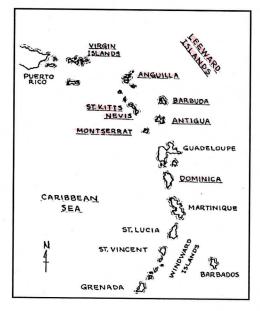
Leeward Islands Federal Postal Stationery of the King George V Reign



This is an exhibit of the Leeward Islands Federal postal stationery with indicia (head facing left) of King George V issued during 1913 -1934.

The Federal Colony of the Leeward Islands consisted of five Presidencies during 1890-1939: Antigua (with Barbuda), Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis (with Anguilla), and the British Virgin Islands.

The uniform Federal series of stationery was in concurrent use with Presidential stationery during this period; they are not relevant to the exhibit and none are included.

This exhibit includes cards, printed matter wrappers, envelopes, and registration envelopes. These are shown chronologically within each category. Materi-

al includes unused, used, Specimen overprints for UPU distribution and several De La Rue archive essay and proof items. *Special items are highlighted with wide dark border frames.*

Material is arranged as follows:

1. Postal Cards

Issues of 1915, 1927 and 1931

Printed Matter Wrappers

Issues of 1913 and 1927

3. Envelopes

Issues of 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1934

4. Registration Envelopes

Issues of 1913, 1922, 1927 and 1929

Foreign Rate Card Issued Sept 1915

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE LEEWARD ISLANDS (ISLES SOUS LE VENT)

POST CARD



CARTE POSTALE

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



368 Specimens supplied for UPU distribution.

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE LEEWARD ISLANDS (ISLES SOUS LE VENT)

POST CARD



CARTE POSTALE

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



SPECIMEN Dimensions: 93 mm x 9 mm CPECIMEN V PO

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE LEEWARD ISLANDS (ISLES SOUS LE VENT)

POST CARD



CARTE POSTALE

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Mr. Clark Fearing.

P.O.Bex 1126.

Pertland, Oregen. U.S.A.



St Johns, **Antigua** to USA .Uprated ½d to Feb 1922 1½d card rate.

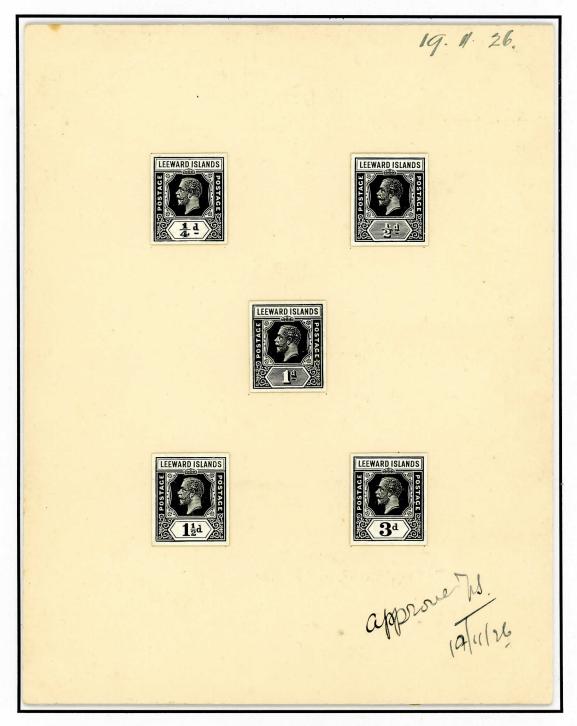
13 Mar 23

Year	Size	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1913	В	5½ x 3½	140 x 90	1d	1	1836

King George V Stationery Die Proofs of Surface Printed Indicia

Thomas De La Rue & Co. Issues of 1927-1934

Die proofs in black on white glazed card cut down and affixed to thick card dated 19 Nov 1926. M/S Approve H S (Stanfield) 19/11/26. Deign is modified version of the DLR Universal Postage & Revenue Key Plate stamp design; vertical lettering changed from POSTAGE-REVENUE to POSTAGE-POSTAGE.



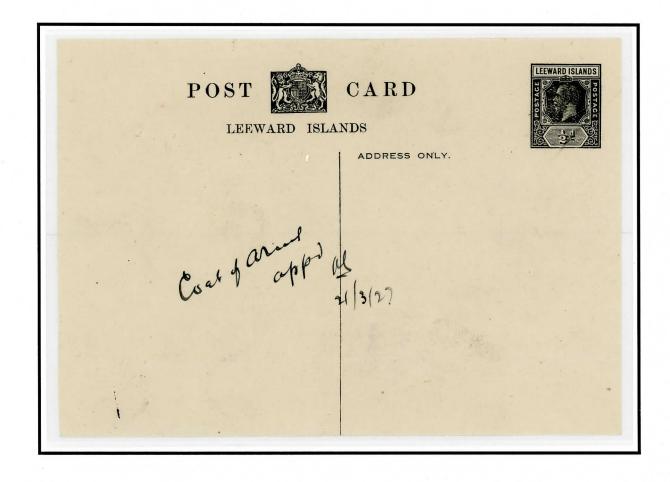
Duties used for cards, wrappers, envelopes and registered envelopes.

De La Rue Archive Proof

Imprint of ½d KG5 card on thin wove paper.

Endorsements: Coat of Arms app'd 21/3/27.

The Arms design is unchanged in production cards but the **ADDRESS ONLY.** has a stop not in the issued card design.



Domestic Rate Cards Issued July 1927



Year	Size	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1927	С	5¾ x 4¼	150 x 108	½d	3	5032
1927	С	5¾ x 4¼	150 x 108	1d	1	2040
1927	С	5¾ x 4¼	150 x 108	1½d	1	2004

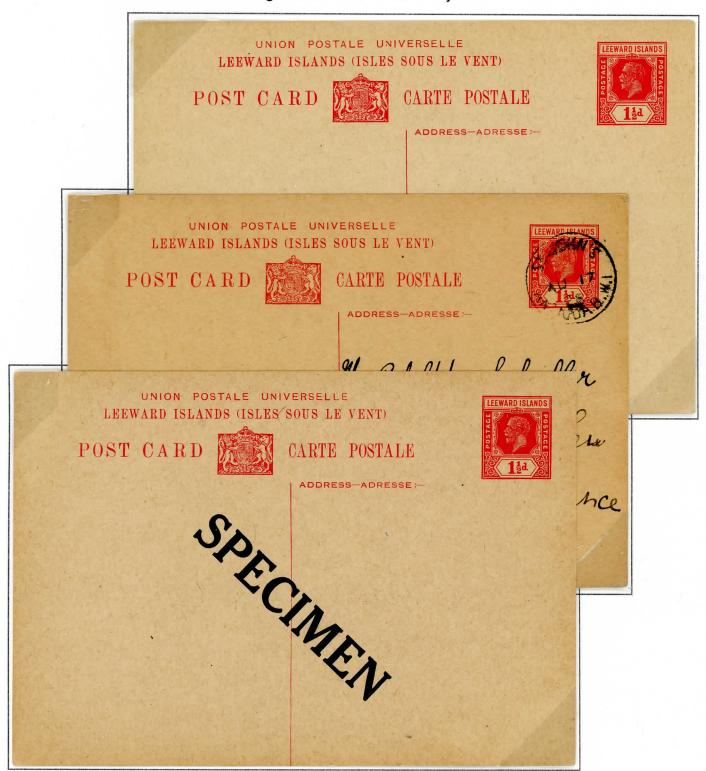
Empire Rate Cards Issued July 1927



414 Specimens supplied for UPU distribution.

Total SPECIMEN printings always included 5 retained for the GPO.

Foreign Rate Cards Issued July 1927



414 Specimens supplied for UPU distribution.

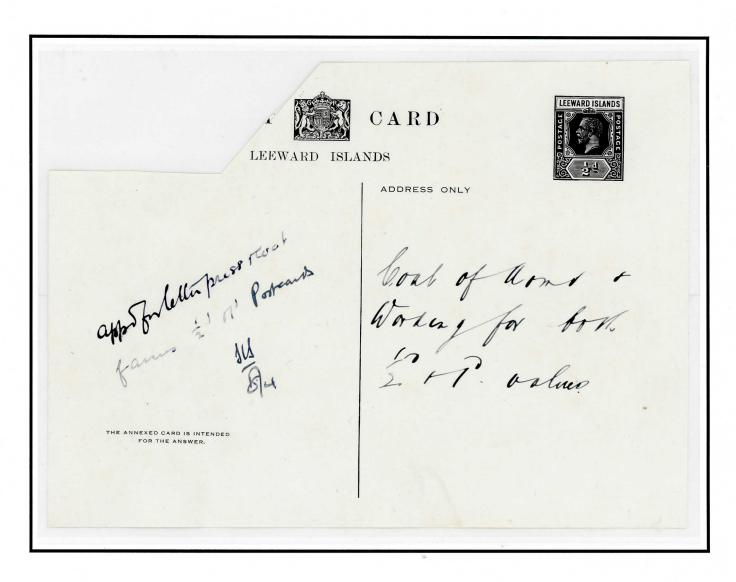
Dimensions: 64 mm x 9.5 mm.

De La Rue Archive Proof

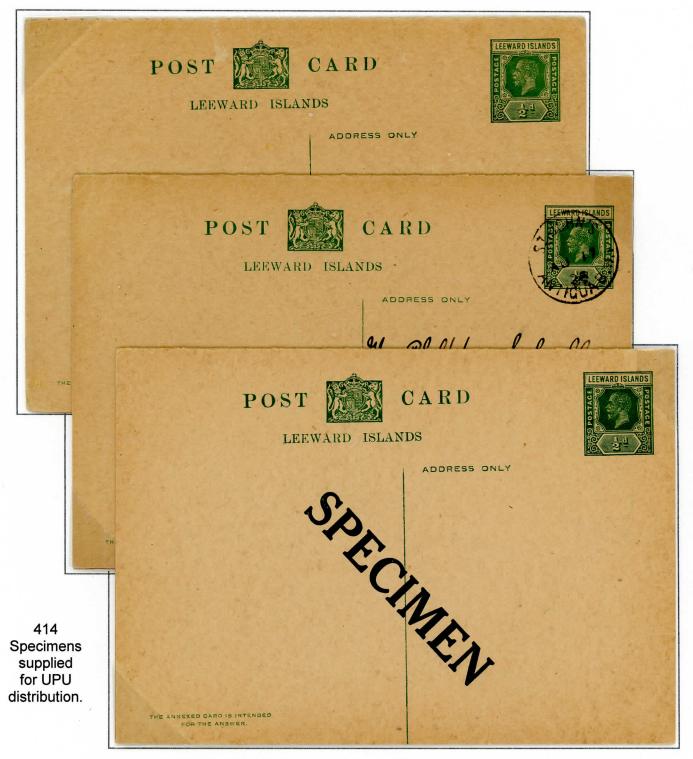
Imprint of 1/2d KG5 reply card on thin chalk surface paper.

Endorsements:

App'd for letter press & Coat of Arms ½d 1d postcards, Coat of Arms & wording for both ½d & 1d values.

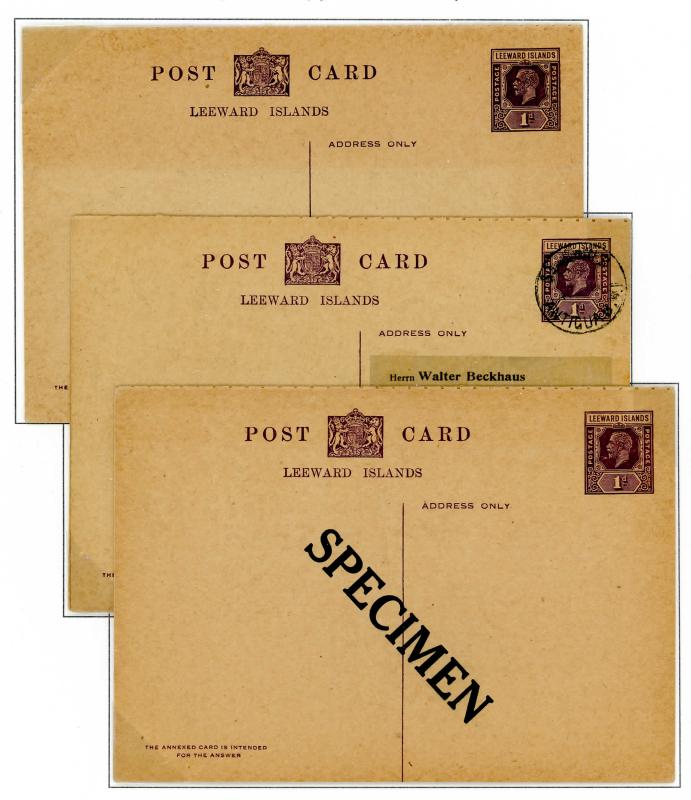


Domestic Rate Reply Cards Issued July



Year	Size	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1927	С	5¾ x 4¼	150 x 108	½d	1	1002
1927	С	5¾ x 4¼	150 x 108	1d	1	1002
1927	С	5¾ x 4¼	150 x 108	1½d	1	1002

Empire Rate Reply Cards Issued July 1927



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Dimensions: 64 mm x 9.5 mm.

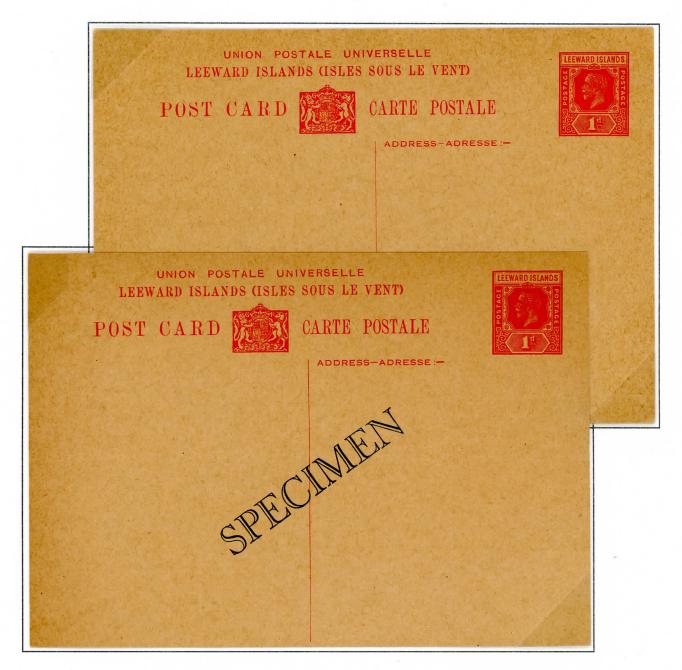
Foreign Rate Reply Cards Issued July 1927



414 Specimens supplied for UPU distribution.

Foreign Rate Cards

Issued May 1931

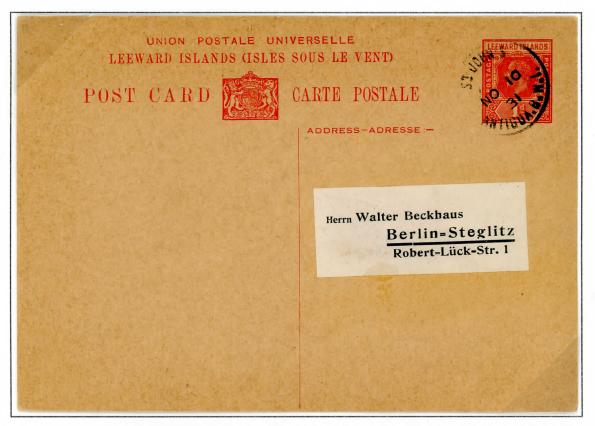


Year	Size	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1931	С	5¾ x 4¼	150 x 108	1d	4	6396

406 Specimens supplied for UPU distribution.

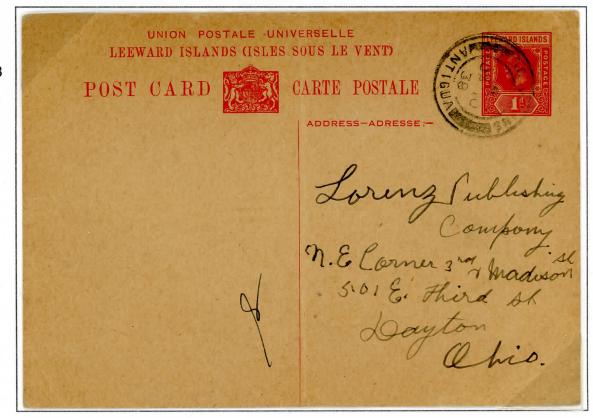
Dimensions: 56 mm x 8 mm.

Foreign Rate Cards Issued May 1931



10 Nov 31 St Johns, Antigua To Berlin, Germany

10 Jan 38 St Johns, Antigua to Ohio USA.



Wrappers Issued Aug 1913

Rates for newspapers and other printed matter:

Aug 1909	oz.	Fee
Within Colony: Newspapers Other	4	1⁄₄d 1∕₂d
Empire	2	1⁄₂d
Foreign	2	½d

This Wrapper may only be used for Newspapers or for such documents as are allowed to be sent at the Book-rate of postage, and must not enclose any letter or communication of the nature of a letter (whether separate or otherwise). If this rule be infringed, the packet will be charged as a letter.



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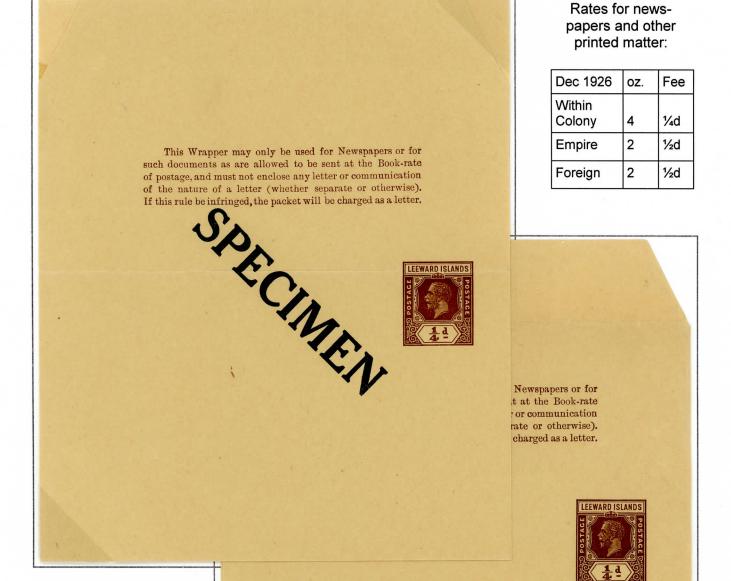


13 April 34 St. Kitts To USA

Year	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1913	5 x 12	127 x 305	½d	5	28,879

Less than 5 used wrappers presently known to exhibitor.

Wrappers Issued Feb 1927



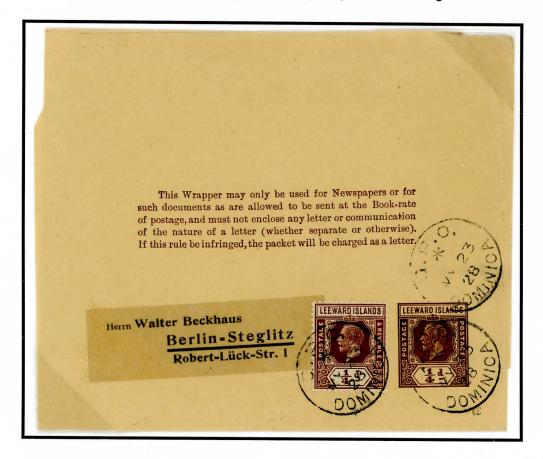
Year	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1927	5 x 12	127 x 305	1⁄4d	1	25,440

414 Specimens supplied for UPU distribution; dimensions: 64 mm x 9.5 mm.

Wrapper Issued Feb 1927

Dominica to Berlin, Germany

23 May 28 Single in-Colony rate wrapper up-rated to foreign rate.

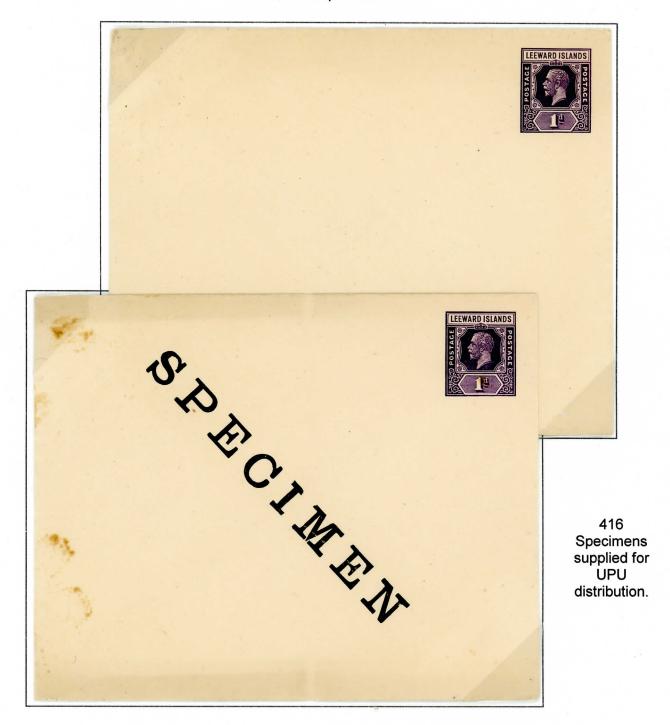


Foreign rate printed matter: 2 oz. or fraction - 1/2d.

Less than 5 used wrappers presently known to exhibitor.

Domestic Rate Envelopes

Issued April 1927



Year	Size	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Paper	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1927	9½	51/4 x 41/4	133 x 108	1d	cream	1	5,000
1927	9½	5¼ x 4¼	133 x 108	1½d	cream	2	10,000

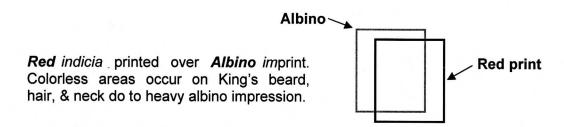
Empire Rate Envelopes Issued April 1927



SPECIMEN dimensions: 93 mm x 9 mm.

Empire Rate Envelope

Double Impression





Three double impressions presently known to exhibitor.

Empire Rate Envelopes

Single rate letters to USA, 11/2d per oz.; registration 3d.

10 Aug 27
From
St Johns,
Antigua.
B/S
NEW YORK,
8 Aug 27
CHICAGO
10 Aug 27.



Harry E. Huber & 5913 Reppey Street East Libra, Station Pitts burgh FEB 12 1929 Poma US.a. 28 Jan 29
From
Barbuda
To
Pittsburgh.

Empire Rate Envelope

Dominica to Berlin, Germany

23 May 28 11/2d envelope up-rated to single foreign rate letter.



1926 foreign rate: 21/2d per oz. or fraction.

Domestic Rate Envelopes

Issued Sept 1928



9 Aug 30 From St Johns, Antigua to Chicago.

Envelope uprated to single USA letter rate of 1½d per oz.

Year	Size	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Paper	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1928	91/2	5¼ x 4¼	133 x 108	1d	cream	1	5,000
1928	91/2	51/4 x 41/4	133 x 108	1½d	cream	3	36,475

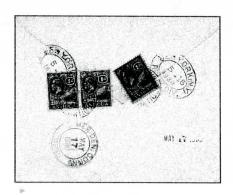
Domestic Rate Envelope

St. Johns, Antigua to USA

5 May 30 Single USA rate airmail letter.



Jan 1930 USA air fee, per ½ oz. 11d
USA surface rate, 1½d per oz. 1½d
Registration 3d
Total 1s 3½d



Reverse

Empire Rate Envelope Issued Sept 1928

De La Rue Envelope indicia proof.

Manuscript: Appd for Color 20/7



Envelope is not accurately folded; all flaps are ungummed.

Empire Rate Envelope Issued Sept 1928

420 Specimens supplied for UPU distribution.



SPECIMEN dimensions: 56 mm x 8 mm.

Domestic Rate Envelopes

Single USA rate letters; 1½d per oz.; registration 3d. Both envelopes scissor trimmed to open.

9 June 30 West End. Tortola, BVI Coma Wash. to Tacoma. Very uncommon cancel. U.S. America ANTIGUA 25 Nov 29 From St Johns. Antigua to Chicago. bhicago 8
li.S. a. B/S **NEW YORK** 5 Dec 29, **CHICAGO** 7 Dec 29.

Bottom trimmed.

Empire Rate Envelope Issued Sept 1928

Plymouth, Montserrat to England

8 Oct 35 Single Empire rate letter; 11/2d per oz.



Empire Rate Envelope

Montserrat to Canada

4 Aug 30 Single Empire rate airmail letter; forwarded by sea to Antigua, then onward by air to Montreal via Miami and New York.



Empire surface rate per oz.

Jan 30 airmail fee per ½ oz. 1s 2d

11/2d

Total 1s 3½d

Backstamped arrival: MONTREAL 9 Aug 1930.

Empire Rate Envelope

St Johns, Antigua to USA.

7 April 30 Single USA rate airmail letter.



USA surface rate per oz. 1½d Jan 30 airmail fee per ½ oz. 11d

Total 1s 0½d

Violet boxed Antigua slogan recorded in use 1928-35.

Domestic Rate Envelopes

Issued April 1929



Year	Size	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Paper	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1929	9½	5¼ x 4¼	133 x 108	1d	Thin grayish opaque; violet-blue inside. **	3	30,700

^{**} First method to lighten envelopes for airmail use.

Domestic Rate Envelope Issued April 1929

St Johns, Antigua to Berlin, Germany

4 July 29 Envelope up-rated to single foreign rate letter.



Foreign rate letter 2½ per oz.

Empire Rate Envelope Issued April 1934

St Johns, Antigua to USA.

3 July 34 Single USA rate airmail letter.



USA surface rate per oz.

21/2d

Jan 30 airmail fee per ½ oz.

1s 0d

Total

1s 21/2d

Year	Size	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Paper	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1934	G	6 x 3½	150 x 90	1½d	Thin opaque gray; gray mesh network underprint.	1	5,350

Early discovery piece. Ref.: Larsen, P.A., Leeward Information Wanted, *British Caribbean Philatelic Journal*, October 1970.

Less than 5 examples presently known to exhibitor.

King George V Registered Envelope Embossed Indicia Essay

Thomas De La Rue & Co. Issue of 1913

Essay is composed of a vermillion 2d 1902 King Edward VII embossed indicia with center excised and replaced with photographic head of King George V set in and colored by hand.



Essay dated 29 Nov 1912; first production G & H2 size envelopes issued May 1913.

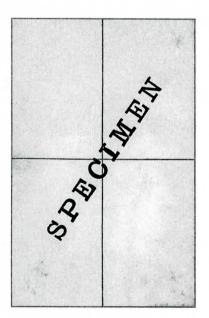
Size G Envelope Issued May 1913



399 size G envelopes overprinted SPECIMEN for UPU distribution. Only Size G were provided.

Additional lettering under flap:
Thos. De La Rue & Co. Ltd. Patent.

Reverse
SPECIMEN overprint
93 mm x 9 mm



Registered Envelope Summary

Year	Size	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1913	G	6 x3¾	152 x 95	2d	4	2,497
1913	H2	9 x 4	229 x 102	2d	4	2,454
1922	F	51/4 x 31/4	133 x 82	2d	1	307

Size G Envelopes Issued May 1913

17 Feb 21 **Very Uncommon**. Single inland rate letter, Road Town, Tortola, BVI to Antigua via St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. No War Tax required on inland letters. **Extremely few registered inland letters have survived.**



Inland letter rate per oz. 1d Registration 2d

3d

Total

Backstamped: CHARLETTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS 18 Feb 21 ST. JOHN'S ANTIGUA 1 Mar 21.

4 Mar 21 Registered double Empire rate letter, Tortola, BVI to London.

Letter rate 1d per oz. X 2 2d Registration 2d War tax 1d Over paid ½d Total 5½d

Backstamped: St. Thomas

3 May 21 New York, NY 22 Mar 21.



Size G Envelopes

Issued May 1913

20 Mar 24 Registered single Empire rate letter, St. Kitts to England.



1922 Letter rate per oz. 2d Registration 3d Insurance £12 5d Over paid 1d Total 11d

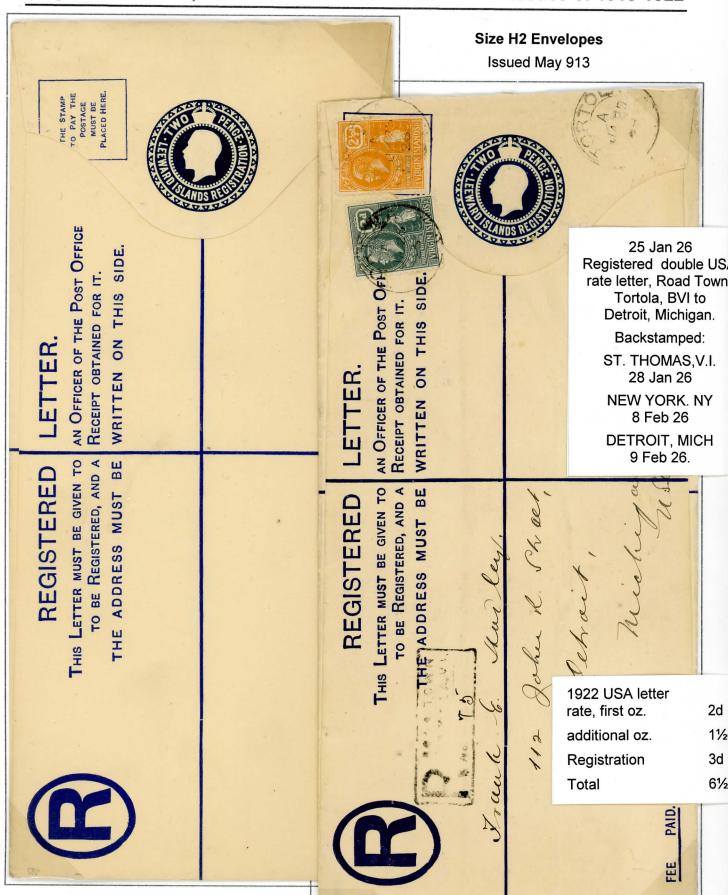
Backstamps: None.

9 Jun 22 Registered single foreign rate letter, Tortola, BVI to Württemberg, Germany.

1922 Letter rate per oz. 3d
Registration 3d
Over paid ½d
Total 6½d

Backstamped: ST. THOMAS, V.I. 13 Jun 25 NEW YORK, NY 23 Jun 25 WÜRTT. 2 Jul 25.







Size H2 Envelope

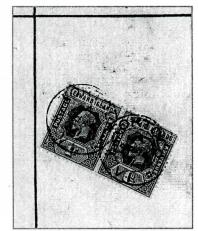
Issued May 1913

14 Jun 21
Registered 4 x USA
rate letter, Road Town,
Tortola, BVI to
New York City.
Backstamped:
ST. THOMAS,V.I.

17 Jun 21 NEW YORK. NY 25 Jun 21.

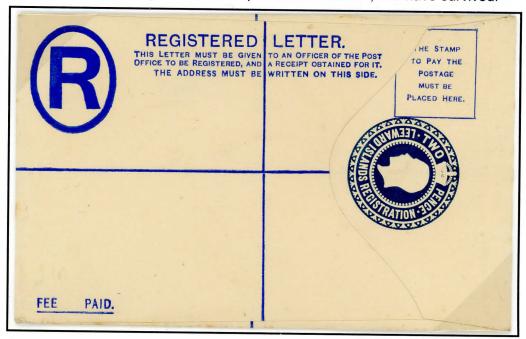
1915 USA rate, first oz. 1d 3 additional oz. 3d Registration 2d War Tax 1d Total 7d

Franking on reverse.



Issued July 1922

The entire printing of 307 envelopes sent to the BVI; few have survived.



20 Feb 23 Registered single foreign rate letter Tortola, BVI to Switzerland.



1922 letter rate 3d per oz.; registration 3d. B/S: SAINT THOMAS, V.I. 22 Dec 23; NEW YORK, NY 31 Dec 23; ZIHLSCHALACHT 15 Jan 24.

Size F Envelopes Issued July 1922

1926 USA & Empire letter rates: 1st oz. 11/2d, additional oz. 1d; registration 3d.

13 May 26 Registered double USA rate letter Road Town, BVI to New York City.



Backstamped: SAINT THOMAS, V.I. 17 May 26.

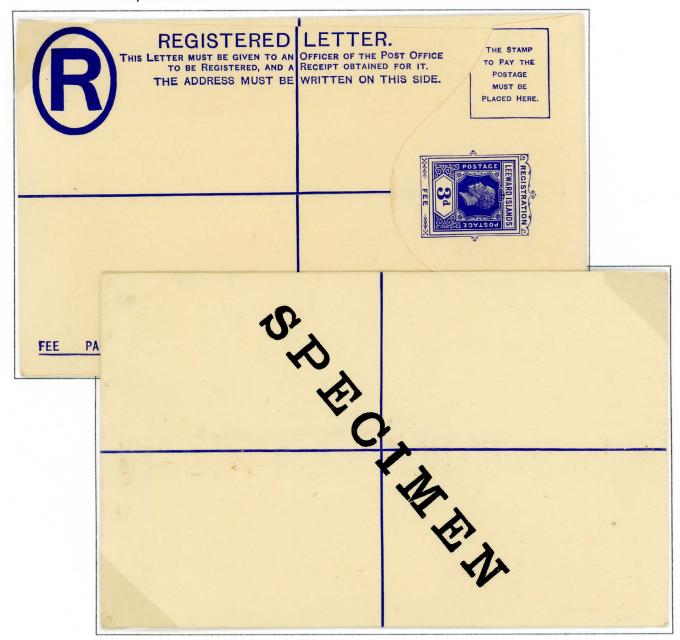
13 Sept 26 Single Empire rate letter Road Town, Tortola, BVI to Demerara, British Guiana via U.S. Virgin Islands and New York City.



Backstamped: ST. THOMAS, V.I. 14 Sept 26, NEW YORK, NY 27 Sept 26; REGISTRATION, GPO (Georgetown, B.G.) 11 Oct 26.

Issued Feb 1927

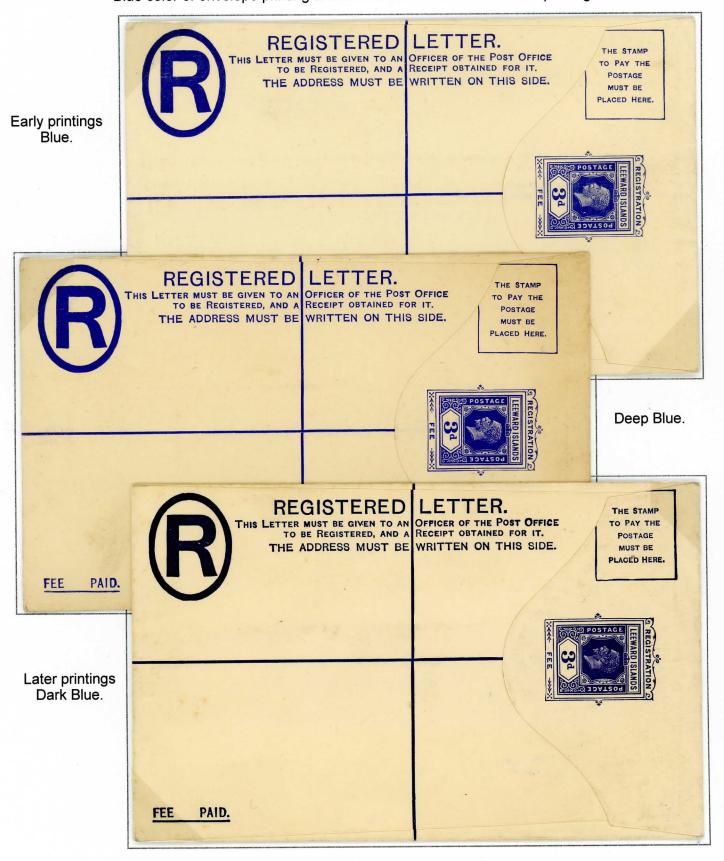
416 overprinted with 93 mm x 9 mm **SPECIMEN** on reverse for UPU distribution.



Registered Envelope Summary

Year	Size	Inches	Millimeters	Duty	Ptgs	No. Ptd
1927	G	6 x3¾	152 x 95	3d	9	10,706
1927	H2	9 x 4	229 x 102	3d	4	6,950
1929	F	51/4 x 31/4	133 x 82	3d	6	4,750
1929	К	11½ x 6	292 x 152	3d	3	1,131

Blue color of envelope printing and indicia becomes darker in later printings.



Issued Feb 1927

29 May 28 Very uncommon destination. Registered double Empire rate letter, BVI to New Zealand.



1926 Letter rate per oz. 1½d Additional oz. 1d Registration 3d Total 5½d

Backstamped: ST. THOMAS, V.I. 5 Jun 28 NEW YORK, FOREIGN 11 Jun 28.

5 Sep 29 Registered single Empire rate letter, Road Town, BVI to Canada.

1926 Letter rate per oz. 1½d

Registration 3d

Total 4½d

Backstamped:

ST. THOMAS, V.I. 7 Sep 29

NEW YORK, NY 12 Sep 29

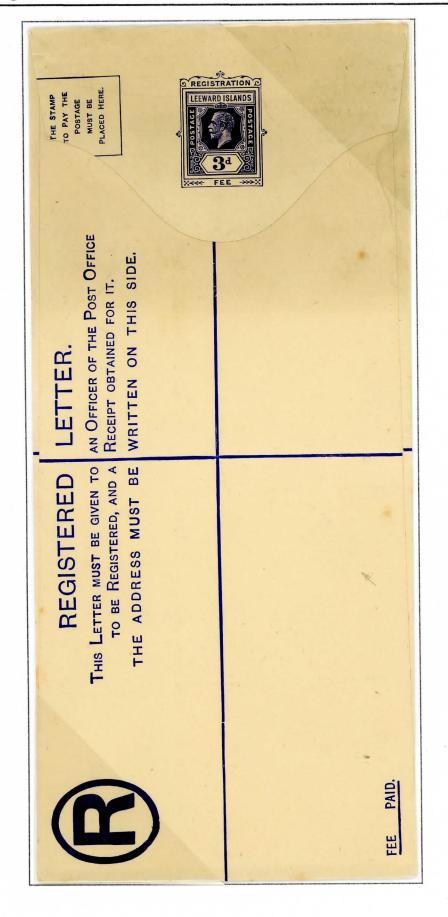
PT. ROWAN & HAMILTON R.P.O. 13 Sep 29

SIMCOE, ONT 13 Sep 29.



Single rate letters, Dominica to USA. Registration 3d; letter rates per oz.: 1926 11/2d; 1931 21/2d.





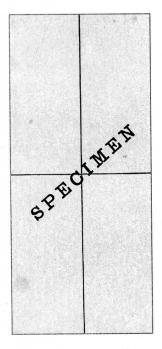
Size H2 Envelope

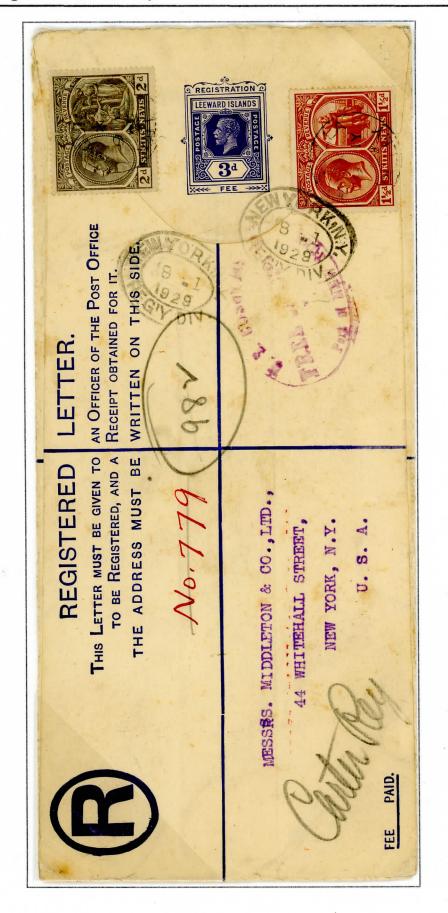
Issued Feb 1927

416 Size H2 envelopes overprinted SPECIMEN for UPU distribution.

Only Sizes G and H2 were provided to UPU.

Reverse
SPECIMEN overprint
93 mm x 9 mm.





Size H2 Envelope Issued Feb 1927

> 25 Jan 26 Registered double USA rate letter, Valley, Anguilla to New York, NY.

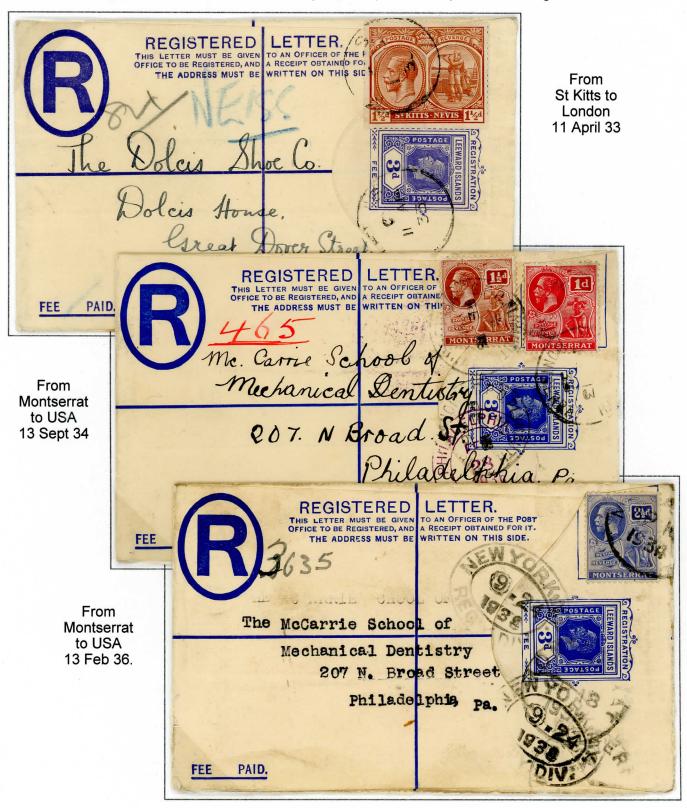
1926 USA rate, first oz. 1½d
Additional oz. 1d x 2 2d
Registration 3d
Total 6½d

Presidential stationery had been in concurrent use with Federal stationery since 1901-1903.

Presidential stationery was abolished by Stamps Order (No. 15) of 1928.

Issued April 1929

Single rate registered letters. Reg 3d; rate per oz.: Empire 11/2d, foreign 21/2d.



THE STAMP
TO PAY
THE POSTAGE
MUST BE
PLACED HERE.



LETTER.

AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE RECEIPT OBTAINED FOR IT.
WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Issues of 1927-1929

Size K Envelope

Issued April 1929

Despite three printings totaling just over 1100 pieces, zero used and less than 5 unused examples are presently known to exhibitor (in over 30 years).

THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO TO BE REGISTERED, AND A THE ADDRESS MUST BE

