

The Dutch Antilles in The West Indies

at the

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Deo van Wijk was born in 1951 in Den Helder, the naval port of the Netherlands. During the first three years of his life, the family lived in Curaçao, where his father was stationed. His interest in the stamps of the Dutch Antilles is probably coloured by his early memories of that period. At the tender age of six, he was introduced to the world of stamps by his father, who was a collector. Returning from WW II, his father was so overjoyed that he had survived, that he gave his collection to his nephew, who subsequently lost it. Together with his son, Deo's father took up stamp-collecting again, focusing on the Netherlands and the Dutch Colonies. At the age of around fifteen, Deo developed other interests, and stamp-collecting was put aside. University, a career in business and marriage followed.

At about the age of thirty, Deo van Wijk rediscovered stamps. He had some spare money and went wild, buying as many stamp collections as he could from all over the world. He continued buying stamps and collections till he met Ronald Bouscher from Amsterdam, who introduced him to the Classic Dutch Stamps. Having found his true philatelic passion, he returned to the USA, where he had settled in 1990, and made up his mind to start afresh and become a serious collector.

At a certain point Bouscher offered to come to the US and help Deo van Wijk to organise his stamp room. Bouscher came, but he was not alone. He was accompanied by Henk van Lokven, owner of Van Dieten Postzegelveilingen BV. However, a visit of one week was not enough to sort it out. In fact they had to come three times, every time for a whole week. At the end, what had been a room full of stamps had become a small corner with a collection of stamps from the Netherlands and the Dutch Colonies.

Now finally on track, he developed an interest in building a serious collection of "The Netherlands and Colonies" with special emphasis on the 1st and 3rd emissions of the Netherlands and Curaçao. Highlights of this letter collection are shown here at the Royal Philatelic Society in London with special thanks to Henk van Lokven and Frank Banke. Also thanks to his dear friend Karl Louis of Corinphila Auktionen, who introduced Deo van Wijk to the Royal Philatelic Society and convinced him to exhibit the collection.

Wiesbaden, February 2016



Entire letter from Curaçao dated 20 May and 10 June 1743 to Amsterdam. Endorsed 'C.' Curaçao and with routing instruction 'p. t Schepde / Eendraagt Cap / F: Bouwian / D.G.G' abbreviation for Dien God Geleide; whom God may escort. Upon arrival at the West Indian House in Amsterdam, the handstamp '6 ST. / GWC' in circle was applied on front in black ink, GWC; Geoctroyeerde West-Indische Compagnie. A fee of 6 stuiver was collected for the delivery from Texel to Amsterdam.



Entire letter dated Curaçao 16 September 1795 to Amsterdam. Routing instruction 'pr. Capt. And. Miller' endorsed on front. Upon arrival '6 ST. WH' (6 Stuiver West-indische Handel) was applied to the letter, When arriving in the Hague, a 6 stuiver delivery fee was paid by the addressee upon receipt. On the back of the envelope it is noted that the letter arrived 18 November 1795, after a 62 days' journey to reach the addressee in Amsterdam.

Entire letter dated Curaçao 11 November 1837 to Amsterdam. Curaçao crown & arms postmark ' * POSTERIJ * Curaçao ' in red ink, stamped on front at the Willemstad post office. On arrival at the port of Den Helder stamped with the 1-ring oval ' * ZEE-BRIEF * DEN-HELDER 9 FEBR. ' in red ink. Sender's routing instruction 'Per de Maria & Jacoba / Kapt. D. F. Bart'. Backstamped ' AMSTERDAM 10 FEBR. ' in red ink. The letter charged 60 cents, the calculation is 1 lood = 16 gram. Until 16 gram = 1 lood = 1 x port = 12 stuivers = 60 cents, total 60 cent due.



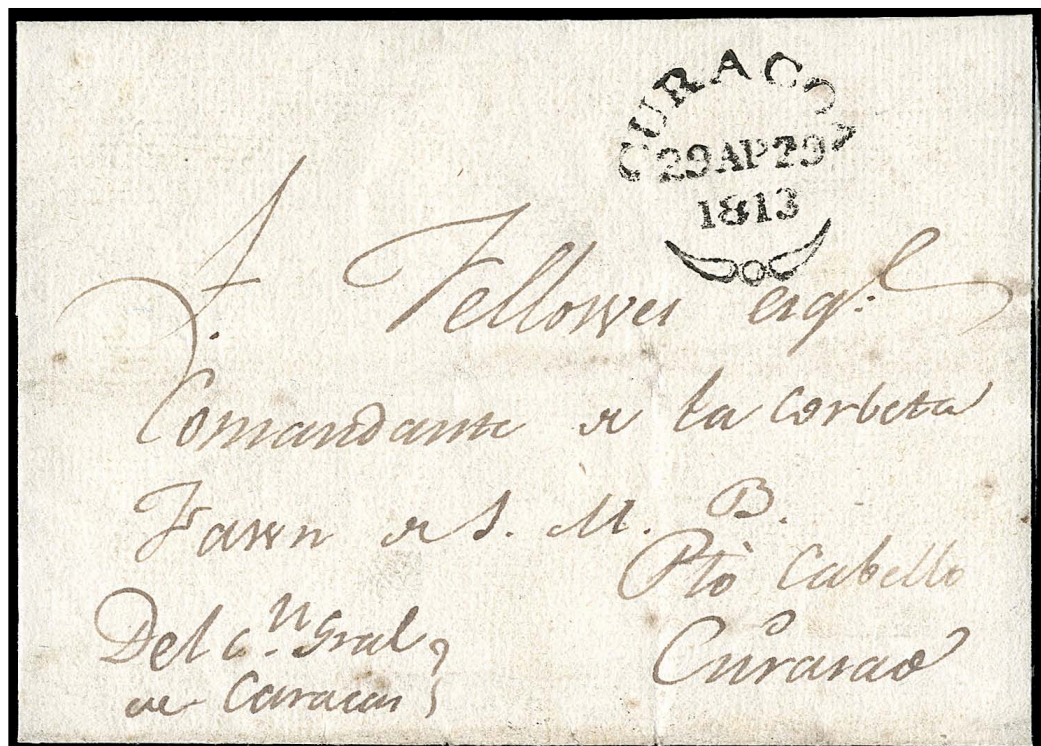
Entire letter dated Curaçao 24 November 1833 to Amsterdam. Curaçao crown & arms postmark ' * POSTERIJ * Curaçao ' in black ink, stamped on front at the Willemstad post office. On arrival at the port of Den Helder stamped with the 1-ring oval ' * ZEE-BRIEF * DEN-HELDER 20 FEBR. ' in red ink. Sender's routing instruction 'Per de Maria & Jacoba / Kapt. F. van Duijn'. Backstamped ' AMSTERDAM 21 FEBR. ' in red ink. The letter charged 90 cents, the calculation is 1 lood = 16 gram. Until 16 gram = 1 lood = 1 x port = 12 stuivers = 60 cents. Each additional 8 gram = 0,5 port = 6 stuivers = 30 cents. Until 1 x port 60 cents, additional 1x 8 gram = 1x 0,5 port = 1x 30 cents (30 cents); total 90 cent due.

Entire letter dated Curaçao 24 April 1837 to Amsterdam. Curaçao crown & arms postmark ' * POSTERIJ * CURAÇAO ' in red ink, stamped on front at the Willemstad post office. On arrival at the port of Hellevoetsluis stamped with the 1-ring oval ' * ZEE-BRIEF * HELLEVOETSLUIS 20 JULIJ ' in red ink. Sender's routing instruction 'Per Brik Adrianus / Jacobus Kapt. Blokker '. Backstamped ' AMSTERDAM 22 JULIJ. ' in red ink. The letter charged 120 cents, the calculation is 1 lood = 16 gram. Until 16 gram = 1 lood = 1 x port = 12 stuivers = 60 cents. Each additional 8 gram = 0,5 port = 6 stuivers = 30 cents. Until 1 x port 60 cents, additional 2x 8 gram = 2x 0,5 port = 2x 30 cents (120 cents); total 120 cents due. ' Na Posttijd ' (received after normal office hours) in red ink 1-line mark stamped at





Entire letter dated Curaçao 9 December 1808 to London. The letter was delivered at Willemstad British post office and endorsed '3 bits paid' in brown ink, barely visible in the top right corner. At the British post office the postmark negative style 'CURAÇAO POST OFFICE' black ink applied, Julsen/Bender Type II, no. 9 with upper case E in OFFICE. Routing instruction 'Pr. Brig Ariel / Capt --- Tiaron' endorsed on front. There are no other London postal markings on the letter.



Undated letter sheet postmarked Curaçao 29 April 1813 to a commander of a corvette in the harbour of Porto Cabello, Curaçao. Local letter with the British Fleuron mark 'CURACOA 29AP29 1813' type I struck on front in black ink. Note the spelling of CURACOA in the British Fleuron postmark.



1881. Unused block of six with pairs of mixed comb perforations
The 1st vertical pair with perforation 11½ : 12 (E). The 2nd and 3rd
vertical pairs with perforation 12½ : 12 (D), NVPH 3E+3D



1929. Without 'gld.' below '2',
unlisted in NVPH



1918. Double overprint
Type II, NVPH 74af



1923. 5 Gld.
'BONAIRE 20.9.23'.
NVPH 81A



1918. Unused multiple of twelve with left sheet margin
Without handstamp HAW initials on fourth stamp in second row, NVPH 73c



1923. 10 Ct. carmine
Die proof on silk, NVPH (77)



1889. 12½ CENT, type 3-3 / 3-3
Block of four NVPH P4III



1889. 25 CENT, type 3-3 / 1-3
Only 4 of type 1 in the sheet
Block of four NVPH P7I,P7III
White dot between 'ET' in BETALEN



1873. Wide copy showing full space between the stamps
NVPH 9B



1892. Saba 27/10 1894
Blue ink, NVPH 22



1889. Exploited paper fold, NVPH 14



1891. Double overprint,
NPVH 18f



1934. Block of four NVPH 120.



1895. Middle stamp without overprint,
Unlisted in NVPH (24)



1927. Without overprint.
NPVH (88).



1923. Imperforate between the stamps, unlisted in NVPH



1929. Inverted overprint,
NPVH 100f



1916. Die Proof without figure and value



PRE-UPU letter from Curaçao 7 June 1876 to Malaga, Spain. King William III pair of 10 cent and 50 cent (A) line perf. 14 SH (SH: small oles), cancelled with small single circle cds 'CURAÇAO 7/6 1876' and straight-line 'FRANCO.'. Sent via France where it received double circle 'POSS. NEERL. / AMB. CALAIS / 29 JUIN 76' and reception mark 'MALAGA (6) - 2 JUL 76'.

General Postal Union 70 cents postage. On 1 May 1877 Curaçao became a UPU member, PB No. 8, 1877.



Registered letter from Curaçao 19 September 1899 to St. Louis, MO., USA. King William III two 3-strip and 4-strip 2½ cent comb perf. 12½ : 12 (D) and 10 cent comb perf. 13½ : 13¼ LH (C), cancelled with small double circle cds 'CURAÇAO 19/9 1899'. Registration mark 'CURAÇAO. / R / N° 5580'. Routing instruction 'per „Philadelphia“' boxed reception mark 'RECEIVED / OCT 2 1889 / ST. LOUIS' with 'NEW YORK N.Y. / REG'Y.DIV / 9-30 1889' transit mark on reverse, and New York numeral '10128' and St. Louis '10583' registration numbers struck on front.

UPU letter rate 0-15 gram 12½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1902), plus additional see charge above 300 nautical miles 12½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1897), registration fee 10 cents, postage 35 cents.



Registered letter from Curaçao 9 October 1889 to Calcutta, India. King William III pair 2½ cent comb perf. 12½ : 12 (D), 5 cent line perf. 14 LH (B), 10 cent line perf. 14 LH (B) and 15 cent comb perf. 12½ : 12 (D), cancelled with small double circle cds 'CURAÇAO 9/10 1889' and boxed registration 'R / CURAÇAO / N° 5841'. Via New York, USA with 'Red D-Line' with additional USA New York Registration exchange label with number 73940 affixed, and boxed 'No. 29. AMBULANTE BRINDISI / NO. 3', back-stamped 'New York 21/10 1889', 'SEAPOST NOV 7, 89' and 'CALCUTTA / No. 21 / 89' reception mark.

UPU letter rate 0-15 gram 12½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1902) plus additional sea charge above 300 nautical miles 12½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1897), registration fee 10 cents, postage 35 cents.

UPU Postal Rates 15.11.1879 - 1.4.1959, including the Netherlands except for direct service					
23.5.1873	Introduction of postage stamps	Printed matter per 50 gram, cent	Postcard, cent	Letter 0-15 gram, 0-20 gram from 1.12.1907, cent	Registration fee, cent
15.11.1879	Postal rate + Sea postage above 300 nautical miles 1) Total rate	2½ 2½ 5	5 2½ 7½	12½ 12½ 25	10
01.04.1888	To the Netherlands, sea charge lowered for letters + Sea postage above 300 nautical miles Total rate	2½ 2½ 5	5 2½ 7½	12½ 2½ 15	10
01.09.1889	To the Netherlands, sea charge lowered for printed matters + Sea postage above 300 nautical miles Total rate	2½ ½ 3	5 2½ 7½	12½ 2½ 15	10
01.01.1903	Sea charge abolished. -2), -3), -4), -5)	2½	5	12½	10
01.01.1922	6)	5	12½	20	15
01.01.1926		3	10	15	15
01.03.1931		2½	10	15	15
01.07.1948		5	10	15	15
01.04.1959		8	12	20	20

1) Sea charge from 1.1.1880 above 300 nautical miles (555 km), no supplement for Venezuela
Sea charge from 1.3.1884 above 300 nautical miles (555 km), no supplement for Colombia
Sea charge from 1.1.1898 above 1500 nautical miles (2775 km)

2) 1.7.1915 letter rate to USA lowered from 12½ to 5 cent

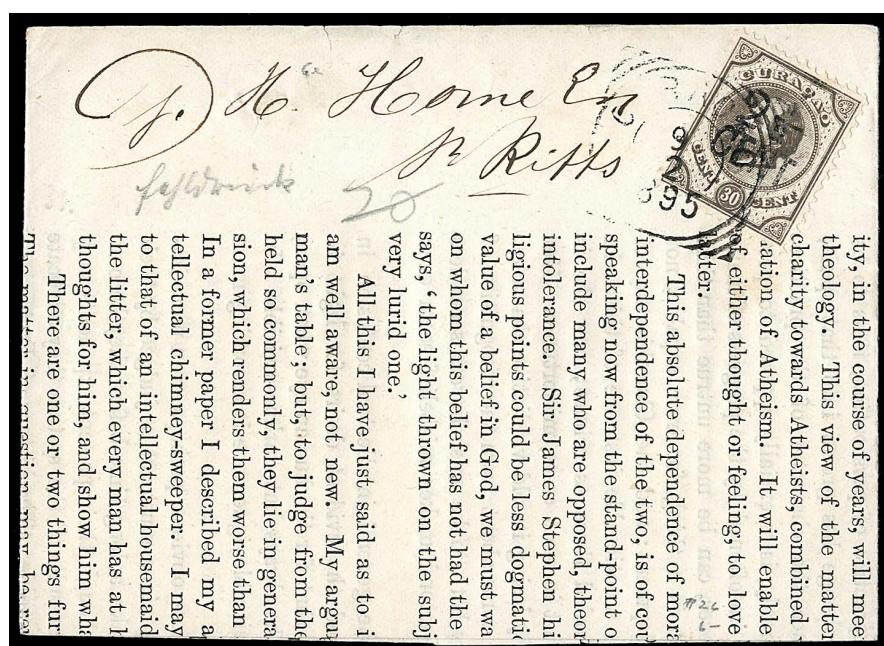
3) 1.6.1920 letter rate to USA increased from 5 to 7½ cent

4) 1.1.1921 registration fee increased to 12½ cent to the Netherlands only

5) 1.9.1921 letter rate to USA increased to 12½ cent

6) 01.01.1926 letter rate to Canada lowered to 12½ cent, Canal Zone, Virgin Islands (former Danish West Indies, Puerto Rico)

After the opening of St. Martin post office 1.1.1880, no additional sea charge for islands within 300 nautical miles.



Part of printed matter from Curaçao 9 February 1895 to St. Kitts. King William III 30 cent comb perf. 12½ : 12 (D) cancelled with squared circle cds 'CURAÇAO 9/2 1895'.

30 cents UPU printed matter 12x 2½ cents for the weight between 550-650 gram (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1902) near zone rate 2½ cents without additional sea charge below 300 nautical miles (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1897).

Postal rates for direct mail to the Netherlands in closed mail bag with ships sailing under Dutch flag, sea charge at a lowered rate					
		Printed matter per 50 gram, Cent	Postcard, Cent	Letter 0-15 gram, 0-20 gram from 1.12.1907, cent	Registration fee, cent
15.03.1882	Including Suriname with K.W.I.M. from 10.6.1884	2½	5	20	10
01.06.1886		2½	5	12½	10
01.09.1889	Including Dutch East India via the Netherlands per K.W.I.M.	2	5	10	10
16.02.1913		1	2½	5	10
01.03.1921		1½	5	7½	12½
15.08.1922		2	7½	10	15
01.10.1926		2	5	10	15
01.07.1927		2	5	7½	15
01.02.1928		1½	5	7½	15
01.11.1929	Including Dutch East Indies via the Netherlands from 23.1.1931	1½	5	6	15
01.07.1948		3	5	6	15

Domestic Postal Rates					
		Printed matter per 50 gram, cent	Postcard, cent	Letter 0-15 gram, 0-20 gram from 1.10.1907, cent	Registration fee, Cent
01.09.1889	Including Dutch East Indies via the Netherlands per K.W.I.M.	1	2½	5	10
01.11.1921		1½	5	7½	12½
01.11.1929		1½	5	6	12½
01.04.1959		2	5	6	12½

Printed matter from Sint Martin 10 November 1885 to Nova Scotia, Canada. King William III 5 cent comb perf. 13½ : 13¼ LH (C) cancelled with small double circle 'S^I MARTIN (NED. GED.) 10/11 1885' and single line cds 'S^I KITTS C / NO23 85' transit struck on front.

UPU 5 cents printed matter rate 0-50 gram 2½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1902) plus additional sea charge above 300 nautical miles 2½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1897).



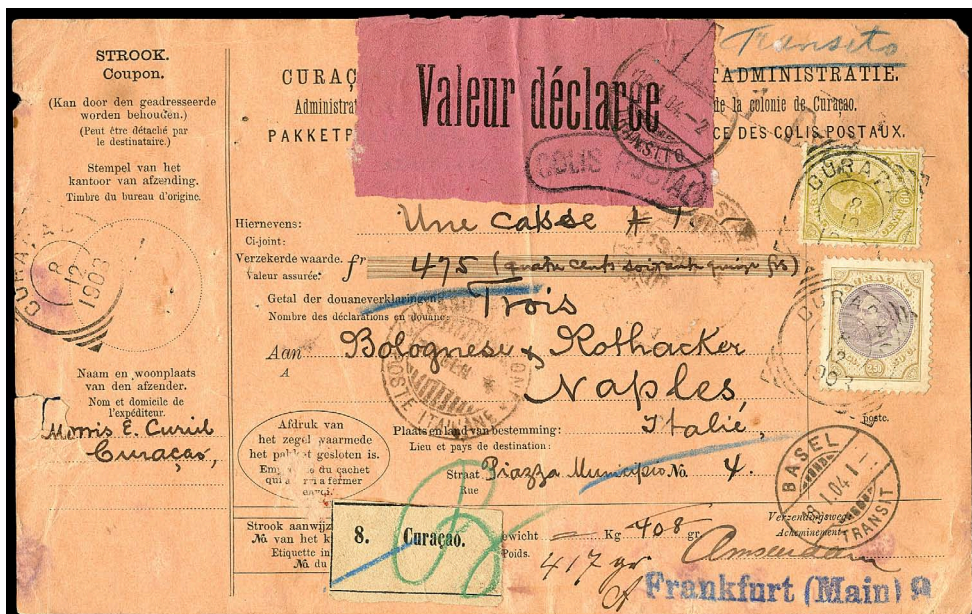


Registered letter from Saba 14 March 1892 to Toronto, Canada. The Curaçao stamps were used for postage at SABA, here with two King William III 5 cent comb perf. 13½ : 13¼ (C) and 1891 provisional 25 CENT / 30 cent, cancelled with dotted numeral '209', registration letter 'R' and manuscript numeral '8'. Datestamped with squared circle cds 'SABA 14/3 1892', transit cds 'ST-KITTS / C / MR16 92'. Backstamped 'HALIFAX CANADA / C / AP 3 92' and reception mark 'TORONTO CANADA AP6 92'. Illustrated in Julsen & Benders on page 100.

UPU letter rate 0-15 gram 12½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1902), plus additional see charge above 300 nautical miles 12½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1897), registration fee 10 cents, postage 35 cents.

Registered letter from Curaçao 19 October 1886 to Munich, Germany. King William III 2½ cent and four 5 cent comb perf. 13½ : 13¼ (C), and 12½ cent comb perf. 12½ SH (G), cancelled with small double circle cds 'CURAÇAO 19/10 1886', registration letter 'R' and manuscript '2636' number with additional USA New York Registration exchange label with number 60356 affixed. Backstamped 'NEW YORK 30/10 1886' and reception mark 'MUENCHEN B.U. 10 NOV 86' and circle '102'.

UPU letter rate 0-15 gram 12½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1902), plus additional see charge above 300 nautical miles 12½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1897), registration fee 10 cents, postage 35 cents.



Value parcel letter from Curaçao 8 December 1903 to Naples, Italy. King William III 2,50 f line perforation 11½ (F) and 60 cent comb perforation 12½ : 12 (D), cancelled with squared circle cds 'CURAÇAO 8/12 1903' and white parcel label '8'. CURAÇAO' and large violet label 'Valeur déclarée', transit via Emmerick 16/1 1904, Frankfurt (Main) 16/1, Basel-Transito 18/1, Poste Italiano 19/1 1904.

Total postage of the value parcel 3.10.



Registered letter from St. Eustatius 2 December 1896 to Curaçao. Princess Wilhelmina 15 cent cancelled with squared circle cds 'S' EUSTATIUS 2/12 1896' and registration label 'R / St.-Eustatius. (CURAÇAO.) / No. 417'. Backstamped squared circle cds 'CURAÇAO 7/12 1896'. Domestic 5 cent rate applied between the Dutch islands (1.9.1889 - 31.10.1921) plus additional registration fee 10 cents, postage 15 cents.



Registered printed matter piece from Curaçao 1 September 1893 via Caracas to St. Thomas, Danish West Indies. Upright cipher 18 x 2½ cent and two 5 cent, cancelled with dotted numeral Curaçao '201' registration label applied 'R / CURAÇAO. / No. 3950', Venezuelan transit registration mark 'VEN-EZUELA / R / No. 5706' and cds 'CORREOS DE VENEZUELA - CARACAS / OCT 6 / 1893' and boxed 'CERTIFICADO' with reception cds 'ST. THOMAS 11/10 1893' all struck on front.

UPU 18th printed matter rate 255-270 gram 18 x 2½ cents = 45 cents (1.10.1881 - 31.12.1902), without additional sea charge below 300 nautical miles (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1897), plus 10 cents registration fee, postage 55 cents. After the opening of the post office at St. Martin on 1.10.1881, several more islands were included and were now within the 300 nautical miles zone, including the Danish West Indies.

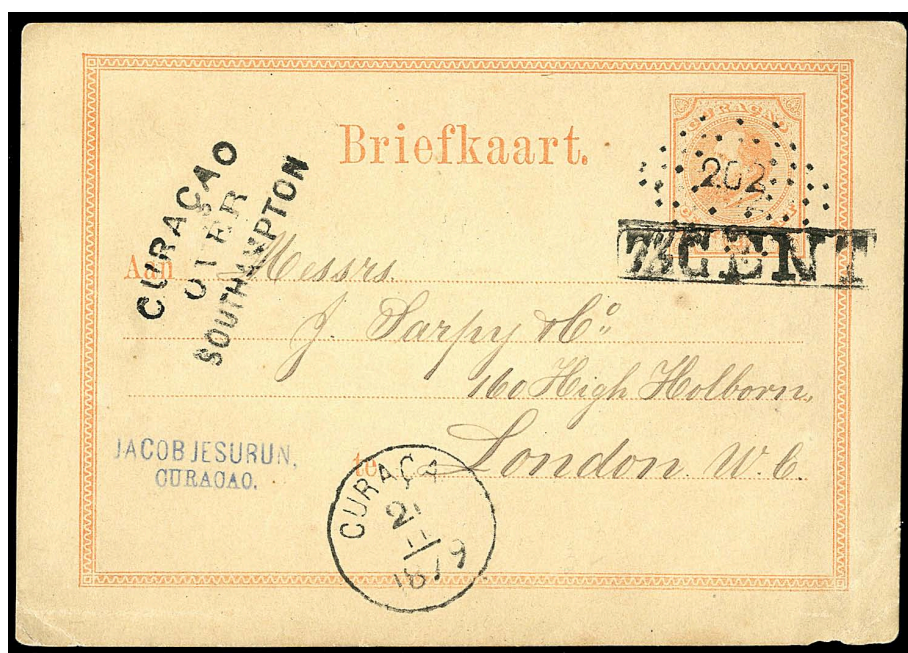
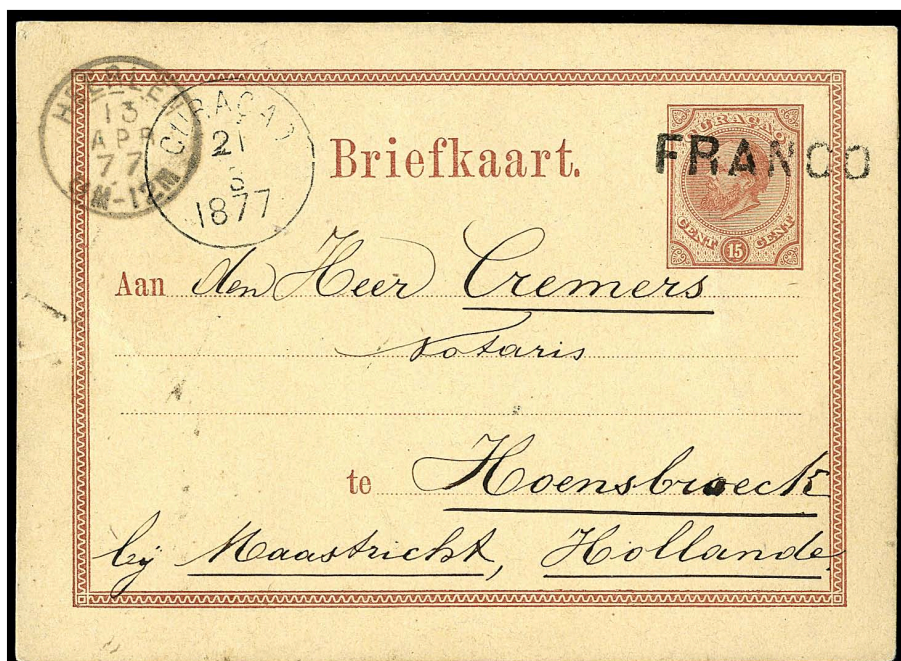


Postcard for domestic use (sold for ½ cent) sent from Curaçao 2 December 1884 to the Hague, the Netherlands. Uprated with three King William III 2½ green comb perf. 13½ : 13¼ LH (C) cancelled with small circle 'CURAÇAO 2/12 1884'. Transit mark 'LE HAVRE / SEINE / 29 DEC 84', Dutch distribution boxed 'G57' and with small double circle 's Gravenhage / 30 DEC 84 / 7-8 N' struck on front.

UPU postcard rate 5 cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1902) plus additional sea charge above 300 nautical miles 2½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.12.1897), postage 7½ cents.

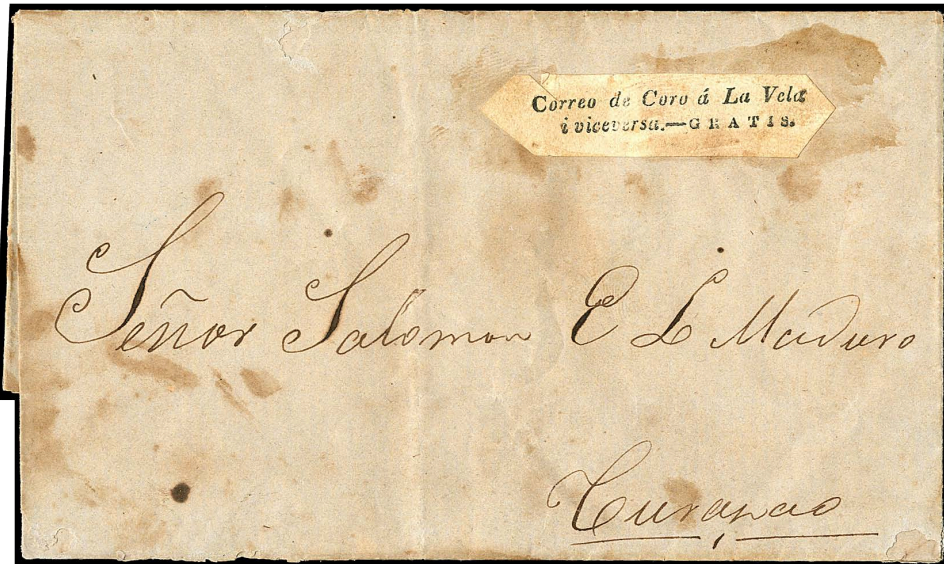
15 CENT King William III from Curaçao 21 March 1877 to Hoensbroek, the Netherlands, cancelled with 1-line 'FRANCO' 29½ mm alongside small single circle 'CURAÇAO 21/3 1877' and reception two-line cds 'HEERLEN 13 APR 77 8M-12M' stamped on front.

Pre UPU postcard rate 15 cents to the Netherlands only 1.7.1876 - 30.4.1877, on May 1 Curaçao joined the UPU and from 1 May 1877 the rate was lowered to 12½ cents.

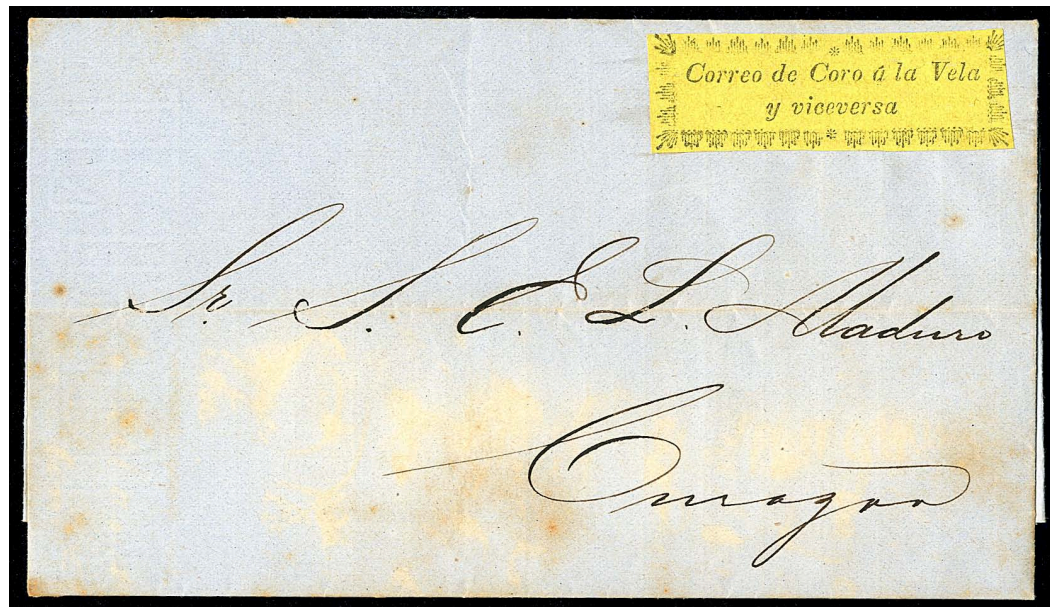


7½ CENT King William III from Curaçao 21 November 1879 to London, England. Hand-stamped overprint '7½ CENT' 31 x 6 mm in black ink and stamped alongside large single circle 'CURAÇAO 21/11 1879', routing instruction stamp 'CURAÇAO / OVER / SOUTHAMPTON'. Illustrated in Julsen & Benders page 99, earliest known example of numeral '202'. Used in Curaçao, senders' cachet 'JACOB JESURUN / CURAÇAO', a name well known in Curaçao as well known for the Jesurun private ship mail service.

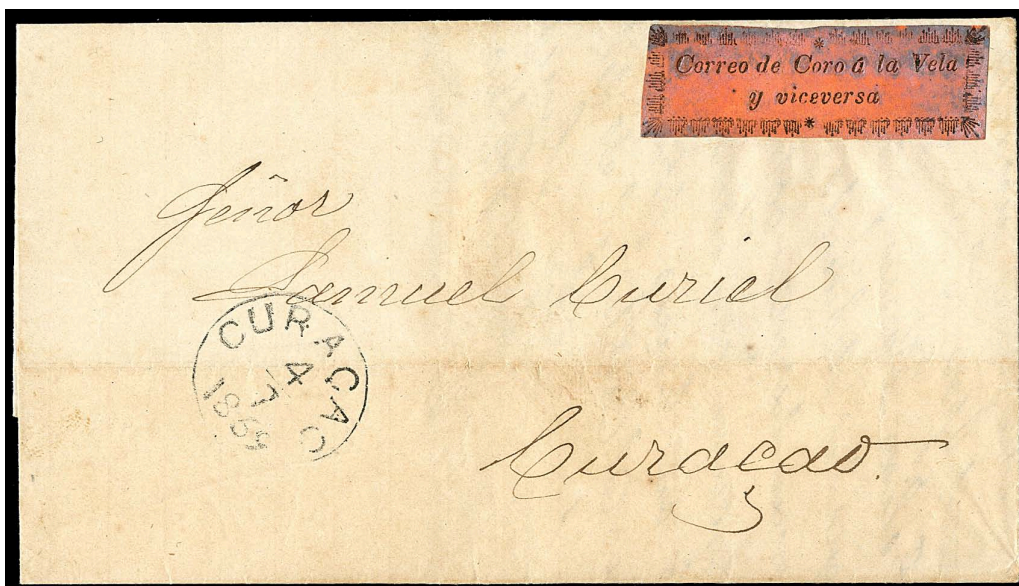
UPU postcard rate 7½ cents (15.11.1879 - 31.3.1888).



Letter from Coro 14 December 1867 to Curaçao. Imperforate 'Correo de Coro á La Vela / y vice versa – GRATIS.', without frame. Postmarks were not provided and therefore not obliterated.



Letter from Coro 21 July 1870 to Curaçao. Imperforate 'Correo de Coro á La Vela / y viceversa' on yellow paper with 12 hillocks in upper and lower border and a star between 6th and 7th hillocks in upper and lower border



Letter from Coro 1 July 1869 to Curaçao. Imperforate 'Correo de Coro á La Vela / y viceversa' on red paper with 12 hillocks in upper and lower border and a star between 6th and 7th hillocks upper and lower border. Reception mark 'CURAÇAO 4/7 1869' large single circle cds struck on front.



Letter from La Guaira 3 April 1870 to Curaçao. 'Dos Reales' type 4, lithographed by Waterlow & Sons, London, line perforation 12½ cancelled with forwarder's cachet 'BLOHM NÖLTING & Co / LA GUAIRA' blue ink, reception cds 'CURAÇAO 5/4 1870' small single-circle type in black ink and with blue crayon '15' cents due by addressee.

Letter from Puerto Cabello, Venezuela February 1877, with Royal Mail Steam Packet Company service to Curaçao. Venezuelan postage paid with 'Un Real' adhesive cancelled with two-ring 'CORREO DE VENEZUELA / PUERTO CABELLO', for onward service forwarded through agent in Puerto Cabello through Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's service to Curaçao, sea postage paid with a 'HAPAG / TEN CENTS' cancelled with forwarder's cachet 'JOH. KOCK & CO / LLOYDS AGENTS / PORTO CABELLO', reception mark 'CURAÇAO 10/2 1877' small single circle cds struck on front.



Ship letter from Puerto Cabello, Venezuela 15 February 1876, with Hamburg American Packet Company's service to Curaçao. Routing instruction 'Pr. Vapeur "ALEMANIA"' franked with pair 10 CENTS HAPAG cancelled with ink cross, 20 cents the ship mail rate 10 cents up to 30 grams plus additional 10 cents for additional 10 grams, total ship rate postage 20 cents. Charged blue crayon '30' cents due at Curaçao and stamped small single circle cds 'CURAÇAO 16/2 1876'.

