

(A14)

Tobago

GB stamps cancelled A14 for use in Tobago



ex Hart



ex Beach



ex Brassler



ex Beach

Oc 24 1858

Solent 25 Oct
St Thomas 30 Oct
Conway (1 Nov)
Southampton ?



Backstamp

Single rate for letter below 1/2 oz to London.

ex Glossop



Tobago

Crown Paid markings

23 Oct 1862

- Thames 23 Oct
- Bridgetown 25 Oct
- Wye 26 Oct
- St Thomas 28 Oct
- Seine 29 Oct
- Southampton 13 Nov



Single rate to Sun Fire Insurance Co. cancelled with the earlier type with a double-ring circle.

backstamp



Crowned circle unusually applied to a stamped cover.

The rare single ring circle used from 1875 to 1878

8 Mar 1878

- Eider 8 Mar
- St Thomas 15 Mar
- Don 16 Mar
- Kingston 19 Mar



Pre-UPU 4d interisland rate to Jamaica.

ex J Michael

backstamps

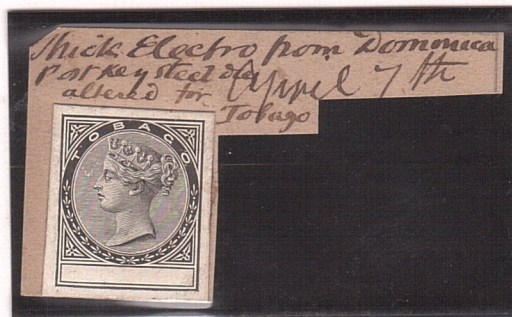
*Tobago
The Definitives*

Issues of July 1879

Tobago's first stamps were initially intended for fiscal purposes only. It was decided to authorise them for postal purpose in August 1879 as a cost saving.



De la Rue's die proof for the fiscal issue, similar to the Dominica design of 1874. Examples are known dated 4 Ap 1879.



Tobago "Laurel Leaves" Die proof on card marked "Thick electro from Dominica"

*Ex de la Rue archives
ex Doolittle
ex Sugarman*



Ex de la Rue archives

Essay for the £1 value with "Postage" handpainted

The £1 was never issued as a postage stamp.

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1879 CC Watermark

Imperf plate proof



Ex Beach

Only recorded example.



ex Beach

These stamps are rarely found well-centred. Very few blocks have survived. They were printed in panes of 60 (6x10).



Dropped "S" in Shillings from column 1.



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1879 6d

The 6d is the only 1879 value of which multiples are less than very scarce. The de la Rue records do not show the quantities printed, but the use of the 6d for the 1880 provisional confirms that there was oversupply of this denomination.



watermark inverted



Watermark inverted

1 Oct 1879

Eider 8 Oct
St Thomas 14 Oct
Moselle 15 Oct
Plymouth 30 Oct



These stamps were on sale for just over one year. Only five covers survive from this period - the other four each bear 1/- green to London. 1/- was the rate for a letter below ½ oz until 1881 when Tobago joined the UPU.

De La Rue File Specimens

The UPU did not begin to circulate stamps with specimen defacements to its members until 1884. However, a few other specimens were prepared by de la Rue for internal purposes. Apart from the £1, those below are thought to be unique. Each has the CC watermark.



Ex de la Rue archives

The rare 1879 £1 with the Samuel type D8 handstamp



ex Urwick
ex Beach



ex Beach

Samuel type D11



Piece of de la Rue records indicating that the stamps were to printed in panes of 60



Ex de la Rue archives

ex Latto



Ex Lat

Overprint struck twice



ex Beach

ex Urwick

ex Beach

The 1880 values with the D8 handstamp

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1880 4d yellow-green, CC watermark



ex Burrus
ex Beach
ex Ramkissoon



Malformed CE in pence (#60).

ex Boucher
ex Urwick

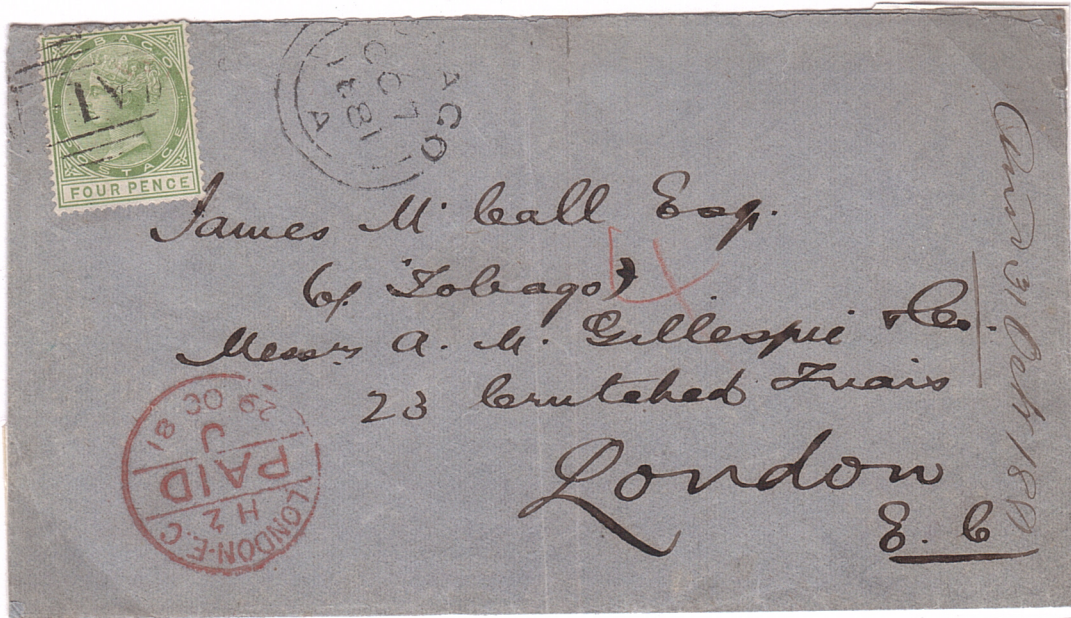


Malformed CE in pence (#60).



Watermark inverted

7 Oct 1881



ex Lagerloef
ex Shenfield

Earliest recorded cover bearing the UPU rate since Tobago joined the UPU on 1 Fe 1881.

**Tobago
The Provisionals**

November 1880 1d

During a shortage of 1d stamps in 1880, surplus 6d stamps were bisected and inscribed 1d in black pen.



ex Cox
ex Matthies
ex Hind

Watermark inverted.

Although a few unused copies exist, the Royal Collection does not contain an example.



No covers have survived but this is one of a few genuinely used on piece.

An easy stamp to fake so an expert certificate is imperative.



Genuine stamp but cancel and ms faked.

April 1883, 2½d on 6d surcharge

The long-tailed "2" variety



All the 1883-1896 surcharges were in settings of 12 units, but no full setting of this 1883 surcharge survive. One position of the setting shows the large 2 with a long tail. This pair positions it as #12.



ex Melat



Block with long-tailed "2" on UR stamp. Used with long-tailed "2".
ex Michael



ex Beach

The closest to a usage on cover known.

April 1886 1/2d on 2 1/2d
Double and misplaced overprints



ex Boucher



Wide and narrow
space on same stamp

ex Dale

39

40

reconstructed block of 6, the two centre stamps having a double overprint. On the left-hand strip, the O for U variety plates this as the third column, rows 5 to 7. The right hand strip has the original overprint but not the second with the wide space variety (No 10 in the setting).

The placement of the strips shows they are from the sheet where one row had no overprint.

Overprint in lower margin



From a sheet with one row
showing double overprint.



Overprint double



Ex Forsyth

Double, used



Overprint forged.

The two centre stamps of this strip have the overprint way over to the left. The top stamp has the wide space from col. 4.