P.O. was opened for the 1932/33 season. Actual dates have not been traced and the only evidence is from the rare examples of the canceller seen on stamps.

A cancellation on a Silver Jubilee adhesive of 1935 has been reported.

The Office was reopened 31.1.49. and was finally closed 4.5.58. Postal business is now handled at Kerewan.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		18.10.32.	18. 3.33	24mm
2		31. 1.49	31. 5.56	27 & 16½mm

Karantaba

Karantaba is 200 miles up river on the north bank.

(No. 1) At the G.P.O. Banjul there is a date stamp reading Karantaba 20 oc 21 which appears not to have been used.

(No. 2) Recorded 3 incomplete examples on G.6 stamps.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1				24mm
2				27 & 16½mm

Kaur

Kau-Ur/Kaur is on the north bank of the river, about 30 miles below Kunta - Ur.

A P.A. was opened 18.11.29. and closed 31.5.30. It was reopened the following season from 1.11.30 to 31.5.31, after which postal facilities lapsed until 6.12.48 when an office was again established.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		18.11.29 8.12.30	10. 2.30 25. 5.31	24mm

2		6.12.48	25. 2.58	27 & 16½mm
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3		5. 7.59		27 & 16mm
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Kerewan

Kerewan is on the north bank, south of Jawara and about 40 miles from Banjul.

A P.A. here was referred to in the Colonial Reports for 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1947 but no cancellations of the period have been seen.

The P.A. was reopened in September, 1960, providing facilities for Jawara.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		23. 4.64		24mm

Kunta - Ur

Kunta - Ur is on the north bank 150 miles up river at a ferry point.

A P.O. was opened 7.1.24, and appears to have remained open apart from closures during the rainy season (June to October). No 1 is found with month in manuscript 5.7.43, and with manuscript T.P.O. over the name 30.1.24, and with the stop before the Ur replaced by a comma.

No 2, date in 3 lines has been reported 10 Ju
75.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		18. 1.24	9. 6.48	24mm
2		24. 1.49		24mm

Mansa Konko

Mansa Konko is on the south bank about 85 miles up river, the township has been developed since the last war.

The P.O. was opened 25.10.48.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		25.10.48		23mm

Serekunda

Serekunda is a few miles south of Cape St. Mary.

The P.A. is said to have been opened 1.3.49 (closed throughout 1960 due to lack of suitable agent).

It is usually with date before month.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		13. 5.49		23mm

Soldier Town

Soldier Town is a ward of Banjul on the west side. Founded by soldiers under Captain Grant about 1816.

The P.A. was opened 1.9.61.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		1. 9.61		27 & 16mm

Yundum Airport

Yundum Airport is about 6 miles north of Brikama.

The P.O. was opened mid 1965 and issued with a Cancellor 26.7.65.

Type No		Earliest Date	Latest Date	Diameter
1		26. 7.65		24mm

If you have in your collection stamps postmarked with any of these cancellations, I shall be grateful if you would kindly forward full details.

Banjul North Dates:
used after 2.10.74.

Cape St. Mary Dates:
used between 28.6.50 and 11.3.52.

Farafenni Date:
earliest date in 1960

Georgetown Type M Dates:
used after 4.5.26.

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Miscellaneous Services	Rate	Internal Money Orders	Postal Orders
POST OFFICE BOXES	Annual: Business £4 Rental: Personal £2	Value Commission	Poundage Value Poundage Value
POST OFFICE PRIVATE BAGS	Annual: £3	Up to £5 1s	6d 2½d 13s 4d 1s 2½d 14s 4d 1s-6d 3½d 15s 4d
RECEIPT FOR POSTING INLAND PARCELS	£ 1d	Over £5 up to £10 2s	2s 3½d 17s 4d 2s-6d 3½d 20s 4d
CUSTOMS	Up to £1—6d	Over £10 up to £20 2s-2d	3s 3½d 21s 4d 4s 3½d £2 8d 5s 3½d £3 9d 6s 4d £4 10d 7s 4d £5 1s 8s 4d 9s 4d 10s 4d 11s 4d
CLEARANCE FEE	Over £1—1s	Over £20 up to £30 2-4d	12s 4d
RETENTION OF OVERSEAS PARCELS	Up to 21 days—Free Between 22 and 30 days—5s Between 31 and 42 days—10s	Over £30 up to £40 2s-6d	
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and paid in most countries within	7 0 ...	...	...	...	4
the British Commonwealth and in	8 0 ...	...	...	...	4
certain other countries. See Post	9 0 ...	...	...	...	4
Office Guide.	10 0 ...	...	...	...	4
The following Postal Orders are	11 0 ...	...	...	...	4
available:	12 0 ...	...	...	...	4
Value of Order	13 0 ...	...	...	...	4
Poundage	14 0 ...	...	...	...	4
s d	15 0 ...	...	...	...	4
0 6 ...	2½	—	—	...	—
1 0 ...	2½	17 0 ...	...	...	4
1 6 ...	3½	20 0 ...	...	...	4
2 0 ...	3½	21 0 ...	...	...	4
2 6 ...	3½	40 0 ...	...	...	8
3 0 ...	3½	60 0 ...	...	...	9
4 0 ...	3½	80 0 ...	...	...	10
5 0 ...	3½	100 0 ...	...	...	1/-

NIGERIAN POSTAL RATES 1965

J. J. MARTIN

From the Nigeria Year Book, 1965 I undernote details of Postal Rates and Charges which I hope will be of interest to members.

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POSTAL RATES & CHARGES

Class of Postal Matter	1 Internal	2 British Commonwealth and Overseas Territories	3 Foreign Countries
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GOLD COAST PLATE NUMBERS

In CAMEO 13, a report was given of a Harmer's of London auction that included an impressive Gold Coast section. Your Editor made a note of plate numbers since the vendor had acquired a considerable variety of these. Shades and papers were not taken into account.

1898-1902 set

Plate 2: 1/2d

3: 1d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 5/-.

1902

1: 1/2d, 1d, 1/-, 2/-.

1904-07

1: 2 1/2d, 2/6d.

1907-13

1: 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-.

2: 1/2d, 5/-.

1913-21

1: 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/6d.

5: 6d, 2/-, 2/6d.

6: 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 20/-.

8: 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 10/-, 20/-.

9: 5/-.

10: 3d, 2/-, die II, 5/-.

1921-24

1: 1d.

9: £2

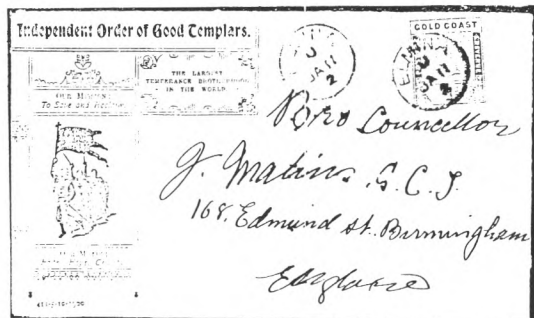
10: 1/2d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 2/-.

11: 1/2d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 2/6d, 5/-.

16: 1/2d, 2d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 2/6d, 5/-.

GOLD COAST ILLUSTRATED ENVELOPE 1902

This Temperance envelope is illustrated by courtesy of Mr. R. Bodily.



NIGERIA REGISTRATION ENVELOPES

J. J. MARTIN

Higgins and Gage list one type of 4d Q.E. II Registration envelope, size H 2. This is illustrated and shows the head in the centre of the flap. The sides of the flap are pointed. Type 7a.

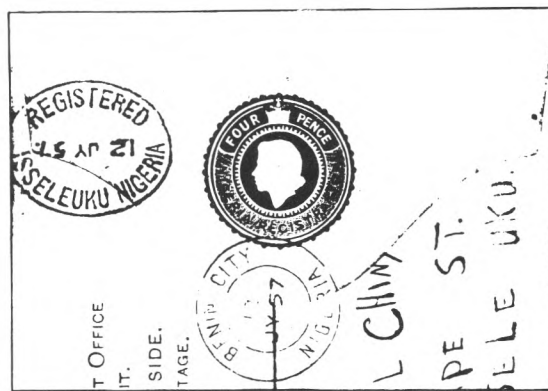
A second type exists with the head at the top of the flap, the sides of the flap being curved. See illustration.

Dates of use noted by the writer:

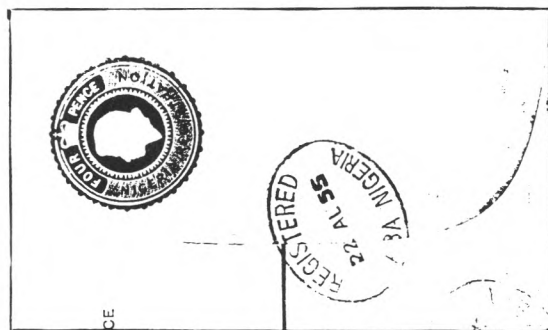
H2 G 7a December 1955 – October 1958

Second Type December 1954 – September 1956

H2 G 7a



Second type



ST. HELENA: SPECIMENS AND OTHER POINTS

ROGER B. WEST

The surcharge for the 1/2d green of 1893 comes in three settings (see Prof Mountfield's article in the London Philatelist). In each case, the surcharge on stamp 14 (row 2/2) shows the normal 'Y'. I now have two examples of the stamp showing the Malformed 'Y' variety, and this indicates that there were at least FOUR settings for the surcharge. The stamp can be easily identified by the variety 'diagonal line in top right hand corner extending across to stamp 15'.

Specimens: The following items represent amendments to Marcus Samuel's excellent book.

1890/97 QV Key 1/2d-10d should read type D12 and not D12x

1908 Ed Key All 4 values are known hand-stamped with type SH2

1879 CC P14 x 12 1/2 the 2d occurs with SH2 handstamp

1883 CC P 14 the 1d, 2d and 1/- occur with SH1 handstamp

1884 CA 3d I have this stamp with SH2 handstamp in BLUE-BLACK

1884 CA 4d All copies seen with D12x opt are with INVERTED WMK

1922 MCA 5/- Is known with type D18 handstamp

1922 1/2d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 3d and 8d all known with SH2 handstamp

C.D.S. Inverted Code Letters: A number of interesting variations to the 'standard' cds have recently been noted. These include inverted C slugs, C or A slugs missing and C slugs replaced by the numbers 6 or 9. If anyone has similar items, the dates would be most useful.

THE 1914 BRITISH OVERPRINTS ON STAMPS OF TOGO

J. WILSON

Debate about the exact sequence of events during the overprinting by the British, of captured German stamps of Togo during 1914, has been going on for a very long time. In my own case, acquisition of a complete sheet of the narrow setting, value surcharged "one penny" on 5 pfg (SG28), caused me to look more closely into the methods used for the overprinting.

The stamps themselves were printed in Germany in sheets of 100 in a 10 x 10 format.

The British overprinting was carried out in settings of 50, being 5 horizontal rows of 10 stamps. Therefore, each sheet of 100 passed through the overprinting press twice.

The particular point of interest for me on the sheet in my possession, was the curious appearance of a wide space between the "nn" of "penny" in sheet position 91, which did not appear in the corresponding position in the upper setting, i.e. position 41. This occurrence was documented by both Dalwick and Greenwood in their respective works on the subject but no explanation was offered at the time.

I began by asking members of the B.W.A.S.C. (notably Harold Macmillan whose family has a long history of commercial printing), what type of machine would be likely to exist in print rooms of the early 1900's, and the answers were all to the effect that the machine would have been of the single sheet fed platen type. I then made more detailed enquiries at the St. Bride printing library in Fleet Street and was not only given free access to trade machinery catalogues of the period, but also treated to a demonstration of the entire printing process on an actual machine of the period. The discussion which I had with the staff at St. Bride answered many of my questions, and I hope answer some of the long standing points of debate.

First, the reason for passing the sheets of stamps through the press twice. The standard explanation is that there was a shortage of type available, and the presence in the settings of letters from different type faces would suggest that this is true. However, there is another, practical operating reason, explained to me at St. Bride in some detail.

In a sheet fed platen press, (see illustration) the type itself is held in a forme which is mounted vertically, facing the operator towards the rear of the press. The first operation is the passing of ink rollers across the face of the type, the rollers then withdrawing. The sheet of paper to be printed is then placed on the platen which is normally sloping downwards away from the operator. Precise location of the sheet on the platen is obtained by inserting register pins on to which the sheet sits. Normally two pins locate the bottom of the sheet, and one pin locates one side. The platen then moves away from the operator into the vertical position, carrying the sheet into contact with the inked type and then withdrawing to the original rest position. And so to the point; it was normal practice for a printer to arrange the position of the forme so that when inserting a sheet of paper on to the register pins, as much as half of the sheet would still protrude above the platen so that he could maintain a grip on the paper for ease of registration and removal. The staff at St. Bride were of the opinion that a professional printer of the period, even if he had enough type, would still set up a half sheet forme

and pass the sheets twice through the press in order to speed up the printing operation, and maintain good registration of the overprint upon the stamps.

Clearly, if the forme were originally clamped to the press with the type face upright, the lower half of the sheet would receive the first impression. After all the sheets had passed through once, the forme would be removed, inverted, and re-clamped on to the press, whereupon all the sheets would be passed through the press again, this time upside down to receive the second impression. Again, the staff at St. Bride advised me that it would be normal practice for the printer to check the forme after removal from the press, for loose type or damage, and to re-clamp the entire forme before re-mounting the press.

It would seem entirely reasonable for the wide spaced "penny" variety to be caused by differing clamp pressure on the forme, either on the first impression, corrected by reclamping for the second, or on the second impression following removal and replacement of the forme in the press.

The question can now be posed; which was the first impression, the lower setting on the sheet or the upper setting? To the layman like myself, it would seem, at first glance, to be normal to set the forme on the press with the type face in the correct position for reading, albeit right to left. However, if we consider the type of work which a printer would be carrying out on the machine, such as headed notepaper or similar work, it would be more sensible to use the forme inverted and insert the paper upside down since this would allow the printer to hold on to the unprinted end of the sheet as previously described. This is, in fact, the way that the process was demonstrated to me. Further corroboration comes from Dalwick who reported that a sheet of the 20 pfgr existed with the **upper** half in 3mm setting, and the **lower** half in 2mm setting. If we accept the sequence of 3mm setting before 2mm setting, the conclusion must be that the printer was indeed printing the upper half of the sheets first. This would mean that the wide spaced "penny" variety occurred on the second pass of the sheets through the press. I think that this is the most reasonable assumption.

Now assuming that the practical sequence of printing is as described, we can take a look at the whole British overprinting on the German Togo stamps from the printer's point of view.

There seems little doubt that the setting of 50 overprints remained basically the same throughout all the printing operations, i.e. the 3mm "wide" setting, 3mm with additional value surcharge, 2mm "narrow" setting, and 2mm with value surcharge. This assumption is borne out by the existence of blocks and multiples of

the various issues which show a consistency of characteristics in matching positions in all settings (except in the notable cases of the "TOG" error and the wide spaced "penny").

It would seem that the original "wide" setting overprint was applied to all values of German stamp without any account of the use to which the stamps were to be put. In fact, reports suggest that, initially at least, all overprinted stamps were treated as having a face value of one penny. When it became apparent that the greatest demand would be for the 1d and 1/2d values, the decision was made to surcharge two of the pfennig values as one penny and half penny. The correct corresponding pfennig values would have been 10 pfgr and 5 pfgr, so the "half penny" surcharge was applied to the 3 pfgr, the "one penny" to the 5 pfgr.

The surcharge was added as a second operation on already overprinted stamps, and this can be seen to be so when the stamps are inspected, the surcharge being badly aligned relative to the original overprint. The totals printed for the 3 pfgr and 5 pfgr, i.e. "wide" setting, plus wide setting with surcharge were 2000 of each value, being split into 1200 without surcharge, and 800 with. In other words, a total of 20 sheets of each value. I would suggest that from the printer's point of view, the original 20 sheets would be a reasonable quantity to overprint. When the instruction came to add the value surcharge, it must have been obvious that to pass the low value sheets through the press four times was unnecessarily laborious, and the idea was abandoned after 8 sheets out of the 20 had been so treated.

At this point, the forme was reset to close up the lines of type so that the halfpenny and one penny surcharges would fit more easily on to the stamp. We thus have the 2mm "narrow" setting with value surcharge on the 3 and 5 pfgr stamps, and the 2mm "narrow" setting without surcharge on the other pfennig values. Again from a practical point of view, I would suggest that since the reason for closing up the spacing was to insert a surcharge, the low value stamps with surcharge were printed first, the surcharge type being then removed before printing the remaining stamps.

Although some of the details I have given here are already documented, my purpose in repeating them is to show how I came to my suggested sequence of overprinting which is as follows:

1. Original setting of 50 overprints applied to all values of German stamp available.
2. Of the 20 sheets each of 3 pfgr and 5 pfgr with 3mm setting, 8 of each were further surcharged.
3. 2mm setting of overprint with value added, i.e. the two low values 3 pfgr and 5 pfgr.

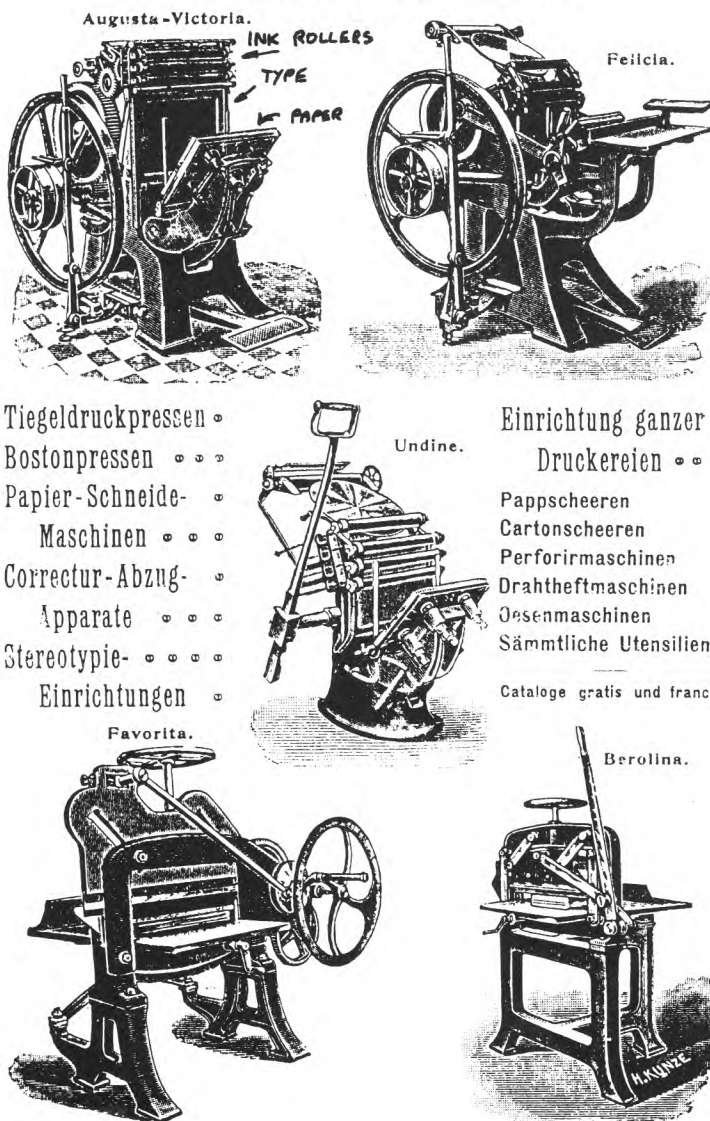
4. The remainder of the 2mm setting after the surcharge type was removed from the forme.

Again from the printer's point of view, I would further suggest (and here I agree with Reiner's* opinion) that the time elapsed between the first 3mm setting and the 2mm value surcharge second setting was very short; in the order of two or three days. Clearly, it does not take a very long time to print such small numbers of stamps (about 120 sheets of the 3mm setting in total) and I certainly disagree in this case with Gibbons in their estimate of two weeks between issue of the 3mm and 2mm settings.

As a final footnote, I would point out that the method outlined for applying the overprints could clearly explain the existence of the 10 pfg wide setting overprint where one setting of 50 was applied inverted. If a sheet of the 10 pfg had missed the first pass through the press, and was then inserted at the second pass twice, one setting would obviously be inverted. One could always be suspicious and suggest philatelic fiddling on the part of the printer but if I had been there, I would have chosen to invert a rarer value than the 10 pfg.

* An article in Vorlaender, publication of the German Colonies Collectors Group in the U.S.A.

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**SIERRA LEONE PLATE
NUMBERS ON KING GEORGE
THE FIFTH STAMPS**

P. O. BEALE

The last Sierra Leone Bulletin included a check list of Plate numbers that other members may like to see. They are –

SG 112 (shades) 1, 5, 6, 8
SG 113 (shades) 1, 3, 4, 7, 9.
SG 114 1, 6.
SG 115 1, 8.
SG 116, 1, 6, 5.
SG 116b 1.
SG 117 1.
SG 117a 3
SG 117b 5, 6, 10.
SG 118 1, 5.
SG 119 1, 10.
SG 120 1, 8.
SG 121 1, 6.
SG 124 – 130 all 1.

SG 131 (shades) 10, 11, 16, 21.
SG 132 7, 9.
SG 132a, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20.
SG 133 11, 16.
SG 134 10, 16, 21.
SG 135 10.
SG 136 (shades) 10, 11, 16, 18, 21.
SG 137 11, 16, 21.
SG 138 10, 11, 18.
SG 139 10, 11, 16, 18.
SG 140 10, 19
SG 141 10.
SG 142 11.
SG 143 – 148 all 1.

SG 115 and SG 143 exist with inverted watermarks.

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GB KG V	1d on piece with fine ASCENSION postmark	F.U.	25.00
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	SG 8	M.M.	100.00
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