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Barbados: 1861-70 1/- blue,
error of colour, unused.

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New Zealand: 1857
1d dull orange, "Dwarf", used.

Philatelic Collections

The British Library Philatelic Collections are the National Philatelic Collections of the United Kingdom established in 1891 with the bequest of the Tapling Collection.

The Collections, of over eight million items, include postage and revenue stamps, postal stationery, artwork, essays, proofs, covers and entires, "cinderella" material, specimen issues, airmails, some postal history materials, official and private posts, etc, for almost all countries and periods.

Western Australia: 1854-55 4d blue,
error frame inverted, used.



Cover:
Great Britain: 1918-19 Bradbury Wilkinson 2/6,
a printers imperforate Proof sheet in blue,
each stamp overprinted SPECIMEN.

Spain: 1853 2 reales vermillion, unused.

Principal Collections

General Collections

The Tapling Collection

Was formed by T K Tapling and bequeathed in 1891. The Collection is probably the only major one formed during the nineteenth century which is still intact. Covering the period 1840 to 1890, it is of the world and is virtually complete in all basic issues, and has a large section of postal stationery. Apart from most of the rarities, the collection is strong in unused examples, with excellent ranges of shades and includes numerous covers, blocks, essays and proofs. The rarities include: Gold Coast 1883 (May) 1d on 4d magenta, unique; Great Britain 1858-79 1d Plate 77 unused one of 9 recorded copies; Hawaii 1851-52 2 cents to 13 cents (both types), the 'Missionaries'; India 1854 4 annas, error head inverted, two copies used on cover, unique; Mauritius 1847 1d, used on cover, 2d unused, the 'Post Office' issue; Spain: 1851 2 reals error of colour, one of three known; Switzerland Zurich: 1843 4 rappen, the unique unsevered horizontal strip of five; Uruguay: 1858 120 centavos blue and 180 centavos green, in tete beche pairs, two of five known; Western Australia 1854-55 4d, error frame inverted.

The Supplementary Collection

Is of various material given between 1900 and 1922. Mainly given by the Crown Agents it is chiefly British Colonial. Almost all unused, with some proofs. See entry for the Crown Agents Collection.

Great Britain: Telegraphs: 1876-81 £5 essay





Hawaii: 1851-52 HI and US Postage
13 cents blue, type 1, unused.

The Campbell-Johnston Collection

Is of poster stamps mainly advertising exhibitions. Given in 1932 by Mrs Florence Campbell-Johnston, the collection was formed by Louis Campbell-Johnston and covers issues from circa 1850 to the mid 1920's.

The Crown Agents Collection

Comprises issued stamp material given covering the period 1922 to date. Material given from 1900 to 1922 is included in the Supplementary Collection.

The Crown Agents, Philatelic and Security Printing Archive

Includes essays, artwork, proofs, colour trials and associated records for postage and revenue stamps, postal stationery, covers, postal orders, and paper money produced by the Crown Agents mainly for British Commonwealth countries. The Archive covers the period from about 1900 to recent date, but some types of material or records are of a lesser span. Extensive.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office Collection

Is of British Commonwealth postage and revenue stamps and postal stationery from about 1890 to 1992. Transferred in 1992.

The General Collection

Is a World Collection of all small acquisitions from 1923 to date and includes 1913 Albania and Bulgaria early issues.



India: 1854 4 annas blue and pale red,
two copies used on cover.

The Harrison Collection

Is of chiefly die proofs engraved by J A C Harrison between 1911 and 1937 and given by H W P Harrison in 1963.

The Kay Collection

Is a collection of British Colonial revenue stamps to about 1940. Given by Miss Nora Kay and Mr F R Kay and formed by A B Kay.

The Mosely Collection

Formed by Dr Edward Mosely and presented in 1945 by Mrs K Cunningham, is of British Africa issues to 1935. Being mainly unused, it is strong in Cape of Good Hope, Mauritius and Rhodesia.

The Turner Collection

Of forgeries was formed by S R Turner and bequeathed in 1973, and covers the World.

The Universal Postal Union Collection

Is of UPU member countries stamps and postal stationery, mainly from about 1920, being specimen or unused examples. Extensive.

The Wilson-Todd Collection

Was formed by James Wilson-Todd and presented by Lady Wilson-Todd. This collection covers the 1914-18 War, chiefly occupation and War Tax issues. Mainly unused singles.

Great Britain Collections

The Board of Inland Revenue, Stamping Department Archive

Comprises postage and revenue proof material, 1710 to 1950's and postal stationery. It includes large numbers of black proof sheets, and India postage and revenue stamps as well as the issues of Great Britain overprinted for use in other territories, in proof and issued form.
Very extensive.

The Chinchin Collection

Of Lundy Island includes stamps (many in sheets), proofs, covers and is very comprehensive. It was formed by Barry Chinchin who donated it in 1977.

The Ewen Collection

Of railway letter stamps was formed by H L'Estrange Ewen given by Mrs Clement Williams in 1949. The collection covers the period 1891 to 1912 with sheets, proofs and covers.

The Fletcher Collection

Was formed by H G Fletcher and covers a period of nearly 300 years of public and private postal services. Half the collection is of pre-adhesive postal and other markings which illustrate the development and operation of a large number of different services. The other half comprises issued stamps and postal stationery including many plate reconstructions and is mainly used. It was transferred from the London Borough of Haringey in 1989. Extensive.

Jamaica: 1956-58 £1 chocolate and violet, unissued.



The HMSO Collection

Of Excise Revenue material, acquired in 1982/1992, is strong in National Savings National Insurance and revenue stamps.

The Landmark Trust Lundy Island Philatelic Archive

Mainly comprises artwork, essays, proofs and issued stamps from 1969, as well as an extensive range of the postmark handstamps from 1929, and was given by the Trust in 1991.

The Langmead Collection

Of Great Britain and Ireland Telegraph stamps, and stationery, was formed by Peter Langmead and was received via the in lieu of tax scheme.

The Sherborn Collection

Of 1841 1d pink, postal stationery envelopes and was presented in 1913: The collection was formed by C. Davis Sherborn.

The Treasury Excise Correspondence Collection

Comprises entire letters between the Treasury and Excise, dated between 1826 and 1840's showing a wide variety of postal marks and rates. Transferred from HM Customs & Excise in 1992.

The Turner Collection

Of railway letter stamps, formed by S R Turner was bequeathed in 1973. Covering the period 1891 to the mid-1940's, the collection is strong in covers.

The Turner Collection

Of revenue stamps being the 1694 6d. issue, and Newspaper Tax Stamps.

Zurich: 1843 4 rappen, an unused unsevered horizontal strip of five.



The Walker Collection

Of Channel Islands, Second World War German occupation issues (mainly Guernsey) was given in 1948 by G L Walker. Apart from a range of covers there are many sheets.



Mauritius: 1847 2d deep blue, unused.

Airmail Collections

The Fitzgerald Collection

Is an outstanding collection of world airmails. Formed by Mrs Augustine Fitzgerald, the collection was given in 1947. It is particularly strong in the material of France, Germany, Italy, Newfoundland and United States.

The Monks Collection

Of South African airmails was formed by David Monks and bequeathed in 1981. It covers from 1911 to 1960.

The Scott Collection

Is of Great Britain inland airmails to the late 1970's. Formed by H. Eric Scott, it was given in 1977 and is comprehensive in most areas of the subject.

Country Collections

The Bojanowicz Collection

Of Polish postal history 1939-1946 was presented by M A Bojanowicz in 1966, and covers the wartime posts in Poland and Polish Free Forces.

The Burnett Collection

Is of the stamps and postal history of Hyderabad, was formed by A H Burnett and given in 1991 by A D and R G Burnett.

The Davies Collection

Of Libyan Revenue stamps 1955 to 1969 was formed from the Bradbury Wilkinson Archive and presented by J N Davies in 1992.

The Foreign Office Collection

Is of Germany 1945-1948 Allied Military Administration issues consisting of proofs, colour trials and issued stamps. It was presented by the Foreign Office in 1956.

Gold Coast 1883 1d on 4d magenta, used.





Great Britain: 1913 Seahorse
Master Die Proof in sepia.

The Ginger Collection

Of the postage stamps of Victoria, Australia covers the period 1850 to 1883. It was formed by George Ginger and is on loan from The Manchester Museum, The University of Manchester.

The Model Collection

Of Germany 1945-1946 provisional issues, was formed by Dr Walther Model von Thunen and presented in 1956. Chiefly unused and covers.

The Murray Collection

Presented in 1980 by Maurice Murray, is of China and was formed by Engineer Captain J A Murray and Dr S E Murray. *Covering the period from the first issues in 1865 to the mid-1950's in both unused and used condition with some blocks and covers.*

The Row Collection

Of Siam being the issues from 1883 to 1918, was formed by R W H Row and presented in 1919. The collection, chiefly unused, included postal stationery and many blocks, and is strong in the various surcharges; it includes issues used in Kedah and Kelantan.

Postal Authority Pre-Issue Publicity Collection

Comprises leaflets, press releases, etc., for new issues. Material is held for most countries from the early 1960's to 1999.

The Photograph Collection

Is a collection of photographs of material not in the Library's collections. Mainly given by philatelic auctioneers, it is an important source of research.



Swaziland: Revenue 1956
£5 black and red, unused.

Services

Displays

An extensive display of material from the collections is on exhibition and is probably the best permanent display of diverse classic stamps and philatelic material in the world. Approximately 80,000 items on 6,000 sheets may be viewed; about 2,400 sheets are from the Tapling Collection. The exhibition galleries are open: 09.30 to 18.00 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday; Tuesday 09.30 to 20.00 (late opening) Saturdays 09.30 to 17.00 and Sundays 11.00 to 17.00. Please make enquiries for further details.

Orange Free State:
1900 5/- green, a sheet.





United States: Carriers' Stamps, Honour's City Post 1849 2 cents
black on entire with General Issue 1847 5 cents a horizontal pair

Research Facilities

All of the collections are available to researchers by appointment. It would be helpful to the curatorial staff and the researcher, if an outline of the research being undertaken is given, so that the full range of material can be made available including that not mentioned in this leaflet. While it is advisable to give as much notice as possible when making an appointment, arrangements can sometimes be made at short notice by telephone. The Researcher's Room is available from Mondays 10.00 to 16.00 and Tuesday to Friday 09.30 to 16.00 (except public holidays). Researchers must hold a current British Library Reader's Pass.

Philatelic Literature

The Library holds a major collection of philatelic literature covering every discipline of the subject, and this numbers over 30,000 volumes. Included in this holding is the Crawford Library bequeathed in 1913 by the 26th Earl of Crawford. It is probably the most complete collection of philatelic literature covering the period of 1861 to 1913, comprising approximately 4,500 volumes. All philatelic literature is available to researchers in the Reading Rooms. A Reader's pass is required.

Photography

The full range of photographic services are available, except that no philatelic material will be photocopied, nor will any item in the Crawford Library.

Code of Service

The British Library's Code of Service with regard to the Philatelic Collections concerns the making of appointments, as far as possible at a time convenient to users and prompt attention to all enquiries. Further details of the Philatelic Collections Code of Service are available upon request.

Uruguay: 1858 180 centavos,
an unused tête-beche pair.



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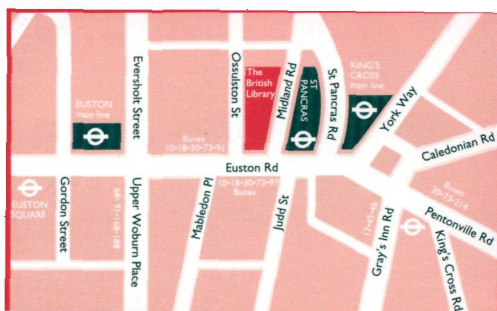
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The British Library Philatelic Collections 1998 to 2005

A Paper given to The Royal Philatelic Society London on
Thursday 17th November, 2005

By David R Beech, FRPSL
Head of the Philatelic Collections

The British Library Philatelic Collections – 1998 to 2005

This Paper is the third in a series that has reported to the Society and the philatelic world on the activities of the British Library Philatelic Collections. The first was given on 1st December, 1988 by my predecessor R F “Bob” Schoolley-West FRPSL and the second I gave on 9th April, 1998. These as published in *The London Philatelist* (volume 98 pages 91-99, and volume 108 pages 17-21) represent a record of progress and achievement in the development and management of the largest; the most varied and complete philatelic collection. Essentially this Paper covers the period since the Library moved from the British Museum and other buildings and opened in its own new building at St. Pancras in 1998.

Collection Development

The period under review has been one of unprecedented growth in the number of fine philatelic collections given, bequeathed, transferred or on loan. These number thirteen new collections or archives. Dr Heinz Feldheim of Munich bequeathed his collection of German States in 2000. In Dr Feldheim’s words “My bequest to the British Library Philatelic Collections is due to the fact and my gratitude that England saved my life from [going to] Auschwitz in June 1939”.

The fabulous classic Mauritius collection formed by Vikram Chand FRPSL of Singapore is of the locally produced stamps used on entire, is on loan and is exhibited at the Library. Incidentally with the Mauritius in the Tapling and Mosely Collections the Library offers the best display of classic Mauritius anywhere in the world. A leaflet is available describing the background to the collection. Our good friend Gary Ryan RDP, FRPSL, presented us in 2001 with his seven volume collection of Hungarian municipal revenue stamps in proof and issued form, together with its associated literature.

A collection on loan from another public institution is that formed by the Imperial War Museum of 1914-18 First World War stamps. While it had been on public exhibition at the Museum, it had been unavailable in recent years and the transfer to the British Library in 2001 gave it specialist curators, improved access and promotion. In addition it is complimentary to other collections. A small but fascinating collection given also in 2001 is

that by John Heys and is of stamps and cards issued by amateur radio operators in Europe.

In 2002 HM Customs and Excise transferred a collection in seven large volumes of Great Britain revenue stamps in proof form and these include Table Water Duty, Medicine Tax, Playing Card Tax stamps, Old Age Pension orders, and the original tender document entitled *Particulars of Contract for the Supply of Paper for Post Office Covers for The Commissioners of Excise 1840* (in other words the Mulready postal stationery) from John Dickinson & Co. We are showing a photograph of one sheet of Old Age Pension orders in frame 12. Janusz Kaluski, FRPSL generously donated his collection of Poland postage stamps to 2002. The collection in 46 volumes includes Russian issues, German Occupation issues and Polish Government in Exile.

Still in the pipe line to be formally announced with press releases are a number of collections including a collection of League of Nations material and United Nations postage stamps and covers, formed by M Martin Smith and bequeathed to the Library in 2002; this is in course of arrangement. A small collection was given by De La Rue in 2002 mainly of Egypt 1921-22 issue and Palestine 1927-45 issue and this is known as the Harrison and Sons collection.

The Shelley Collection of the Spanish Civil War International Brigades was bequeathed by Ronald Shelley in 2003. This complements (without duplication) the Bailey Collection of Spanish Civil War material in some twenty-four albums, which was formed by the late Eric Bailey and has been on loan from the Spanish Study Circle since 2001. Our air mail holdings have been supplemented by the gift of the Comet mail collection formed by the late Kenneth Seymour. It was given in accordance with his wishes by his son and daughter in 2003. The most wonderful collection of world meter stamps in some 200 boxes has been given by Dr Ron McInroy of Bradford. About half of the collection is of Great Britain and with it comes a body of the associated literature. This represents some thirty-five years work and study.

The generosity of the philatelic world is not at an end for the Library has been approached by almost twenty persons or organisations wishing to give or bequeath collections in the future. This number is unprecedented in the departments 114 year history.

In addition to collections of philatelic material we regularly receive gifts of literature and research papers. The Rev Jeremy Howat gave a run of the uncommon periodical *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica*, a further portion of the philatelic research archive of the late Norman Williams has been donated by Denise Williams, as have the research papers of Roger Booth FRPSL for his *Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of the UK, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and Eire* published in 1990. Clive Smith FRPSL has presented his papers relating to the Great Britain 1971 postal strike issues. Alan Crawford BEM has given papers relating to the stamps and postal history of Tristan da Cunha in some fourteen volumes.

It is often a surprise that we hold the Library's largest collection object as well as the smallest. The largest is the 1819 Perkins D Cylinder printing press, the "1d black printing press", and this is now on exhibition at St. Pancras. We have recently acquired from the Stamp Office of HM Revenue and Customs two embossing presses for Great Britain embossed revenue stamps. One of these a "recording press" is shortly to go on public exhibition.

Exhibition

All of these and existing collections and archives etc are made available by exhibition at the Library and by appointment in our researcher's room. The Philatelic Exhibition is housed in some 1,000 frames and is of some 80,000 items mainly of classic material. It is open almost all days of the year and is free. Significant among the current display is the Tapling Collection countries M to Z.

As the British Library Philatelic Collections are a world resource of world material, our approach is at the same level and since 1998 we have taken portions overseas too exhibit at *Israel 1998*, *Philexfrance 99*, *Monaco 2000* and to *Belgica 2001* jointly with members of this Society in an organised display of world issues before the first issue of Belgium in 1849. This year we exhibited at the *Pacific Explorer 2005* exhibition in Sydney Australia with Australian States, New Zealand and Pacific Rim material from the Tapling Collection.

At home we exhibited Newfoundland air mails from the Fitz Gerald Collection in 1999 at *Rare Stamps of the World* exhibition at Claridge's

Hotel, at *The Stamp Show 2000* the “1d black printing press” was used to print reproductions of the 1d black and in an feature called *The British Library Rarities* which turned out, after the Royal Philatelic Collection, to be the second most visited area at the exhibition. At *Stampex* in 2000 we showed part of the Spanish section of the Tapling Collection. Looking to the future, in 2006 we will be lending stamp artwork from the Crown Agents Philatelic and Security Printing Archive to an exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge.

Outreach and Promotion

Perhaps the most difficult and demanding aspect of the departments work is to inform philatelists and others about the collections. This is a constant process with many strands including: the publication of *The British Library Philatelic Collections Newsletter* to be continued after a break in publication following number 8, Autumn, 2001, with number 9, Spring, 2006. Talks and lectures have been given to many local philatelic societies in the United Kingdom and in addition in Sydney in connection with the *Pacific Explorer 2005* exhibition, and in Helsinki to the leading society Helsingfors Frimarkssamlare Förening.

To the 2005 87th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain I presented a Paper *How to look after your Collection*, while to the 2006 Congress in Scotland I am to give a Paper *The Philately of the Edwardian Era as shown in its Literature*. We are grateful to Richard Sirot who in *Stamp Magazine* and Otto Hornung RDP in chiefly European magazines, have written articles describing the Collections. Sotheby's has kindly given the Library a page advertisement in each of its *Sir Gawaine Baillie*, *Bt* auction catalogues.

A major rewrite and expansion of the web site (www.bl.uk/collections/philatelic) is underway which will result in improved information and listings of collections together with useful background material. Another web site *Philatelic Rarities* (www.collectbritain.co.uk/collections/philatelic/) features in digital form with descriptions many major items. This site will be expanded over the years to come.

Staff scholarship and organisational involvement

A listing of the published work of the philatelic curators since 2000 is given on the BL web pages (www.bl.uk/collections/researchregister/search). This listing includes subjects such as New Zealand philatelic bibliography, stamp albums in the BL collections, conservation, details of exhibitions arranged, and research work involving Raman microscopy.

Conservation

We have two major conservation programmes. Work on the unique Crawford Library of philatelic literature 1861-1913, which started in 1985 continues. All of the 4,500 volumes have now been microfilmed and about two-thirds have been rebound with or without conservation work such as deacidification and lamination.

A major project to conserve The Board of Inland Revenue Stamping Department Archive has been underway for some years. This started with the 33 bound volumes of registration impressions of embossed revenue (and some postal stationery) stamps from 1710 to 1955, being 3,274 pages; this part of the archive is known as List 1. The project continues with List 5, which comprises of 23 volumes containing 6,357 black proofs of postage, postage and revenue and revenue stamps, all in complete sheets. These are mainly for the De La Rue surface printed issues for Great Britain and India during the period 1855 to 1928, (during the early period there are a few Perkins, Bacon line engraved issues, and the later period includes some work by other printers including the Great Britain 1913-19 "Seahorses" issues). This work is expected to be completed by March 2006. From next year work continues with List 3, which comprises of eleven volumes for the period from 1920 to 1940, being mainly complete or partly complete perforated or registration sheets overprinted "SPECIMEN" or "CANCELLED". In total this comprises of some 2,052 sheets or items. The work on List 5 and List 3 being to remove the proofs or sheets, etc from guard volumes, clean, repair, place in polyester protectors and store in archival boxes.

Hawaii: The 1851-52 Missionary issues and the Grinnells

The Library took a leading role in making its copies of the first issue of Hawaii available to the study of the genuineness or otherwise of the so called "Grinnell" copies. This was first carried out in conjunction with

Robin Clarke, FRS, the Sir William Ramsay Professor, at the Department of Chemistry, University College London, where comparison was made using the Raman machine with the copies in the Tapling collection. Later work was to include making the Tapling copies available to the Expert Committee. I gave a lecture, *The Hawaiian Missionaries and the Grinnells* at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum on the 18th October, 2003 as the Second Annual Maynard Sundman Lecture. The Expert Committee is to publish a monograph in 2006 on its expertisation of the stamps and an article will be published in due course based on my lecture. This whole involvement has been an excellent example of collection material being made available for the benefit of philatelic research.

The Chand Fund

This Fund has been established through the generosity of Mr Vikram Chand FRPSL in order to make grants of money to aid research and scholarship, leading to publication (in any form) in classic philately (defined as to about 1900). The fund will cover research in all countries and in the disciplines of traditional philately, revenue philately and postal history.

Grants from The Chand A and Z Research Fund for Classic Philately will be awarded for the expenses of research (including travel and accommodation) photography or other copying, printing or publication of a book or monograph or a contribution towards such expenses.

Tapling Exhibition Centenary

To mark the Centenary of the exhibition of the Tapling Collection in 2003 a reception was held in the Entrance Hall of the Library adjacent to the Philatelic Exhibition. This memorable event, a joint event with this Society was attended by many members of the Tapling Family including its head Lord Cottesloe.

Staff

Curatorial staffing of the Philatelic Collections has changed in recent years, with the retirement of Rod Vousden FRPSL in 2003 (where he is now Assistant to the Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection), and the arrival of Paul Skinner in 2004.

St Helena

I am now able to give a world exclusive announcement that the St Helena Post Office, by arrangement with the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau, is to issue a set of stamps in January 2006 marking the 150th Anniversary of the issue of its first stamp in 1856. The set of six values and a miniature sheet also feature philatelic treasures in the British Library.

Conclusion

One of the most satisfying aspects of our work is to see a book, monograph or article appear that has to some extent been aided by the collections at the British Library. A measure of our success in this regard is that the Library is probably the most acknowledged of all organisations in newly published literature.

I am grateful to Dr Alan Huggins, MBE, RDP, Hon. FRPSL Curator of the Philatelic Collections at the Society for providing outstanding material in six of the frames.

My fellow curator, Paul Skinner, offered many helpful comments on this Paper while being drafted and prepared the PowerPoint presentation which accompanies it.

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The Philatelic Exhibition is open:

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Tuesday	09.30-20.00
Saturday	09.30-17.00
Sunday/English Public Holidays	11.00-17.00
Closed: 23 rd to 27 th December, 2005. 1 st and 2 nd January, 2006	

The Philatelic Researcher's Room is available:

Monday	10.00-16.00
Tuesday to Friday	09.30-16.00

Appointments to research material should be made with the Philatelic Collections curatorial staff. In addition a British Library Reader Pass is required see: www.bl.uk/services/reading/admissions for details.

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The Royal Philatelic Society London

Society Collections from The Era of Thomas Keay Tapling

17 November 2005

As an adjunct to the presentation given by Past President David Beech a small selection from the Society's Collections has been assembled: All these issues would have been part of the collecting world familiar to Thomas Keay Tapling whose collection is curated by David.

The contents of the frames are as follows:-

- FRAME 1 BAHAMAS from the collection of Louis Bradbury including:-
Great Britain 1858-60 cancelled by AO5 numeral.
Proofs of the Chalon Head and the Interinsular issues of 1859 and the issued stamps.
Proofs of the 1861 4d and 6d and the issued stamps.
- FRAME 2 THURN & TAXIS – NORTHERN DISTRICT from the collection of A F Riesco:-
Mainly used selection of the 1852-58; 1859-60; 1862-64 and 1865 issues.
- FRAME 3 GREECE from the collection of Dr Theodore Groom:-
A selection of the 1861 Paris printings of the Large Hermes Head issue.
- FRAME 4 NATAL from the collection of Eric Mann:-
Die proofs of the 1859-60 Chalon Head together with the issued stamps.
- FRAME 5 NETHERLANDS from the collection of Donald Gray:-
A selection of the Utrecht and Haarlem printings of the 1864-68 issues.
- FRAME 6 NEVIS from the collection of David Bernhard including:-
Great Britain with AO9 cancellations.
Proofs, colour trials and issued stamps of the 1861 issue.

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