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PRESS RELEASE

Unique material from the Caribbean

The long-standing tradition that the first meeting in the new season of the Royal Philatelic Society London is a display from the Royal Philatelic Collection was continued this year with material from the Northern Area of the Caribbean. By gracious permission of His Majesty King Charles III, on 4 September members were able to enjoy displays of the Leeward Islands, Cayman Islands and Dominica spanning the reigns of Queen Victoria to King George VI, arranged by Rod Vousden FRPSL, Acting Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection.

The display featured many unique items, including proofs, colour trials and 'SPECIMEN' examples, plus truly exquisite original artwork, usually hand-painted and some executed stamp size. Among the notable items were the 'WAR TAX' overprints of the Cayman Islands and the pains-taking work that went into creating the 1950 definitives, while from Dominica was shown the unique plate block of four of the ½d green with the overprint 'WAR TAX' inverted in error: only one sheet was found, the remainder of the sheet being destroyed.

Giving the Vote of Thanks, Paul Farrimond spoke of the 'wonderful opportunity' the members had enjoyed in being able to see this material, thanks to a 'valuable and important tradition that goes back over 100 years'. Rod was presented with a certificate to mark the occasion by the President of the Society, Simon Richards RDP, FRPSL.

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Simon Richards RDP, FRPSL, President of the Royal Philatelic Society London, presents a certificate of appreciation to Rod Vousden FRPSL, Acting Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection.

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