

Barbuda

Barbuda is a flat coral island situated north east of Antigua, whose main claim to fame is that its lethal reef claimed many maritime scalps. It is a dependency of Antigua, where its administration is based. In the 18th and 19th centuries Barbuda hosted a sugar plantation owned by the Codrington family but only a few letters originating from there have survived.

Robson Lowe type PD3

ANTIGUA

20 Aug 1783



From Dennis Reynolds, the Manager on Barbuda, to the estate owner Sir Wm Codrington. Carried by private ship and hand-stamped Antigua type PD3 at the Ship Letter Office in St John's. Landed at Portsmouth where it received PORTSMOUTH SHIP LRE. Rated 10d for carriage Portsmouth to London plus 1d for the ship's captain. Robson Lowe ref DR 98.

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Very few examples recorded

ANTIGUA

29 Dec 1783



From Dennis Reynolds, the Manager on Barbuda, to the estate owner Sir Wm Codrington. A packet letter stamped en route with the only recorded usage of the italic type Antigua hand-stamp PD4. Rated 3N (3s). Numbered DR99 in Robson Lowe's Codrington Correspondence. This hand-stamp measures 37x44mm and is the only Antigua hand-stamp with italic lettering.



Six page estate report prepared by Dennis Reynolds.

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1820 Packet Letter via Falmouth

LEeward ISLAND
JU 15
1822
F

The Leeward Islands F datestamp

7 Aug 1820



A packet letter stamped on arrival in Falmouth with Leeward Islands F mark for Se 12 1820. Rated 4s 2d for a double rate packet letter. JJ 268 in Lowe's Codrington Correspondence.

ANTIGUA
APR 30

Robson Lowe fleuron type PG1a

15 Dec 1820



From John James in Barbuda and hand-stamped in transit with the Antigua large fleuron (PG1a) on the reverse. Rated 2s 2d for a single rate packet letter. Lowe ref JJ 270.

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1922 definitives with multiple script CA watermark



Complete set of 11 values in imperf pairs



De la Rue retained just six imperforate stamps of many of its issues for records purposes. Only two of the Barbuda definitive sets survive in pairs.

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July 1922 Definitives

UPU specimens

Samuel type D12 overprints.



Circulated by the UPU in strips of 3.



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The Barbuda stamps issued in 1922

In 1922 there was a single stamp issue consisting of Leeward Islands GV stamps overprinted Barbuda. These stamps were printed from plate 10 that was never used for Leeward Is issues.



The stamps were printed in two panes of 60 separated by an inter-panneau gutter.



The upper right stamp shows a retouch to the upper frame of the value tablet.



The right hand stamp shows a deformed "d" in 3d, a constant flaw from #3/2.

Watermark varieties



Watermark reversed.



Watermark reversed.



Watermark inverted.



Watermark inverted (rarely seen used).

The plate number appeared only once on each pane, below #10/2 (LH pane) and below 10/5 (RH pane). Three separate examples of the plate number on the 2 1/2d variety have been recorded so at least two full sheets of the watermark variety must originally have been printed.

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Selected values from the 1921-9 Antigua set used in Barbuda



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Leeward Islands issues used in Barbuda



Ja 22 23



To Barbados from the Manager of Barbuda, with manuscript registration markings.

Mixed usage of Antigua and Leeward Is adhesives

16 Fe 1943



Envelope from Barbuda to USA. Censored in Antigua with the octagonal handstamp designed to be used for open mail, but on this occasion used to tie a re-sealing tape to an opened envelope. "B" was Antigua's code letter. Subsequently censored in USA.

Barbuda
Official Paid markings

Ap 8 39



On His Majesty's Service.

U. S. Weather Bureau Office
San Juan
Puerto Rico

To Puerto Rico showing the Warden's handstamp.

No 21 27



The Official Paid cds used as a date-stamp

Jy 24 22



The mark was earlier used as a regular date-stamp with the top half blanked out.