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- 82 C 1849 April 26, entire letter endorsed 'via Inglaterra/vapour Ingles Thames' from Havana addressed to Paris, on reverse despatch cds and red London transit datestamp of May 23 1849, on front framed 'COLONIES/&c. ART.13' and Boulogne arrival datestamp of May 24 1849, filing fold otherwise fine. The 'Thames' arrived at Bermuda on May 4 and sailed for New York on May 8, the mail for Europe was transferred to the 'Conway' which arrived from St Thomas on May 7 and sailed for England on May 8. This is the only transatlantic crossing by the 'Conway' via Bermuda carrying the regular return mail. Ex Ludington (Plate 4) £200-£240

of Steamer Severn. - 2/3
Messrs. Gresham & Co.
London
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1843 October 1, entire letter endorsed 'p Steamer Severn' from Vera Cruz addressed to London and rated '2/3', the contents being a copy of a previous letter dated July 30 1843 and sent via the 'Medway', on reverse despatch handstamp and red London arrival datestamp of November 7 1843, filing fold otherwise fine. The 'Severn' left Vera Cruz on October 1 arriving in Bermuda on the 17th and departing on October 22. Ex Ludington (Plate 3)

£150-£170

Local letter,
from Somerset
to Hamilton,
17th May, 1858.

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Hon^{ble} Henry J Tucker
per. H. J.
Hamilton

Hon^{ble} Henry J Tucker

Somerset 17th May 1858

Dear Sir
I received your note of the
15th per T. Dickinson and am surprised
to find you did not receive my
reply to the note you sent by the
Carr, it was duly landed to me by
my servant on Sunday morning, I was
then ill in bed and unable to write,
on Tuesday I sent my boy with a note
addressed to you and directed him to
deliver it to Lewis of the Mail Carr.
I have enquired of Lewis, who seems
not to recollect having received such
a note, and on questioning my boy he
says that Lewis was at breakfast when
he carried the note and he left it
with

Although without postal markings the text of this letter, mentioning Mr Sims who held the contract for the Somerset Mail, indicates it was sent by post.

Somerset had no handstamp until 1864, and Hamilton was not date-stamping incoming local letters at this time.

See the letter written by M.H. Luddington on 29 November 1990 regarding this 1858 letter shown above. Mr. Luddington's letter is on the other side of this page. Mr. Luddington is the author of "The Post Office, Postal Markings and Adhesive stamps of BERMUDA," perhaps the foremost book on Bermuda philately.

The "Geoff" to whom this letter is addressed is Geoffrey Osborn G.M. whose collection was auctioned by Cavendish Philatelic Auctions Ltd. On January 28th, 2009, in which I bought the above (and several other covers).

Lot

CAVENDISH PHILATELIC AUCTIONS LTD.

Estimate

1036

THE BALANCE OF THE EARLY LOCAL MAILS COLLECTION; 1858 (2) & c.1858 trio of stampless local letters all addressed to Hamilton, but at least two apparently sent by post though lacking postal marks; 17 May 1858 env. (+ contents mentioning Mr. Sims P.O. mail contractor) from "Somerset" to Hon. H. J. Tucker (with related 1990 detailed letter from M. Ludington suggesting that local Somerset letters of this period would not have had any marks but would have been prepaid 1d; plus c.1858 env. (+ contents ref. reviving Devonshire College) sent locally to Hon. A. Ewing (Speaker of the Bermudan House of Assembly) in Hamilton but endorsed "P.P." (Per Post?) and signed (as official mail?) on the front. Plus 1858 small EL to Dr. Harvey presumably privately carried. Scarce trio. (3 covers) £200

UNDATED BUT CIRCA 1850'S

NO DATE!
 DEVONSHIRE COLLEGE
 Hon^{ble} Alexander Ewing
 Hamilton
 Bermudan
 M. Ludington

3.24.1858

local note of MAR 24 1858
 re a debt.
 Signed Syke Smith
 Dr. Harvey
 Hamilton



OUTER
ENVELOPE
FOR LETTER
BELOW



EX LUDDINGTON

80 C -- October 10, outer letter-sheet endorsed 'p R.M. Steamer Thames' from Havana addressed to London, rated '2/3', on reverse despatch cds and red London arrival datestamp of November 5 1846, also 1846 October 1 entire letter from Vera Cruz to London also rated 2/3 endorsed 'p Steamer' only but with same red London arrival datestamp, both fine but with usual filing folds. The 'Thames' arrived at Bermuda on October 19 and departed for England on an unknown date. Ex Ludington (Plate 3) £150-£170

ST GEORGE'S
BERMUDA
1837
William A. Ostwood Esq
Southampton

#2

ST GEORGE'S
BERMUDA
1837
For the
Attorney General
Hamilton
675..
Recd. 24th May 1837

St Georges
paid
mills

BERMUDA

New York.

APR 25 1850



Mrs E. B Wood.
New York.
Hamilton.
Bermuda

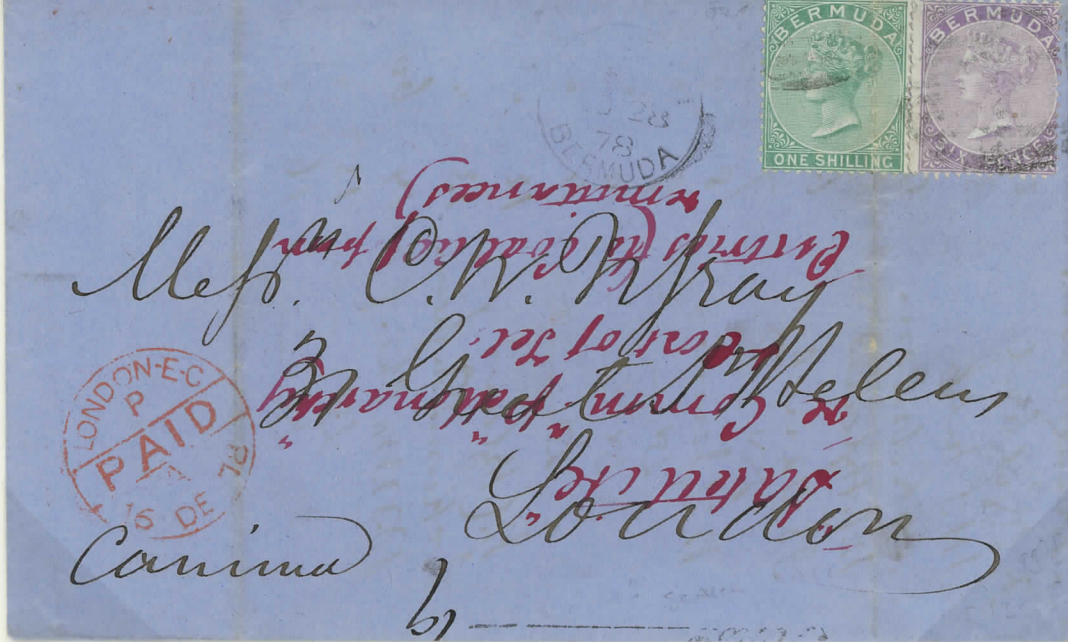
Edwards 17.

N. T. Butterfield Esq^r



Bermuda

via Halifax, Canada.



A wrapper addressed to **London** endorsed to go on Quebec Steam's "**Canima**" to New York. It was franked 1/6d with Crown C.C. adhesives paying a 1 ½ oz rate. These were cancelled in **Hamilton** by Type H1 on 28th November 1878. The cover was delivered in London on 16th December, a transit of 18 days.

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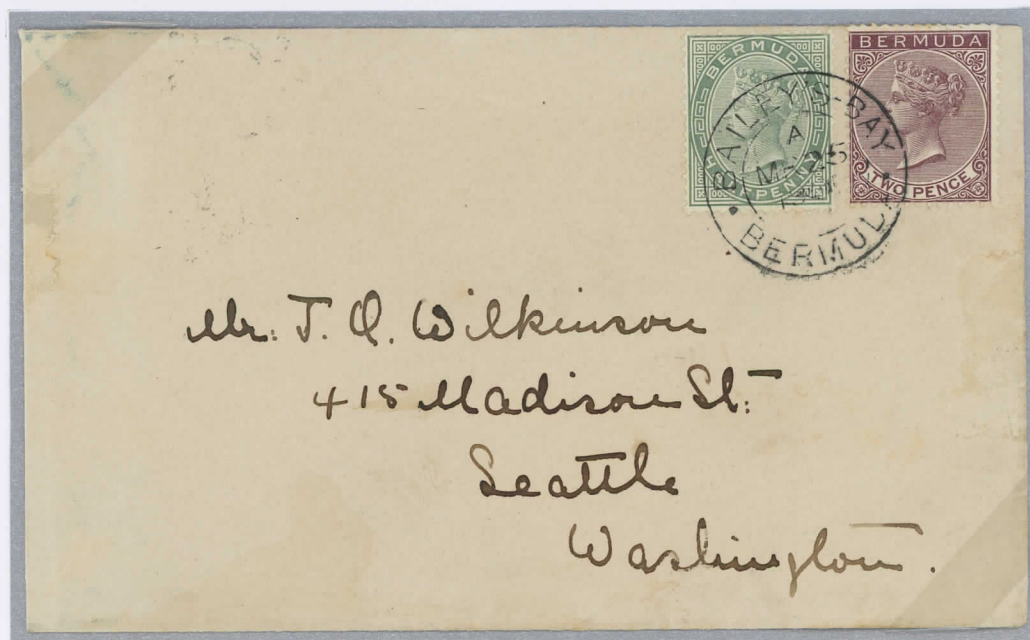
An envelope addressed to London franked with ½d, 1d and 2 ½d adhesive paying the U.P.U. 4d rate. These were cancelled in St George's on 13th January 1887 by a duplex with numeral "2" (Type K3). The cover was put on Quebec Steam's "**Orinoco**" to New York and then probably transferred to a Guion Line steamer to Queenstown. The cover was back stamped on arrival in London, but the date is illegible.

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Type H5 cds dated AP 9 1902 on cover to New York
Letter was overweight

Some
Bailey's BAY



13th March 1902 with 1/2d blue green & 2d purple

MAIL TO CANADA

VILLAGE MAIL

FROM BAILEY'S BAY

1897

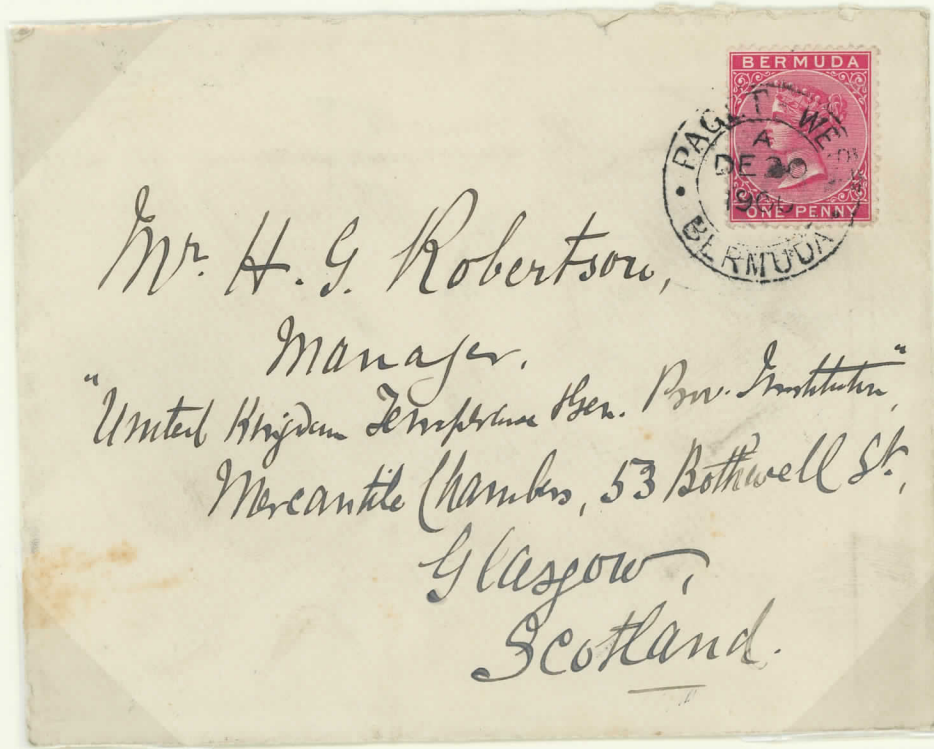
Most of the mail to Canada was commercial
This cover is to a Sgt Major in the Royal Engineers



Sent from Bailey's Bay to a Company Sgt. Major at South Barracks, Halifax

Bailey's Bay Type H5 cds dated MR 27 1897, Halifax backstamp AP 1 97

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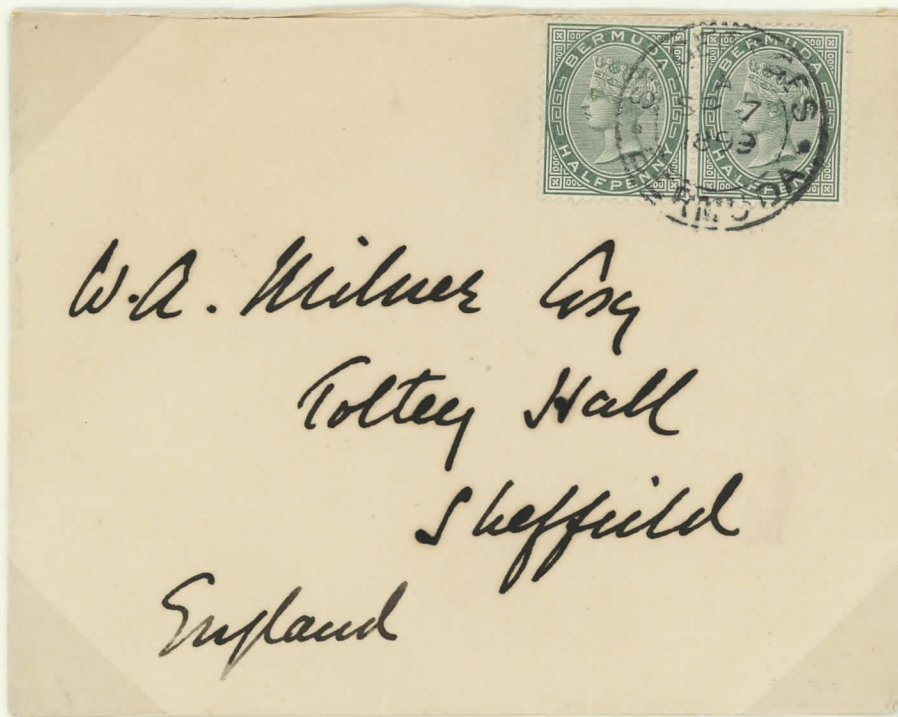


An envelope franked with a 1d from the 1883 set paying the Imperial ½ oz rate, addressed to Glasgow. The adhesive was cancelled in **Paget West** on 20th December 1900; but there are no transit or arrival back stamps.



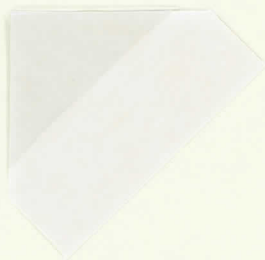
A cover sent from Ireland Island to England paying a 1oz rate under the Imperial Penny Post. Addressed to Portsmouth it was franked with 2 x 1d adhesives from the 1883 crown CA set which were cancelled on 10th December 1899. There is no arrival back stamp

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Misses Tombs
Bute 12/13
1898

An envelope addressed to Sheffield franked with 2 x 1/2d adhesives paying the Imperial 1/2 oz rate. These were cancelled in St Georges on 7th September 1899. There is no arrival or routing information.



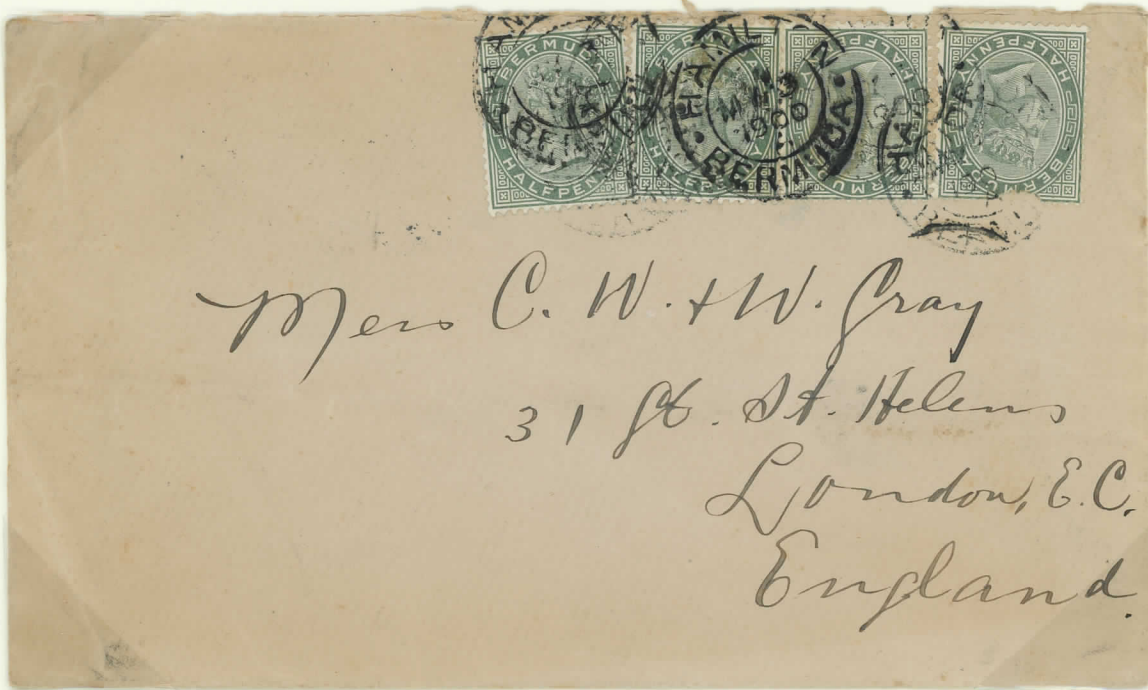
Prelin 1902



A registered letter addressed to New York franked with 1/2d and 4d adhesives paying the U.P.U 1/2 oz rate and 2d registration fee. These were cancelled in Hamilton on 11th July 1902. The cover was back stamped in New York on the 14th and was probably carried there by a Quebec S.S. vessel.

BERMUDA – VICTORIAN ADHESIVES

The colour of the ½d was changed in 1892 from stone to green to conform to U.P.U. norms. The ¼d on 1/- provisional was put on sale on 11th January 1901 intended for the new local newspaper rate. It was sold out to speculators within 24 hours. Two additional consignments arrived later that year (1.2 million adhesives all told) so most usages are artificial



An envelope from the Gray correspondence addressed to **London**. It was franked with 4 copies of the ½ d green (Crown C.A.) paying a 1 oz Imperial letter rate. These were cancelled in **Hamilton** on 3rd May 1900 by Type H6. It was probably carried to New York by Quebec Steam and was back stamped in London on the 15th.

BERMUDA – LATE VICTORIAN RATES & ROUTES

The standard U.P.U. letter rate of 2 ½ d per ½ oz was implemented in 1891 (there is some doubt about the actual date) and lasted until December 1898.



A cover addressed to **Southampton** franked with ½ d and 2d adhesives in the new colours of green and purple watermark Crown C.A. Unfortunately, there are no readable marks until it arrived at its destination on 24th May 1894. It probably went via New York on Quebec Steam's "**Trinidad**" and then on a Guion liner to the U.K.

2 X 5 FRATE TO BERMUDA ON REPAIRS ENTIRE



24 OCT 2017

SALE

SPINK

LONDON
1666

LOT NO.

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L140

ONE PENNY to Overseas.



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489 Manhattan Ave
N. Y. City

Via New York

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24 DE 95

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Ludwig Chozar Esq.
Messrs Ludwig Chozar & Co.
26 or 27 Minster Lane
(Market Buildings)
London E.C.

England

MAIL TO UNITED KINGDOM

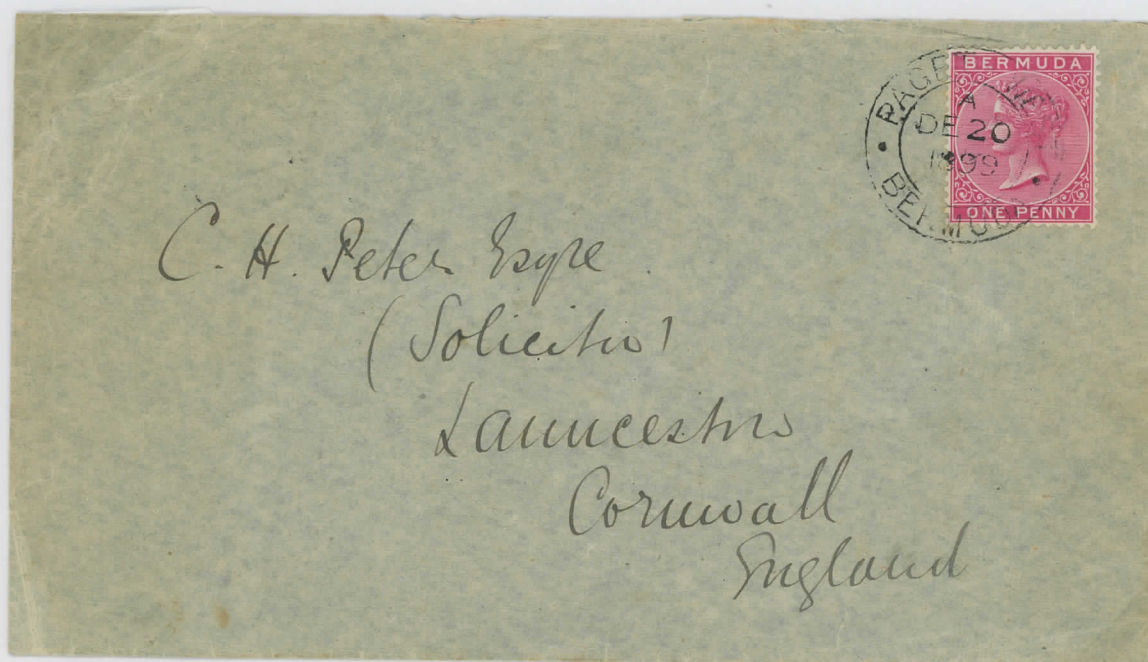
FROM PAGET WEST

TYPE H 5 CANCEL

Between 1.7.1893 to 30.11.1927 Mr. T.R. Lightbourn was the Postmaster at Paget West

Type H 5 cancel is recorded as being used from 1.1.1896 to 31.12.1920

This cover was posted in the morning of the 20th. December 1899 (as designated in the code letter A of the cancel) and was sent to a Solicitor at Launceston, Cornwall



Sent at the correct postal rate of One Penny for mail to United Kingdom

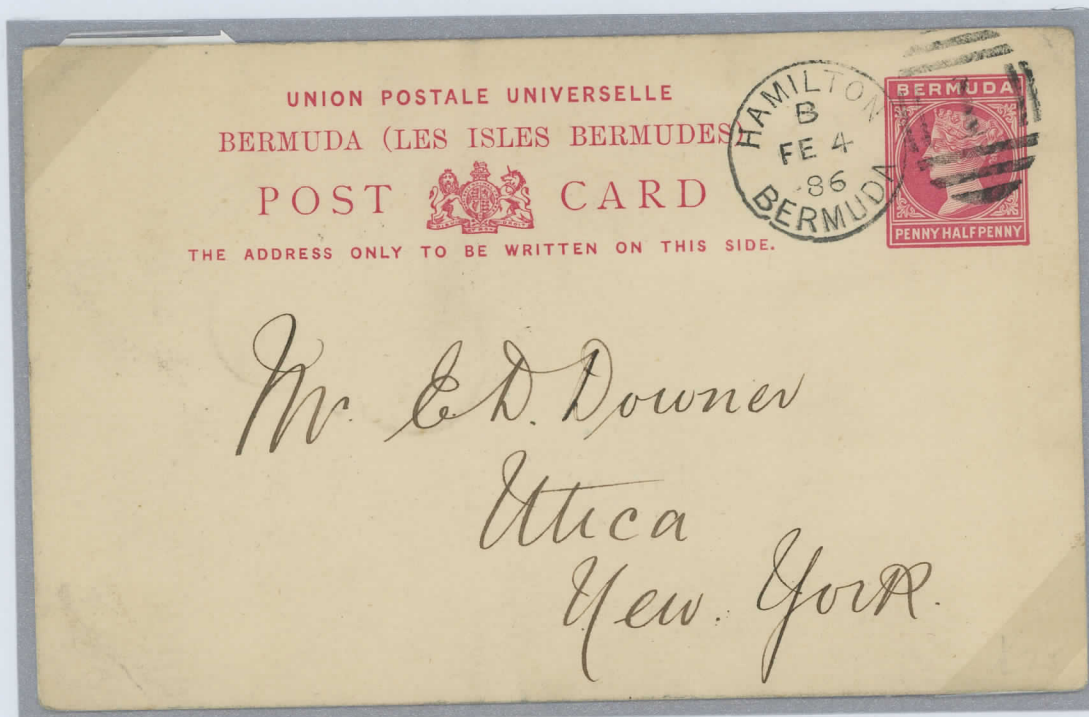
POSTAL MARKS

PAGET WEST A DE 20 1899

ON REVERSE

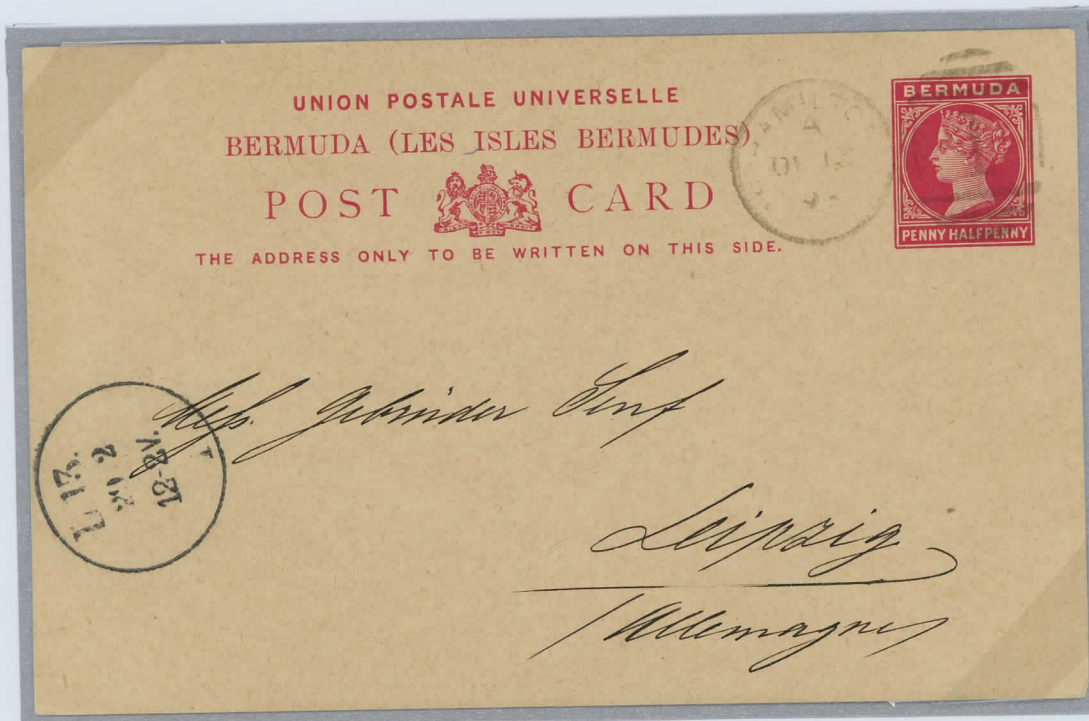
Indistinct Launceston c.d.s.

POSTAL STATIONERY
ONE & HALFPENNY RATE
PRINTING ON WHITE STOCK



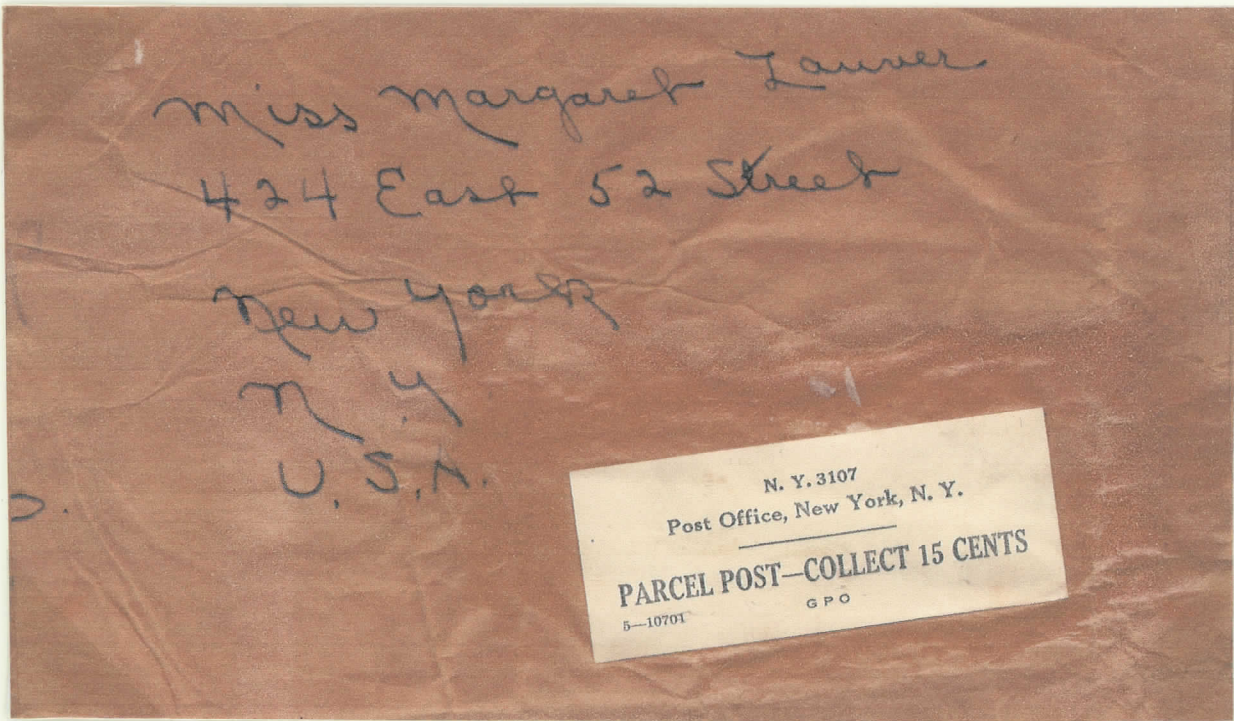
Hamilton FE 4 86 Duplex 1 cancel on card to New York

PRINTING ON BUFF STOCK



To Germany notifying the consignment had arrived

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A truncated parcel post cover addressed to New York from St Georges; but unfortunately, with an illegible date. It was franked on the reverse with a 3d and 2 x 1/6d adhesives from the 1936 set. In New York it was decreed to be overweight, had a label to that effect attached, and was fined 15 cents.

THE RARE UNITED STATES TO BERMUDA
CLIPPER COVER ON THE SOUTHERN ROUTE

In all of our experience, we have never felt more pleased, than in our ability to send you herewith, on your advance order of sometime back, a very valuable cover. You will notice it is post - marked New York, September 13, 1939.

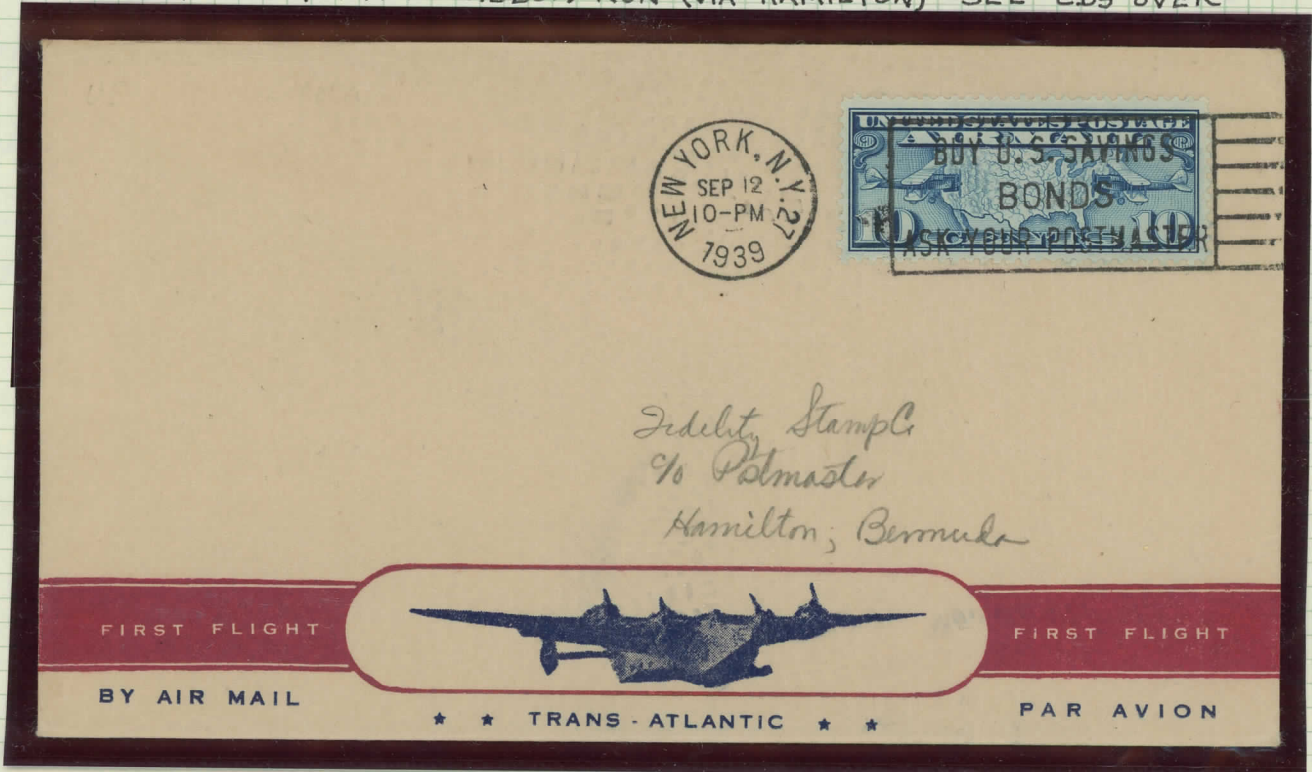
Why is this cover so rare?

Almost at the beginning of the war, the clipper ships on the Southern route started passenger service to Bermuda, because the British concern, which had been altering trips with the short U. S. to Bermuda American ship, was not replaced. You will recall that this was the ill-fated "Cavalier"

1939

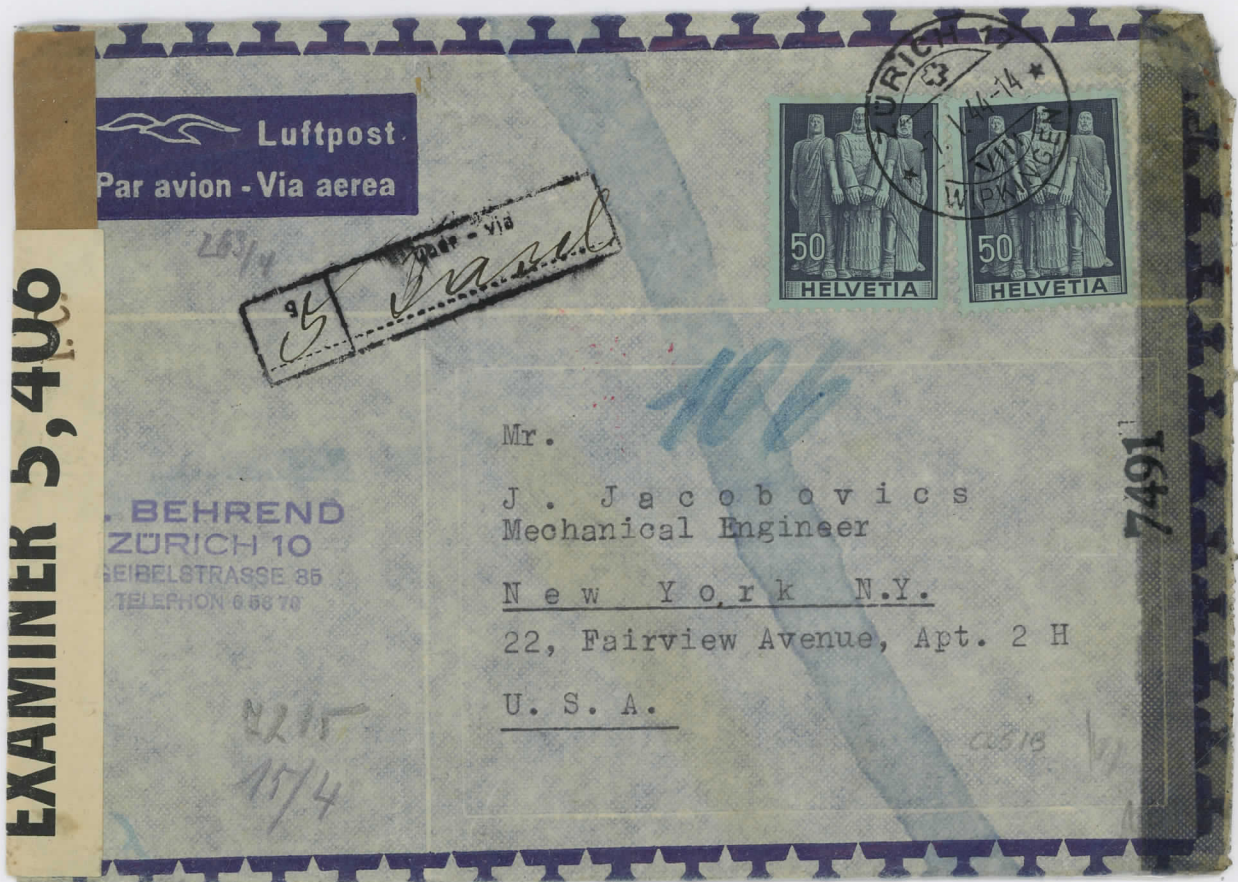
Cwiakala FA9A as pictured in his book, but with full 2 page letter from Fidelity Stamp Co., which prepared the majority of known covers, and with the most clear Hamilton bs that I have ever seen (usually very unclear because the paper used for the cover resembles a grain like alligator skin!). The finest example known for this flight & ex Ulrich.

FIRST STOP AT BERMUDA BY AMERICAN CLIPPER (PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS)
ON NEW YORK TO LISBON RUN (VIA HAMILTON) - SEE CDS OVER -



TRANSIT CENSORSHIP W.W.2

Some covers were checked to see if any invisible ink had been used
The test was applied using a coloured fluid across the front and back



Sent on the 7th Jan. 1944 from Zurich, Switzerland to New York this cover attracted the attention of the German censor (see back), the Bermuda censor Examiner 5,406 who also applied the black I.C. mark and the American censor 7491 clear tape.

Sent at the correct airmail rate of 1 Franc for mail to U.S.A.

Reduced size of back of cover



German censor tape

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INCOMING AIR MAIL FROM THE U.K.



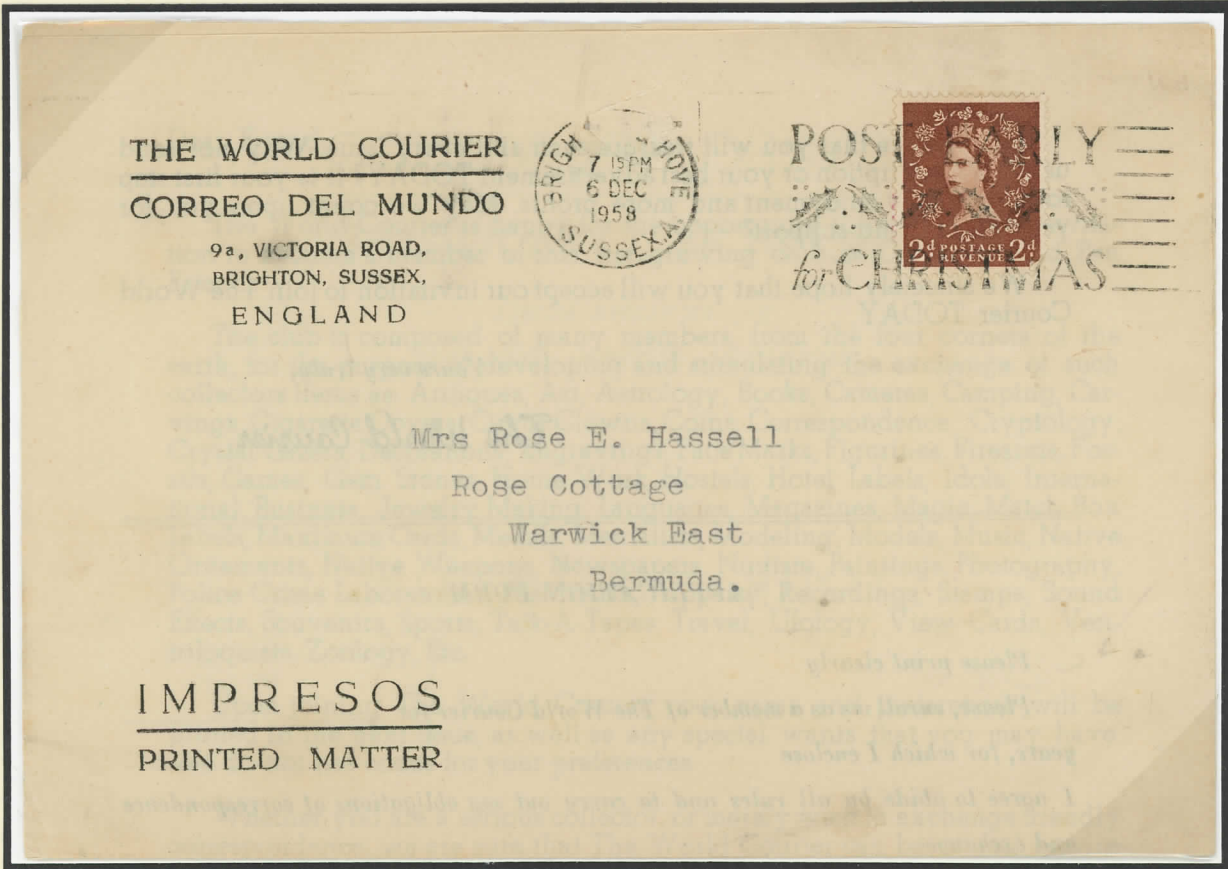
Registered envelope sent Air Mail to Hamilton bearing the 3d and three 1/- values from the 1948 Olympic Games commemorative issue making up the 3/3d rate, cancelled by the "Woodbridge Nr. Ipswich - SFK" c.d.s. for 31 AU 1948. Reverse with paper seal of "WHITFIELD KING & Co - POSTAGE STAMP DEALERS - IPSWICH ENGLAND"



Registered envelope sent Air Mail to St Georges the 3/3d rate made up with a single 1/-, two 11d, a 3d and a 2d from the King George VI definitive issue. Cancelled by the "Hadley Barnet" c.d.s. for 14 MR 49.

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INCOMING MAIL FROM THE U.K.



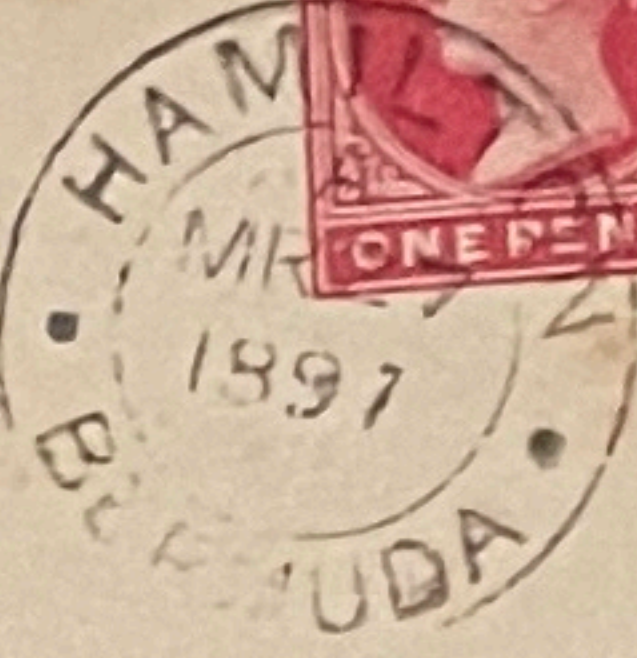
Two-page printed subscription form to enrol for
"THE WORLD COURIER".

Sent at printed matter rate from Brighton the 2d QEII definitive
cancelled by a Brighton and Hove "Post Early for Christmas" slogan dated 6 DEC 1958.

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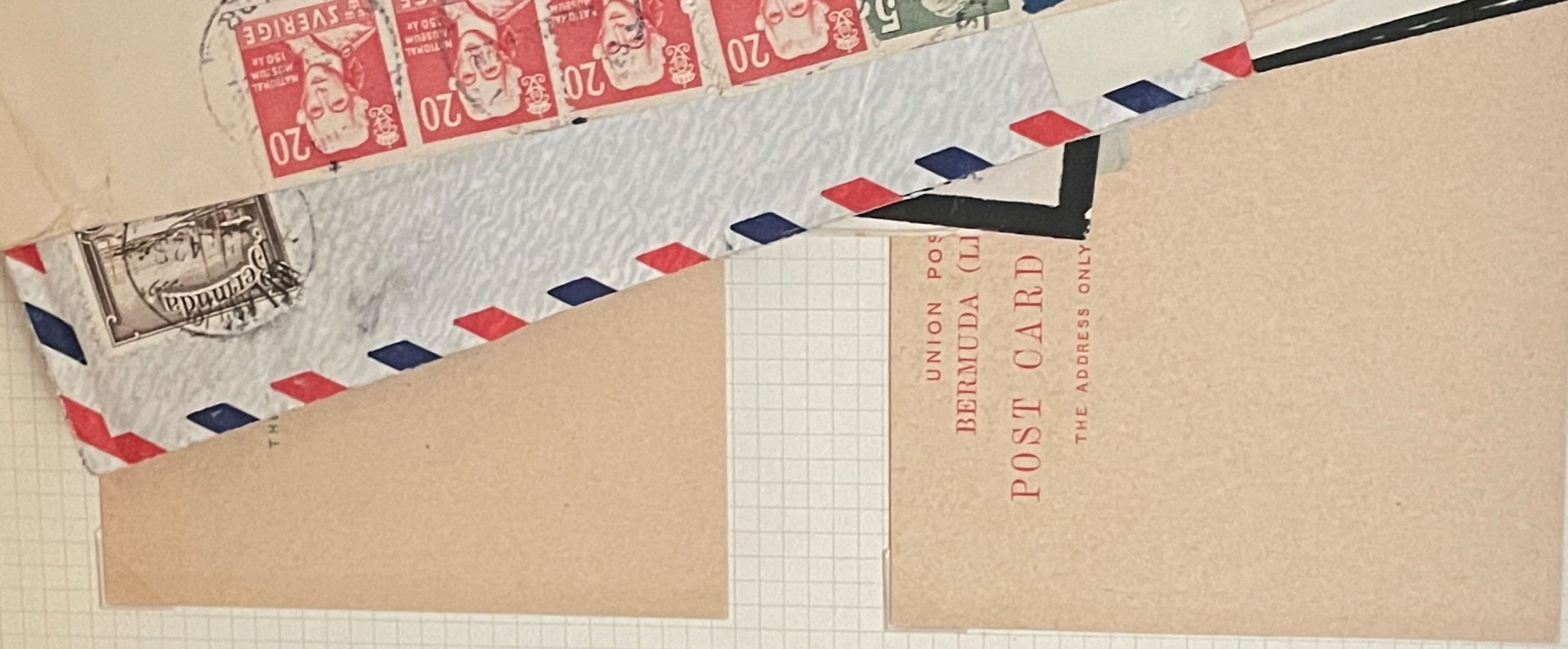
POST CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



Miss A. Robertson.
8. Leinster Square.
Baywater. London. W.
England.

Handwritten notes on a separate piece of paper:
S. A.
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