

# The Stefan Heijtz, FRPSL, International Large Gold Medal Collection of Saint Helena Postal History, Part Two

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## Early Mail

- 1 ☒ THE EARLIEST KNOWN LETTER FROM SAINT HELENA, 1677 (ca.) despatch to the East India Company in London from Capt. Gregory Field, William Rutter and John Greentree, endorsed "*The Governor's Attestation to be/presented to the Company*" and providing an account of the conduct of Capt. Anthony Beale with mention of astronomer Edmund Halley, without postal markings having been carried by a Company vessel.  
  
*Settlement of Saint Helena had begun in 1659. Gregory Field had been appointed Governor on Dec. 19 1673 but was dismissed during the first half of 1678 due to his "proneness to excess in drinking". The controversial figure of Anthony Beale against whom accusations had been made, had served as Governor before the forcible occupation by the Dutch East India Company during the early months of 1673. At this time he held the positions of Deputy Governor, Captain of one of the two occupying companies of Foot and Husband of Stores. He is reported to have died in 1685 "poisoned by his black servant" (Derrick). William Rutter was one of the leaders of the 1684 Mutiny and was subsequently executed in Nov. 1685. Edmund Halley (of Halley's Comet renown) arrived on the island in Feb. 1677 and set up an Observatory to study stars visible from the Southern Hemisphere, departing in early 1678. Ex Willcocks. Photo. £2,000-£3,000*
- 2 ☒ THE EARLIEST KNOWN LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES, 1774 large part ship letter wrapper addressed to Dr. Samuel Johnson in Stratford, Connecticut, endorsed "*p. Cap. Miller/QDC*" with annotation "*Geo'e Livins Esq./St. Helena Ap. 21 1774*", showing "NEW YORK" straight line and "3/SE" Bishopmark, rated "1/7" amended to "2/1". *Early American statesman William Samuel Johnson (1727-1819) represented Connecticut in the United States Senate, was a signatory to the United States Constitution and had lived in London from 1767 to 1771 in pursuit of the colony's attempt to settle its title to Indian lands. Photo. £1,200-£1,500*
- 3 ☒ 1794 ship letter from the noted 'Crichton' correspondence, headed "*St. Helena April 12th 1794*", addressed to his mother in Scotland by physician and merchant James Crichton (1765-1823), endorsed "*pr/Paquet/Q.D.C.*" and sent via the U.S.A. by "*an opportunity of an American ship bound to Rhode Island*", this being by the whaler *Mary* that departed on Apr. 14, showing handstruck "LONDON/SHIP LRE" and duly charged "1/7" being the 1s. packet rate from the U.S.A. added to 7d. inland rate from London to Dumfries. Ex James Crichton find. Photo. £1,200-£1,500
- 4 ☒ 1804 entire addressed to a clockmaker in the Cape of Good Hope during the brief period at the Batavian Republic (1803-06), annotated "*St. Helena/4 januari 1804*", carried on the *Castle Eden* which departed that day bound for London and charged on arrival "VOC/6St", 6 stuivers being the equivalent of 6d., an absolutely exceptional. item Photo. £2,000-£2,500
- 5 ☒ 1810, rare item of early local mail between ships, addressed by Dr. Lamb of H.C.S. *Penang* to fellow surgeon Dr. Robert Wilson on the *Earl Howe* by fellow doctor Lamb with endorsement, carried by rowing boat and without postal markings. Photo. £1,200-£1,500

**The First Post Office 1815-21**

- 6 ☒ Packet Mail, double rate entire headed "*St. Helena 23rd May 1816*" from the Dunlop' correspondence, written by Lt. George Dunlop to his father in Scotland, showing crowned "INDIA PACKET LETTER/22JY22/1816/G.P.O./LONDON", boxed "Addl./½" and Glasgow transit datestamp, rated "9/4" at twice 3s.6d. packet rate, 1s.2d. inland rate and ½d. cross-border toll. A most interesting letter reporting that "*Napoleon is quite well and to all appearance bears his fate and exile very well. He has everything he can wish for (that money will provide) except his liberty. Surgeon George Dunlop had arrived with the 2nd Battalion of 66th Foot Regiment in Saint Helena in 1816 as part of the guard for Napoleon and left the island in Sept. 1819. The packet service had been introduced on July 11 1815 as a fast, relatively secure, but also expensive means of communication with Britain. The Packet service was suspended on 12 July 1819.* Ex Art Groten and George Montrose. Photo. **£600-£800**
- 7 ☒ 1817 ship letter from merchant/agent Philip Ammidon (1778-1837) to his company Messrs. Brown & Ives in Providence, Rhode Island, headed "*On board ship O'Cain, April 9th 1817/in sight of St. Helena*" with postscript added on arrival in Falmouth on June 7 with red straight line "FALMOUTH", rated "*Pd 1/3*", the packet rate to U.S.A. and "*18½*" being the 12½c. inland rate added to 6c. ship rate), arriving on Aug. 15. Photo. **£600-£800**
- 8 ☒ 1819, outer sheet of double rate ship letter to London endorsed "*St. Helena - 17th June 1819*"; showing framed "SHIP LETTER/DEAL" and charged "*2/8*" representing double the 8d. ship rate to England and 8d. inland rate from Deal to London. Ex Art Groten and George Montrose. Photo. **£500-£600**
- 9 ☒ Inland official mail, letter with red wax seal carried by messenger headed "*St. Helena 27th August 1819*" and addressed "*On His Majestys Service/To/Dr. Verling/Longwood*" and endorsed from "*G. Nicholls/Dy. Judge Advocate*". *The letter formally requests Verling's attendance at the court martial on H.M.S. Conqueror of surgeon John Stokoe (1775-1852) who had attended Napoleon on five occasions between Jan. 17 and Jan. 21 1819, diagnosing a chronic infection of the liver. Stokoe had refused the instructions of Governor Sir Hudson Lowe to spy on the former emperor and was accused of several breaches of conduct in dealing with the French party. As a result of the court martial Stokoe was dismissed from the Navy having been convicted, among other charges, of having communicated to Napoleon that he heard from Napoleon's former doctor, Barry O'Meara (earlier dismissed by Lowe) that the Governor had encouraged O'Meara to "put an end to the existence of General Bonaparte". Capt. George Nicholls (1781-1865) of the 66th Regiment, a veteran of the Peninsular War, served as Orderly Officer at Longwood from Sept. 5 1818 to to Feb. 9 1820 as well as fulfilling the role of Deputy Judge Advocate.. Dr. James Roche Verling (1787-1858), a fellow veteran, had sailed to the island as a fellow passenger in the "Northumberland" with Napoleon and resided at Longwood from Aug. 1818 to provide medical assistance if required. However Napoleon, enraged at Stokoe's treatment, refused the future services of any British doctor until Apr. 1821, a few weeks before his death. The competence of the Corsican doctor, François Antommarchi, who had been engaged in the meantime, was regularly questioned, not least by Napoleon himself.* Photo. **£600-£800**
- 10 ☒ **THE "ST. HELENA/PACKET-LETTER" MARKING, 1820 (Mar. 2) entire to George Hodson at the Missionary Rooms in London, written by midshipman John Harper on Feb. 25 earnestly appealing for £1 worth of religious tracts to be sent to the schoolmaster, Mr. Daniel on the island, a fine strike of the mark with straight line "SHIP LETTER" alongside, charged at "1/6" (being 8d. ship rate + 10d. inland rate), carried on the *Lord Wellington* departing this day and with ms. receiving note of May 3. John Harper (1800-1862) later fulfilled his obvious destiny, becoming a schoolmaster and 'assistant missionary' in New South Wales. An exceptional and unique item, the only known Packet Letter strike after suspension of the service in 1819. Only fourteen letters are known with the rare first marking, most of the other examples being from the 'Dunlop' correspondence.** Ex Art Groten. Photo. **£2,500-£3,000**

**Isolation 1822-38**

- 11 ☒ 1830 'bootleg' entire to Guernsey privately carried to London before entry into the postal system with blue "C.H./28AU1830/X" in M.C. despatch, charged "*1/1*" for 10d. carriage to Weymouth and 3d. onward to Guernsey, headed "*HMS Ariadne St. Helena/June 29th 1830*". *Written to his parents by Capt. Durell de Sausmarez (1786-1859) with interesting mentions of his celebrated relative, retired Admiral James Saumarez, 1st Baron de Saumarez (second-in-command to Lord Nelson at the Battle of the Nile in 1798), of the intended carriage of the letter on the Indiaman "Buckinghamshire" and of the recent violent plundering by pirates of the "St. Helena" packet.* Photo. **£500-£600**
- 12 ☒ 1832, unusual re-used entire first sent from the island to Peckham, Surrey headed "*St. Helena 20th April 1832*" and charged "*1/3*" (4d. India Letter rate + 11d. inland charge) with framed Kingsbridge Ship Letter mark deleted and replaced by "INDIA LETTER/KINGSBRIDGE", the item subsequently readdressed on June 1 again to Peckham from Windsor charged "*6*"(d.). Ex Art Groten and George Montrose. Photo. **£800-£1,000**

- 13 ☒ Ship letter headed "*St Helena/6th Nov 1835*", an interesting account of the current state of affairs on the island addressed to Gen. Sir John Doveton in Madras by Brig. Gen. Charles Dallas, showing crowned oval "GENERAL POST OFFICE/DE 17/1835/CAPE OF GOOD HOPE" and rated "A4" (4 annas being 2a. ship rate + 2a. inland rate) with Madras Ship Letter Feb. 19 1836 receiving backstamp. *John Doveton (1783-1857) was born on St Helena and had served as aide-de-camp to Richard Wellesley when Governor-General of India. Charles Dallas (1767-1855) became Colonel of the St. Helena Regiment of Infantry in 1827 and served as the last East India Co. Governor of the island from Dec. 5 1827 until the takeover by the Crown on Apr. 22 1834, continuing thereafter until Feb. 24 1836 pending the arrival of the first Crown Governor. During his time in office he proposed the building of Jacob's Ladder, which was completed in Jan. 1830 and moved the entrance gate of the town to its present position. In 1832 the Dallas family had moved from Plantation House to Longwood New House due to the smell from the drains and occurrences of typhoid.* Ex Art Groten. Photo. **£500-£600**
- 14 ☒ Ship letter to London headed "*St. Helena/7th June 1837*"; charged "8" and showing large unframed "SHIP LETTER/(crown)/10AU10/1837/LONDON" in red on reverse. Written by Thomas Thorn to his cousin with news from the island, "*the Lascars have had a fine feast since you have been away, they carried their church up and down the street from eight o'clock to eleven*". Ex Art Groten and George Montrose. Photo. **£500-£600**
- 15 ☒ **Transit mail, 1838 ship letter to Boston, Mass. endorsed "*p. Jame(s) Perkins/via St. Hellena*"; the letter originating from Manila, Philippines on Aug. 12 and re-despatched from the island, showing curved framed "SHIP/6" receiving charge in red. The letter sent to his wife Julia "*by a first sailing ship that sails soon after us. She may get home before us*," by Capt. Daniel T. Lothrop of the ship *Ariosto*.** Ex Art Groten and George Montrose. Photo. **£1,200-£1,500**
- 16 ☒ India Letter rate, 1838 transit letter to London endorsed "*p Munster Lass/St. Helena/Decr. 13/1838*" sent from Cape Town by missionary and philosopher Rev. Henry Calderwood on Dec. 12 and re-despatched from the island charged "1/-" (4d. India Letter rate + 8d. inland rate from Dover to London) with framed "DOVER/INDIA LETTER" in red and ms. receiving note of Mar. 6 1839 on reverse. Photo. **£500-£600**

### **Re-establishment of the Post Office 1839-55**

- 17 ☒ 1840 (Apr. 21) entire to Batavia, Dutch East Indies, via the Cape with a fine strike of crowned oval "GENERAL POST OFFICE/MY 13/1840/CAPE OF GOOD HOPE" and rated "60" in ms., written and signed by Saul Solomon. *Saul Solomon (1776-1852) born in Canterbury, Kent, sailed for India but fell dangerously ill during the voyage and was put ashore on Saint Helena where he recovered and subsequently established a merchant business empire that dominated commercial life on St Helena for more than two centuries.* Photo. **£500-£600**
- 18 ☒ **Post Office Fee, 1840 ship letter to Canada headed "*Longwood/October 19th 1840*"; showing ms. "*3½*" in red, this being the prepaid fee on outgoing mail at 3½d. rate (increased from 3d. when the post office was reopened in 1839), endorsed "*St. Helena prepaid/to England*"; charged "*1/4*" amended to "*4/4*" with straight line "SHIP LETTER" and London Dec. 11 transit on reverse, ms. receiving note of Feb. 1. The fascinating letter, addressed to Lt. Charles J.B. Riddell at the Magnetic Observatory in Toronto by Lt. John H. Lefroy, concerns scientific observations, part of a British study of terrestrial magnetism, with references to a proposed expedition by Enderby to search for "*the land D'Urville professes to have discovered*" (Antarctica?), and a first hand account of the exhumation of Napoleon's body. *Observatories in Canada and Tasmania were selected as approximate to the points of the greatest intensity of magnetic force in both hemispheres and Saint Helena as approximate to the point of least intensity. Riddell (1817-1903) and Lefroy (1817-1890) had left England for their postings in the autumn of 1839, Riddell to establish the Canadian observatory (his first choice of Montreal was overruled) and Lefroy travelling to Saint Helena with the ships of the Ross Expedition to become the first director of the Longwood observatory. In 1842 Lefroy transferred to Toronto, remaining in Canada and carrying out advanced field studies until 1853. He later became Governor of Bermuda and Administrator of Tasmania. Riddell returned to England in 1841 for health reasons but continued his work, serving later with distinction in the Crimea and India.* Photo. **£1,200-£1,500****
- 19 ☒ 1844 (June 8) ship letter to France headed "*Ste. Hélène le 8 juin*", charged "11" (décimes) being the French 1f.10c. ship rate + inland rate with Nantes Outre-Mer July 26 transit in red, Bordeaux and Marseille backstamps. Ex Art Groten and George Montrose. Photo. **£600-£800**

20 ☒ **Original and Duplicate Letters, 1845 (Dec. 8) 'original' and 'duplicate' letters from Saint Helena to Calcutta via the U.S. commercial agent in Mauritius, matching messages sent separately to improve the chances of safe delivery, the former endorsed "p. Rustomjee Cowasjee", the latter "p. Nankin", both rated 4a.6p. with Mauritius P.O. transit in red (Jan. 24 and Jan. 20 respectively), and Calcutta Ship Letter arrivals of Mar. 14 and Apr. 4 respectively. The rarest of pairings, almost never encountered. The 'original' ex Art Groten. Photo.**  
£1,500-£2,000

21 ☒ 1846 entire to the U.S.A. written to her parents by Baptist missionary's wife Sarah Maria Willsey Thomas (1814-1849) returning from Burma, the letter carried by private ship "*This goes by a Whaling Vessel direct*" showing red straight line "SHIP" and Edgartown, Mass. Sep. 21 (amended in ms.) receiving c.d.s., ms. charge "7"(cents), comprising the 2c. ship rate + 5c. inland rate to Willseyville, N.Y. Ex Art Groten and George Montrose. Photo.  
£400-£500

22 ☒ Bulk mail posted in London, 1855 circular from Solomon & Moss headed "*St. Helena 29th June 1855*" sent under cover and sent on arrival to a local address with "Limehouse" straight line, franked G.B. 1d. star (crossed by fold). Ex Art Groten and George Montrose. Photo.  
£600-£800

### 1859 – 1870, Use of the Oval Datestamp and other Stampless Mail

23 ☒ 1859 (Jan. 4) unpaid ship letter to Bath, Maine, U.S.A. from agents Carrol & Kimball regarding supplies to whaling vessels, headed "*St. Helena/4th January 1859*"; showing Boston, Mass. receiving c.d.s. of Feb. 26, straight line "SHIP" and charged handstruck "5", being the 2c. ship rate added to the 3c. inland rate. *There being no direct service to the U.S.A., packet mail had to be routed via England and it was usually preferred at this time to send letter as ship mail on private vessels.* Ex Art Groten and George Montrose Photo.  
£400-£500

24 ☒ 1859 (Mar. 28) envelope from the 'Goodman' correspondence to London addressed and signed at lower left by S.J. Pritchard, 2nd Officer in the Customs Department from 1852, with oval despatch datestamp and London Paid May 1 arrival, both in red, charged 6d. with "5"(d.) marked for England's share. *Prepayment of postage had been made compulsory in Oct. 1858 but pre-payment by postage stamps was not demanded until July 1863.* Ex Art Groten and George Montrose Photo.  
£600-£800

25 ☒ **Soldier's Concessionary Rate, entire letter written by Gnr. T. Dawson, D Company, 3rd Battalion, Madras Artillery to his parents in Glasgow during his return passage, headed "Ship "Windsor Castle"/off St. Helena Island/26th February 1860" with light St. Helena oval despatch datestamp in red on reverse, countersigned by commanding officer "commanding detachments proceeding to England" and charged "1"(d.), carried on the mail steamer *Norman* with "PAID/DEVONPORT/CAPE PACKET/AP 30" (month error) and red London Apr. 2 transit and same day arrival c.d.s's, a little stained. Ex Sattin. Photo.**  
£1,500-£2,000

26 ☒ 1861 (June 4) Paid packet letter wrapper to Spain via London charged a total of 1s.10d. with "10"(d.) marked for England's share, showing St. Helena oval datestamp, July 31 London Paid transit and "PD" in circle in red, framed "FRANCO" and Cadiz arrival of Aug. 5 in blue Photo.  
£600-£800

27 ☒ 1862 (Apr. 19) paid entire to Marseille headed "*Ste Hélène le 19 avril 1862*", charged at ½oz. rate to France, ms. "1/2" representing double 8d. per ¼oz., with transit c.d.s's incl. London May 21 in red. *Charges to France were complicated by the French rates being calculated per 7½g. (approx. ¼oz.) rather than ½oz.* Photo.  
£500-£600

28 ☒ 1862 (July 30) paid ship letter wrapper to Amsterdam "*per Royal mail steamer/"Cambria" via England*" with indistinct oval despatch datestamp in red, charged 1s.10d. with "8"(d.) marked for England's share and "20" for local delivery Ex Art Groten, George Montrose and Don Lampart. Photo.  
£800-£1,000

29 ☒ 1866 (Mar. 7) unpaid packet letter envelope (dated Jan. 30 1866) to Rev. Edward Inman at Bremhill, Wiltshire with strike of the oval datestamp in blue, charged "2/-" at double packet rate due to lack of pre-payment, this being compulsory from 1858, and with fine Devonport Packet Lettter transit of Apr. 16. Ex Art Groten. Photo.  
£400-£500

30 ☒ 1870 (Jan. 11) a fine strike of the oval datestamp in red on stampless envelope to Berlin charged "1/5" converted to "16"(Sgr.) with London Feb. 8 transit and next day arrival backstamps. Ex Art Groten. Photo.  
£800-£1,000

**Early Incoming Mail**

- 31 ☒ Scarce early incoming entire from India addressed to “*Messrs. Balcomb & Co./St. Helena*” and endorsed “*pr favor of/Captain Bayley*”, having been carried on the man of war H.M.S. *Wellesley* from the Cape, arriving on Mar. 1 1816, the letter accompanying the supply of a carriage and accessories with payment due in rupees. *William Balcombe* was rumoured to be a royal birth, having, as a naval orphan, received the King’s Bounty and spent much of his time at Carlton House (his brother later served as equerry to the Prince Regent). In 1807 he was appointed Superintendent of Public Sales for the East India Company and the Balcombe family was called upon to host Napoleon in a pavilion in the grounds of their home, *The Briers*, for two months from his arrival in Oct. 1815. When Longwood House was ready, Balcombe became official purveyor of goods to the former emperor, this letter being preserved among accounts for the household. Photo. **£600-£800**
- 32 ☒ Soldier’s mail, 1820 entire from Ireland addressed to Quartermaster Sergeant James Rayside of the 66th Foot Regt., “*St. Helena/Africa*”, endorsed “*Post Paid*” and sent by Ship Letter due to unavailability of Packets, consequently showing ms. “*P3/8*” (Paid 3s.8d.) in red comprising 9d. rate from Cashel to Dublin, 2d. Dublin to Holyhead packet, 1s. Holyhead to London and 1s.9d. half packet rate, with Cashel mileage mark, Paid tombstones and “POST PAID SHIP LR/(crown)/14OCT/1820/LONDON” double oval. Ex Art Groten. Photo. **£600-£800**
- 33 ☒ Forwarding Agents’ Mail, 1826 (Dec. 25) entire letter addressed to the Governor, Brig. Gen. A. Walker, endorsed “*p. Atlas*” and privately carried, showing large “FORWARDED BY/J & E. IGGULDEN/DEAL/AGENTS FOR THE HONBLE. EAST INDIA CO.” cachet across reverse. *Alexander Walker (1764-1831)* had been coaxed from retirement in 1822 to become Governor and had been an active influence, promoting schools and libraries, improving the agriculture and horticulture of the island and commencing the phased emancipation of the island’s slaves from 1827 onward. During this period of isolation communication with the island was erratic and postal rates unclear but use of a forwarding agent for mail to the island was usually unnecessary and examples are rare. Photo. **£600-£800**
- 34 ☒ 1830 paid ship letter addressed to Maj. Gen. Sir Jasper Nicolls (then G.O.C. 7th (Meerut) Division, later Commander-in Chief, India) at St. Helena, with enclosed letter for the General’s wife Anne, sent Oct. 15 from Cornwall with blue Launceston despatch, endorsed “*To go by the first ship*” and noted “*pd 1/7*” being charged at half inland and packet rate, with red London tombstone and unframed oval “POST PAID SHIP/(crown)/27OCT/1830/LONDON”. The letter sent during a period when rates to the island continued unclear, is written to his sister-in law by Rev. James Duke Coleridge (1788-1857), a prolific writer but on themes more traditionally religious than those of his own celebrated uncle, the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Ex Art Groten. Photo. **£500-£600**
- 35 ☒ 1854 (July 11) paid ship letter envelope from Waterford, Ireland endorsed “*By “Earl of Derby” or first vessel*”, rated “8”(d.), the ship rate to St. Helena having reverted temporarily between Apr. and Oct. 1854 due to the absence of packets, with “3” noted for the island’s share of the postage. A new packet service had been introduced in Aug. 1848 at a rate of 1s. per ½oz. but the ship mail option remained available, the rate falling to 6d. per ½oz. after 1854. Ex Art Groten, George Montrose and Don Lampart. Photo. **£300-£400**
- 36 ☒ 1859 paid packet letter envelope addressed to a passenger “*On board Bark Roanoke/of Green Port/Care of Gideon & Sons/St. Helena*” endorsed “*via English Mail*” and showing handstruck “PAID”, rated in ms. “33”(c.) with “12”(d.) credited to England and “1”(d.) to St. Helena, with Sag Harbor, N.Y Apr. 22 despatch, next day New York Am. Pk. in red, London and July 5 Devonport transit datestamps. A rate of 1s.2d. per ½oz. for the U.S.A. to St. Helena was established between 1854 and 1863, rising to 1s.5d. between 1863 and 1870. Ex Art Groten. Photo. **£400-£500**
- 37 ☒ 1868 envelope from Oughterard Barracks, Ireland, addressed to Capt. Oliver, R.A., franked at 6d. Officer’s rate by Great Britain 1d. pl. 106 (2) and 4d. pl. 10 cancelled by Galway Nov. 7 duplexes, “5” noted for British share, with despatch and London transit backstamps, some flap damage and damp staining. This rate was in use from 1867 to 1869 only. Photo. **£300-£400**
- 38 ☒ 1875 envelope sent Sept. 6 from Westport, Mass. addressed to the bark *Sarah* at Saint Helena (address reinforced) franked at 27c. rate by 1c., 3c. pair and 10c. (2) with fancy cancels, New York (incorporating “110” for 11d. British share) and London Paid transit datestamps and Nov. 3 arrival. The postal rate to Saint Helena changed frequently, the 27c. rate applying from 1877 to 1885. Photo. **£800-£1,000**

- 39 ☒ 1888 (Dec. 6) envelope from London addressed to Governor William Grey-Wilson via the Colonial Office in Downing Street, franked 2d. and endorsed "*via Dartmouth*," without further markings as mail for the Governor could then be sent in diplomatic bag thus saving a further 6d. postage, the cover a little roughly opened with flap missing. *Sir William Grey-Wilson (1852-1926) was appointed Colonial Secretary of St. Helena in 1886, was Acting Governor from 1887 to 1889 before his official appointment as Governor from 1890 to 1897. He later served as Governor of the Falkland Islands (1897-1904) and the Bahamas (1904-12).* Photo. **£200-£300**
- 40 ☒ 1895 stampless O.H.M.S. envelope from London addressed to the U.S. Consul, sent from London with "POST OFFICE/(crown)/SECRETARY" cachet and Apr. 22 Official Paid c.d.s. in red. Photo. **£150-£200**
- 41 ☒ 1896 Russian 3k. postal stationery card addressed to Solomon Hogg & Co., sent from Moscow Feb. 24, uprated by 1k. for 4k. rate and showing fine strike of "SOLOMON, HOGG/-9 MAY 96/ST. HELENA" double oval receiving datestamp on reverse. *Sent shortly before Saint Helena's entry into the U.P.U. with resulting simplification of rates to and from the island.* Photo. **£500-£600**
- 42 ☒ 1899 (Oct. 19) 3c. stationery card to the German Consulate from Amapala, Honduras, with transit and Dec. 9 arrival; 1903 (Nov. 18) p.p.c. to the Eastern telegraph Co. from Delagoa Bay, Lourenço Marques with Dec. 9 arrival. (2 cards) **£150-£180**
- 43 ☒ 1903 (Dec. 29) p.p.c. from Aden franked India 1a., faults at foot; 1921 (Jan. 12) cover registered from Boma, Belgian Congo bearing 5c., 10c., 15c. and 25c. (2 items) **£150-£180**

### Forwarding Agents' Mail, Manuscript Marks

- 44 ☒ WILLIAM CARROL, 1836 wrapper sent from Singapore July 8 addressed to Dan Bradley, Marcellus, N.Y., U.S.A. by his son, endorsed "*Forwarded from St. Helena by /Yrs. respectfully/W. Carrol/U. States Consular/Agent at/St. Helena*," charged "20 $\frac{3}{4}$ "(c.) and showing rare octagonal framed marking showing square rigged ship alongside and Philadelphia Nov. 13 receiving datestamp, both in red. *William Carrol was U.S. Commercial Agent on Saint Helena from 1831 to 1847 and appointed full U.S. Consul in 1860. Dan Bradley was a pastor and judge. His son, Dan Beach Bradley (1804-1873), had left in July 1834 with his wife Emilie for life as a Protestant missionary in Thailand and was held up in Singapore for the first six months due to the monsoon season. Bradley is remembered today by the Thai for introducing them to vaccination, Western medicine and the printing press, as well as for his friendship with the Siamese royal family. His influence on the country is considered to have been far greater than that of his contemporary, the celebrated royal governess Anna Leonowens (of "The King and I" fame).* Photo. **£3,000-£4,000**
- 45 ☒ - 1841 entire sent by W.H. Medhurst from Batavia May 5 addressed to the London Missionary Society, endorsed "*Recd. at St Helena & forwarded/by yrs. respectfully/Wm. Carrol/U. States Consul/at St. Helena*," charged "8"(d.) ship rate and showing two strikes of straight line "SHIP LETTER" and receipt note of Sept. 3. *Walter Henry Medhurst (1796-1857) was an English Congregationalist missionary, one of the early translators of the Bible into Chinese languages. He served first in Malacca, Penang and Batavia until the conclusion of the First Opium War in 1842 whereupon he proceeded to Shanghai where he founded the London Missionary Society Press. Ex Art Groten and George Montrose.* Photo. **£1,200-£1,500**
- 46 ☒ William Carrol as Swedish & Norwegian Consul, 1857 (July 27) entire sent from the island to Amsterdam endorsed "*Forwarded from St. Helena by/Yours respectfully/W. Carrol/Swedish & Norwegian Consul*" with oval despatch datestamp in red and straight line "SHIP-LETTER", charged "10"(d.) or "70"(cents) with "3"(d.) marked as island's share, *The unique example of this endorsement.* Photo. **£1,500-£2,000**
- 47 ☒ MISSENT, 1830 entire from Brazil to Cape Town missent to India (ms. "*This letter was carried by mistake/to Madras*"), sent from Rio de Janeiro July 12 with Oct. 28 Madras G.P.O. Ship Letter oval, returned via the island due to winds unfavourable for the Cape showing ms. endorsement "*Recd at St Helena 6 January 1831*" by unknown forwarding agent, without marked rating and presumably charged on eventual arrival. The letter is one of complaint but also reconciliation, addressed to his father by William Braid who had "*been placed in the shop of my uncle W. Carrol (on Saint Helena) and in which situation I worked and slaved days for 2 years & 7 months without receiving a sixpence as a gratification*". Ex Art Groten. Photo. **£1,200-£1,500**

- 48 ☒ SAUL SOLOMON, 1833 prices current from Forestier & Co., Batavia Apr. 3 with accompanying letter to Providence, R.I., U.S.A., showing ms. *“Forwarded pr. Neptune of Salem/by yours obediently/S. Solomon/St Helena/1 August 1833”* with Salem, Mass. Sept. 21 receiving c.d.s. and straight line “SHIP” in red, charged “12”(c.), a little fragile and in need of reinforcement of folds. *Saul Solomon (1776-1852) born in Canterbury, Kent, sailed for India but fell dangerously ill during the voyage and was put ashore on Saint Helena where he recovered and subsequently established a merchant business empire that dominated commercial life on St Helena for more than two centuries.* Photo.  
£800-£1,000
- 49 ☒ - 1834 wrapper from Singapore Sept. 22 to France, showing ms. in French *“Reçue à Ste. Hélène le 23 janvier 1835/& acheminée le 31 janvier par l’Alcide/par votre très humble serviteur/S. Solomon/Agent Consulaire/de France à Ste Hélène”*, charged “9”(décimes) framed “PAYS D’OUTREMER” and Nantes arrival c.d.s. of Mar. 17, some ink corrosion and staining. Photo.  
£1,000-£1,200
- 50 ☒ - 1836 wrapper addressed to W.S. Wetmore at Canton endorsed *“Forwarded from St Helena May 30/36/ by your obt. servant/S. Solomon”*, sent by tea broker Hugh Wade Maccaughey (1799-1872) returning from China on the “Marquis Camden” and showing crowned G.P.O. Cape Town transit of Sept. 3. *Merchant William Shepard Wetmore (1801-1862) had returned to Canton in 1833 to establish Wetmore & Co., trading in Chinese tea, silk, opium, and other goods.* Photo.  
£1,500-£2,000
- 51 ☒ - 1844 entire from W.H. Osborn in Manila July 17 to fellow merchant Willard P. Phillips in Salem, Mass., U.S.A. endorsed *“care/Saul Solomoin Esqr./St Helena/“Vindicator”* showing ms. *“Forwarded from St. Helena per ‘Eliza Ann’/By your obt. servt./S. Solomon”* and New York Jan. 8 1845 receiving c.d.s. in red, charged “20¼”(c.) being 2c. ship rate added to 18¼ inland rate. *Importer/exporter (and later railroad tycoon) William Henry Osborn (1820-1894) had set up his own business in Manila while still in his twenties.* Photo.  
£1,200-£1,500
- 52 ☒ SOLOMON & MOSS, 1853 (July 15) entire to France via London *“per steamer”*, sent from the island with endorsement *“St. Helena July 1853/forw. by your obt. servants/Solomon & Moss”*, rated “15”(décimes) and showing framed “COLONIES/& ART.13” in red, transit and Marseille Aug. 30 arrival datestamps. *In 1814 Saul Solomon’s brother Joseph had married Hannah Moss, daughter of boot and shoemaker Isaac Moss. With new partners the shipping and forwarding business became Solomon & Moss.* Photo.  
£1,000-£1,200
- 53 ☒ U.S. CONSULAR AGENT, 1844 printed religious tract sent with lengthy handwritten personal message sent by Asa Hemenway from Bangkok Feb. 13 addressed to to his uncle in Ohio, showing ms. endorsement *“Forwarded from St. Helena by the/U. States Consular Agent”*, charged “27”(c.) and showing New York July 8 receiving c.d.s. with straight line “SHIP”; both in red, a little damaged and fragile. *Asa Hemenway (1810-1892) was a missionary under the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and had sailed for Bangkok in 1839, remaining in the country with his wife Lucia until the closing of the Siamese Mission in 1850. The unsigned ‘U.S. Consular Agent’ endorsement is by unknown hand, not that of William Carrol himself but likely to be that of an associate.* Ex Art Groten. Photo.  
£1,500-£2,000

### Forwarding Agents' Mail, Cachets

- 54 ☒ T. BAKER & CO., “FORWARDED BY T. BAKER & Co. SHIPPING AGENTS/ST. HELENA” type FAC.4 cachet in red, the unique example and a fine strike, on 1855 (Nov. 17) entire to London with oval despatch datestamp in red, charged “6”(d.) ship rate with “3”(d.) noted for island’s share and Jan. 12 arrival datestamps, the message inside dated Nov. 5. Ex Kenneth Rowe. Photo.  
£5,000-£6,000
- 55 ☒ GEORGE W. KIMBALL, “FORWARDED FROM ST. HELENA/BY/GEORGE W. KIMBALL/U.S. COMMERCIAL AGENT” type FAC.5, a fine strike, one of just three known examples of this cachet, on 1856 (Jan.) wrapper to D. & A. Kingsland & Sutton in New York with further fair strike across reverse, with New Bedford, Mass receiving c.d.s. of Mar. 5 and straight line “SHIP”, charged “5”(c.) being the 2c. ship rate rate added to the 3c. U.S. inland rate. *George Washington Kimball (1822-1860) had married Sarah, the widowed daughter of William Carrol and was the U.S. Commercial Agent on the island from 1852, becoming the first U.S. Consul from 1857 to 1860.* Photo.  
£2,000-£2,500

- 56 ☒ SOLOMON, MOSS, GIDEON & CO., Type CC.2 "SOLOMON, MOSS, GIDEON & Co./St. HELENA", the unique example on 1876 (Apr. 21) envelope franked 1s. at ½oz. packet rate cancelled rectangular 'cork' with despatch c.d.s. alongside, light vertical folds. In 1814 Saul Solomon's brother Joseph had married Hannah Moss, daughter of boot and shoemaker Isaac Moss and after Saul's brother Lewis Gideon adopted an abbreviation the new company name was adopted. Illustrated on p. 13 of "Saint Helena: The Postal, Instructional and Censor Markings 1815-2000" ed. B. Mabbett (2000), this is the only known example of the CC.2 cachet. Ex Deakin. Photo.  
£1,500-£2,000
- 57 ☒ - Double oval "FORWARDED BY/ST. HELENA/SOLOMON MOSS GIDEON & CO." type FAC.2 cachet in blue on 1877 (Mar. 12) envelope at Massachusetts franked by 4d. pair with cork cancellations and tied by red London Paid transit c.d.s., paying the rare 8d. rate to foreign countries in use between 1876 and 1877 only, showing 7½"(d.) marked as island's share and backstamped New York Apr. 25 transit duplex. One of only two known examples of the cachet. Photo.  
£3,000-£4,000

### Forwarding Agents' Mail, Forwarded in London

- 58 ☒ 1854 entire to Copenhagen headed "Ste. Hélène 14 Marts/Solomon & Moss" sent under cover to London where posted by forwarding agent, showing "D.DUNBAR & SONS/LONDON" double oval cachet in blue and marked "pd 11½" for rate from England to Denmark via Belgium and Germany with "2" for local delivery, Apr. 21 red London Paid and blue Limehouse double arc despatch marks, Hamburg and St. P.A. transits. Photo. £600-£800

### The First Stamps

- 59 ☒ 1856 imperf. 6d. marginal pair with ornamental manuscript 'sunburst' cancellations paying 1s. ½oz. packet rate on 1864 (Jan. 20) envelope to W.L. Goodman in London, addressed and signed at lower left by S.J. Pritchard, 2nd Officer in the Customs Department from 1852, with lightly struck oval despatch datestamp in black, marked "11" for British share of postage and with Feb. 25 London Paid arrival c.d.s. R.P.S. certificate (2016). Photo.  
£4,000-£5,000
- 60 ☒ 1861 perf. 6d. pair cancelled by '5 long bars cork' on 1871 (Feb. 17) envelope to Plymouth, endorsed "per Mail Steamer" and "paid" at 1s. per ½oz. packet rate, a rare franking with despatch c.d.s. in red and also showing ms. forwarding agent's endorsement on reverse "Forwarded by/Nichols Bros. & Erridge", one of only two known examples. Illustrated on p. 14 of "Saint Helena: The Postal, Instructional and Censor Markings 1815-2000" ed. B. Mabbett (2000). Ex Art Groten. Photo.  
£3,000-£4,000

### Early Postal Rates

- 61 ☒ 8d. rate to France, 1869 (Apr. 12) envelope to Aix-en-Provence, France paid by 1861 6d. and 1868 2d. tied by 'sunburst cork' cancellations with oval despatch datestamp in red, , showing London May 7 and French transit datestamps, "4"(d.) noted for British share of postage, a little roughly opened. The rate to France was reduced from 1s.4d. per ¼oz. to 8d. per ¼oz. in 1863 and remained at that level until 1870. Ex Yardley and Urwick. Photo.  
£2,000-£2,500
- 62 ☒ 1s.5d. Packet Rate to the United States and Canada, 1869 (June 30) small mourning envelope to New York endorsed "per R.M. Steamer Cambrian" bearing 1868 2d., 3s. and 1s. for ½oz. rate, with watery '5 long bars cork' cancellations, despatch oval datestamp in red, July 26 London transit and arrival markings, ms. "6"(d.) noted for British share and handstamped "2/CENTS" for American, some faults. This rate applied between May 1 1854 and Oct. 1870 when reduced to 1s.2d. per ½oz. for most foreign countries. Photo.  
£1,000-£1,200
- 63 ☒ 1s.2d. Packet Rate to the United States (and most foreign countries), 1871 (Apr. 27) envelope to West Wareham, Massachusetts addressed to his wife by whaling captain Lysander Gallt franked by 1868 3d. strip of four and 2d. with '5 long bars cork' cancellations, red despatch and London Paid May 14 transit c.d.s's, "3" noted in ms. for island's share of postage and handstamped "2/CENTS" for American. Photo.  
£1,200-£1,500
- 64 ▲ 6d. Packet Rate to the Cape of Good Hope, 1873 (June 5) front to Lady Anna, wife of Governor Sir Henry Barkly, in Capetown franked 1861 6d. with light 'cork' cancellation, despatch and June 13 arrival c.d.s's, marked "4"(d.) for the Cape's share of postage. Cover front only but a rare franking. The packet rate to the Cape was reduced from 1s.2d. per ½oz. to 6d. in 1863, remaining unchanged until 1896. Photo.  
£600-£800

- 65 ☒ **7d. Rate to France, 1874 (July 11) entire to France, a rare early example of the rate with franking paid by 1871 1d. and 6d. with 'bars cork' cancellations, showing despatch, London Paid, Angl. Amb. Calais and Bordeaux à Paris transit datestamps and Aug. 2 Nantes arrival, noted "3"(d.) for British share of postage. In 1870 the rate to France was reduced from 8d. to 7d. per ¼oz. in accordance with the new general foreign rate of 1s.2d. per ½oz. Photo.** £1,500-£2,000
- 66 ☒ **Soldiers' Concessionary Mail, 1875 (Mar. 12) mourning envelope to London, a very early example of the 1d. concessionary rate from Sgt. C. Nelson, R.A. and countersigned by commanding officer, franked by 1871 1d. with 'sunburst cork' cancellation, showing despatch, Cape Packet Plymouth and London Apr. 1 arrival c.d.s's, flap missing, central vertical fold. Photo.** £2,000-£2,500
- 67 ☒ **1s. Packet Letter Rate to Great Britain, 1878 (July 15) attractive envelope to London from the second period of the 1s. rate, franked by 1s. with 'short bars cork' cancellation, despatch c.d.s. and "Per R.M. Steamer" endorsement, "6" noted for British share of postage and with Aug. 6 arrival backstamps. The packet rate was increased from 6d. to 1s. per ½oz. in Apr. 1863 but had been returned to 6d. on July 1 1876. On Apr. 1 1877 it rose to 1s. once more and remained at this level until the end of 1883. Photo.** £300-£400
- 68 ☒ **1s.1½d. Foreign rate, 1881 (Mar. 20) envelope to whaling captain Gilbert L. Smith at Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts franked at double rate by 1876 1d., 2d., 1s. (2) with 'sunburst of 8 wedges cork' cancellations, despatch c.d.s., London and New York Paid transit marks and noted "1/3" for British share. The general foreign rate was reduced to 1s.1½d. per ½oz but due to the absence of ½d. stamps, unavailable until 1884, the single rate was rounded to 1s.2d. whereas the double rate could be charged correctly at 2s.3d. This is the only known example of the 2s.3d. rate. Ex Art Groten, George Montrose and Don Lampart. Photo.** £1,500-£2,000
- 69 ☒ **1s.4d. rate to India, 1882 (Nov. 4) envelope to Bengal via London at ½oz. rate, franked by 1868 4d. and 1876 1s. tied by '4 leafed cross cork' cancellations with despatch c.d.s. and marked "10"(d.) for British share, with London Nov. 20, Sea Post Office Nov. 30 and Mhow Dec. 12 arrival backstamps. Photo.** £1,500-£2,000
- 70 ☒ **6d. Rate to Great Britain, 1884 (May 20) large part wrapper with ms. endorsement from the "Royal Swedish & Norwegian Consulate/St. Helena" and part consular handstamp on reverse, addressed to Consul-General Ole Richter to London, franked at ½oz. rate by 1876 6d. with 'blocks cork' cancellation, despatch c.d.s. and June 4 arrival. Lawyer, civil servant and politician Ole Richter (1829-1888) had been appointed Swedish-Norwegian consul-general in London in 1878 and subsequently served as Norwegian Prime Minister in Stockholm from June 26 1884 until shortly before his suicide on June 15 1888. Photo.** £1,000-£1,200
- 71 ☒ **6d. rate to Great Britain, 1888 (Nov. 26) envelope "Per R M Steamer" to Yorkshire franked at triple rate by 1887 6d. strip of three tied by 'blocks cork' cancellations with despatch c.d.s. below and Darlington Dec. 12 arrival backstamp. The rate to Great Britain had been halved on Jan. 1 1884 to 6d. per ½oz. and remained at this, still high, level until 1896. Ex Art Groten, George Montrose and Don Lampart. Photo.** £500-£600
- 72 ☒ **Sent via Diplomatic Bag, 1888 cover to Berkshire posted in London on Sept. 17 franked by 1d. lilac with same day arrival backstamp, and interesting enclosed eight page letter dated Sept. 2, one sheet on letterhead from The Castle, addressed to his mother by the Acting Governor William Grey-Wilson, taking advantage of his privilege to send his private letters to England by diplomatic bag avoiding the normal 6d. postal charge. The letter recounts news of recent visitors from H.M.S. *Curacoa* and *Acorn*, comments on actions of the military both on the island and in Zululand who in Grey-Wilson's view, "lack ballast" and "who want a nice little war & all the glory to be therefrom derived", as well and an indulgent reaction to Sheriff Solomon's new satirical paper *The Bug* with the Governor's own reproduction of its 'political sketch'. Sir William Grey-Wilson (1852-1926) was appointed Colonial Secretary of St. Helena in 1886, was Acting Governor from 1887 to 1889 before his official appointment as Governor from 1890 to 1897. He later served as Governor of the Falkland Islands (1897-1904) and the Bahamas (1904-12). Photo.** £300-£400
- 73 ☒ **7½d. Foreign Rate, 1889 (Dec. 10) double rate envelope to the Netherlands franked by 1880-87 3d. and 1s. with 'blocks cork' cancellations and despatch c.d.s. alongside, "3" marked at left for British share of postage, vertical fold and faint staining. The general foreign countries rate was reduced to 7½d. on Jan. 1 1884 and remained at this level until 1896. Photo.** £600-£800

- 74 ☒ **Evasion of high postal rates**, 1890 'bootleg' envelope to Albany, N.Y. endorsed "*Ship's Letter*" and "*Sent from St. Helena*" but carried privately on the schooner *Lottie Beard* under Capt. James Marquand which departed the island on Mar. 15, posted on arrival at New Bedford, Mass. receiving Apr. 21 duplex, "SHIP" and "DUE 4" marks with postage due 2c. pair affixed and cancelled on arrival next day, the item nevertheless saving 5½d. (11c.) postage cost  
Photo. £500-£600
- 75 ☒ **Ship Mail to the United States**, 1892 (Sept. 9) taxed ship letter envelope (vertical fold and slightly foreshortened at left) to Thomas Luce (1827-1911) in New Bedford, Mass., bearing 1880 1s. pair and 1890 key plate 1½d. with '8 irregular arrows in a circle cork' cancellations, straight line "SHIP" and New Bedford Oct. 31 receiving c.d.s., the adhesives underpaying 3s.1½d. packet rate for 2-3oz. and consequently charged 12c. with U.S. 2c. and 10c. postage dues affixed, *The Thos. Luce Company owned around a dozen whaling ships and was the agent for 36 whaling voyages between 1886 and 1903*. Photo. £1,000-£1,200
- 76 ☒ **2½d. U.P.U. Rate to Great Britain and the Empire**, 1897 (Jan. 21) envelope to Canada franked 1890-97 ½d., 2d., with 'blocks in lozenge shape cork' cancellations, despatch c.d.s., London transit and Winnipeg Feb. 29 arrival backstamps, scarce. Photo. £200-£300
- 77 ☒ **Foreign Printed Matter 2d. Rate**, 1895 wrapper to California endorsed "*Photo Only*" and franked at double rate by 1887-90 1d., 3d. tied by '12 arrow heads forming a cross cork' cancellations, the wrapper strengthened by string. *The printed matter rate of 2d. for foreign countries had been established in 1863 and prevailed until the reduction to ½d. in 1896*. Photo. £400-£500
- 78 ▲ **Newspaper Rate**, 1900 (May 17) piece from *The St. Helena Guardian* addressed to Wiltshire franked at newspaper rate by ½d. tied by '8 bars oval cork'. Photo. £200-£250
- 79 ☒ **2½d. U.P.U. Rate to Foreign Countries**, 1901 (Feb. 14) cover from P.O.W. unusually addressed to Algiers by Alfred Coste of the French Contingent, franked by marginal 1890-97 2½d. tied by with '30 bars circle cork' with despatch c.d.s. and violet double circle censor initialled "EW" (Ernest Bowe Walton), flap missing. Photo. £300-£400
- 80 ☒ - **1901 (June 6) envelope to France showing fine strike of "AGENCE CONSULAIRE DE FRANCE/À/STE. HÉLÈNE" cachet in violet, franked at double rate by 1890-97 1d., 2d. (2) tied by three fine strikes of 'sunburst of 6 prongs cork' cancellation, and with St. Étienne July 1 arrival, the cover noted "(Manqué malle du 6 mai 1901)".** Photo. £1,500-£2,000
- 81 ☒ **3d. Rate to Foreign Countries**, 1931 (Jan. 16) single rate to Austria franked 1913 3d.; 1935 (Feb. 22) double rate to Massachusetts with Centenary 1½d., 3d.; (Nov. 11) triple rate to New Jersey with Silver Jubilee 6d. (3 covers) Photo. £100-£150
- 82 ☒ **2d. Imperial Rate**, 1934 (Nov. 16) O.H.M.S. envelope to Ipswich franked at single rate by Centenary 2d.; 1932 (Mar. 19) envelope to Northern Ireland at 3½d. double rate, franked by 1922-23 ½d., 1d. (3). (2 covers) £80-£100
- 83 ☒ 1933 (Jan. 4) from Ascension and 1934 from Tristan da Cunha, two covers to "The Briars," the former franked 2d., the latter (vertical fold) via Singapore with type V cachet in blue, also 1938 (Apr. 1) commercial cover from St. Helena to Ascension franked 2d. (3 covers) £100-£150
- 84 ☒ → **AIRMAIL**, 1937 (Apr. 26) commercial cover (cut for display) to Berkshire at 1s.3d. double rate, weight noted as "18gr." with airmail etiquette and franked on both sides by 1922-36 ½d. (2, one showing 'cleft rock'), 2d. and 6d. (2). *Carried first by ship to Cape Town and flown onward from South Africa, the airmail service had been introduced in June 1936. The airmail fee to the U.K. was 61/2d. per 10g. charged in addition to ordinary postage*. Photo. £600-£800

### Early Postal Rates, Registered Mail

- 85 ☒ **THE EARLIEST KNOWN REGISTERED ITEM**, 1864 (Apr. 5) O.H.M.S. envelope to London with ms. "*Registered*" and showing the double oval "POST OFFICE/5 APR 64/ST. HELENA" datestamp in blue at left, franked at 10d. rate (4d. ship rate + 6d. registration fee) by 1856 6d. and 1863 4d. with ms. cross cancellations each overstruck on arrival by "15" lozenge in barred oval, with London Registered oval of June 11 and noted "2d" St. Helena's share of the ship rate. *Outstanding. Registration of mail had been authorised from 1852 yet this is the earliest recorded registered cover. The registration fee was initially levied at 1s. but had been reduced to 6d. in Sept. 1856. Only two surviving registered cover bear the first issue 6d., this cover also showing the earliest known use of the rare type PO.1 datestamp*. Ex Justine and Donne. Photo. £10,000-£12,000

- 86 ☒ **Straight line “REGISTERED” handstamp, the earliest known example of this mark, fine strike in red on stampless official cover addressed to Thomas Britannicus Brooke (son of former acting Governor Thomas Henry Brooke) in London with oval despatch and Dec. 15 datestamps also in red, ms. “2” noted for share of postage. *The only recorded example of the handstamp on a stampless official cover.* Ex Ayre. Photo.**  
£2,000-£2,500
- 87 ☒ 1883 (May 12) stampless official cover to Germany endorsed “Registered Paid” with despatch c.d.s., red “REGISTERED/(ms.)12/ST. HELENA” double oval and large “R” in oval, carried without charge to London where despatched May 28 with ms. accounting marks, flap missing. Photo.  
£800-£1000
- 88 ☒ **1890 (Oct. 2) handsome registered cover endorsed “U.S. Consulate St. Helena” to Pennsylvania, franked at 1s.9d. double rate by 1880-87 3d., 6d. and 1s. with ‘8 thick bars cork’ cancellations with despatch c.d.s. and red “REGISTERED/(ms.) 25/ST. HELENA” double oval handstamp, Southampton Oct. 23, London and New York transit datestamps, “3d.” noted in ms. for British share. *The foreign registration fee had been reduced from 8d. to 6d. in 1877 and remained at this level until U.P.U. membership in Oct. 1896.* Photo.** £1,000-£1,200
- 89 ☒ 1895 (July) envelope registered at 1s.4d. double rate to Hertfordshire, redirected to Cornwall, paid by 1884-94 4d. and 6d. pair with ‘12 arrow heads forming a cross cork’ cancellations and “REGISTERED/(ms.)28/ST. HELENA” double oval handstamp in red, Southampton Aug. 3, London, St. Albans, Bletchley Station, Plymouth and Liskeard Aug. 6 arrival datestamps. *The registration fee to Great Britain had been reduced from 6d. to 4d. in 1866 and remained at this level until U.P.U. membership in Oct. 1896.* Photo.  
£600-£800
- 90 ☒ 1897 (July 15) cover registered to England at U.P.U. 4½d. registered rate, franked by 1890-97 2d. and 2½d. with ‘10 bars forming a diamond shape cork’ cancellations, handstamped “REGISTERED/(ms.)36/ST. HELENA” in red and backstamped Plymouth transit, Banbury Aug. 4 arrival, scarce. Photo.  
£200-£300
- 91 ▲ 1902 (Jan. 14) formula registered envelope front commercially used to London franked at 1oz. double rate by 1894 4d. tied by ‘Maltese cross in circle cork’, despatch c.d.s. and Feb. 5 arrival c.d.s.’s with “REGISTERED/(ms.)6/ST. HELENA” handstamp at left. Photo.  
£200-£250
- 92 ☒ 1902 (July 17) picture postcard registered to Jersey franked by 1896 2d. and 1902 1d. tied by neat c.d.s. and showing large “R” in circle, “REGISTERED/(ms.)41/ST. HELENA” oval and hooded London transit. *The general postcard rate became 1d. when the island joined the U.P.U. on Oct. 1 1896, remaining unchanged until 1922, the 2d. registration fee continued until 1926.* Photo.  
£200-£300
- 93 ☒ **THE ONLY KNOWN INSURED ITEM FROM THE CLASSIC PERIOD, 1903 (Mar. formula registered envelope size F bearing “INSURED./(VALEUR DECLARÉE)” with “£12” (and f300) noted as value, “13g” as weight, franked by 1887 6d., tied by ‘sunburst of 6 prongs cork’ cancellation, paying imperial rate + 5d. insurance fee with red wax seal and Salisbury Mar. 31 arrival backstamp. Photo.**  
£1,200-£1,500
- 94 ☒ 1922 (Aug. 9) 1d. stationery card outward half registered to Argentina uprated by 1913 1½d. and 1922 1½d. tied by hooded London transit, creased and torn but scarce; 1934 (Sept. 29) photographic picture postcard to Czechoslovakia at foreign postcard rate (from 1922 to 1939) by Centenary 1½d. (2 items) Photo.  
£200-£250
- 95 ☒ 1926 (Mar. 15) large part registered commercial cover to London franked 1922-23 1d., 3d. showing late use of 2d. registration fee (raised to 3d. in Apr. 1926); 1934 (July 11) registered cover to London franked Centenary 2d., 3d. (2 covers)  
£80-£100
- 96 ☒ 3d. Registration Fee, 1932 (May 13) to Pennsylvania and 1935 (Jan. 13) to Austria, covers at single rate franked 1923 3d. pair and Centenary 6d. respectively; 1934 (Jan. 20) to Belgium at triple rate franked 1922-23 3d., 6d. (3 covers) Photo.  
£100-£150

### Accountancy, Instructional and Other Markings

- 97 ☒ **Accountancy Markings, 1868 unpaid ship letter to France headed “Sainte Hélène le 1er. octobre”, rated “10”(décimes) and showing the rare first type “2” accountancy mark (2d. being St. Helena’s share of the 4d. ship rate to England), this the unique example on unpaid mail, with two strikes of framed “G B/1F60C”, oval St. Helena despatch in red, Falmouth Ship Letter Oct. 31, London Ship Letter and Angl. Amb. Calais Nov. 2 and next day Bordeaux arrival. *In 1863 the ship rate to Great Britain was reduced from 6d. to 4d. per ½oz., the island’s share being 2d. In 1868 only two different “2” accountancy marks are known, both rare.* Photo.**  
£1,500-£2,000

- 98 ☒ - Rare second type handstruck “2” mark tying 1868 4d. to 1868 (Nov. 10) envelope to London recording island’s share of the postage, ms. “2” noting amount due to Britain, with oval despatch datestamp, straight line “SHIP-LETTER” and Dec. 7 London Paid arrival, all in red, slightly trimmed top with flap missing, rare. Photo. £1,500-£2,000
- 99 ☒ Anglo-French Accountancy Marks, Boxed “GB/1F60c” on unpaid ship letter to France via London headed “*Ste Hélène le 19 mars 1857*”, charged “8”(décimes) with “3”(d.) noted for the island’s share of the postage, St. Helena Mar. 21 oval datestamp in red, transit and Marseille May 17 arrival on reverse, very scarce combination. Photo. £1,000-£1,200
- 100 ☒ - Hexagonal boxed “GB/2F 87C 5/10” on unpaid outer lettersheet to France via London annotated “*1858/Ste. Hélène le 28 avril*”, charged handstruck “12”(décimes, equivalent to 1f.20) with a range of transit and Oloron June 3 arrival datestamps, rare. Photo. £1,200-£1,500
- 101 ☒ **Garrison Office**, 1902 (Jan. 14) mourning envelope to Paris franked 1893 2½d. with weak strike of “GARRISON OFFICE/13 JAN 1902/ST. HELENA” double oval datestamp in violet initialled “A.H.B” at left. A rare marking. Photo. £400-£500
- 102 ☒ **Postage Paid**, a fine strike of the straight line marking (MM.2) in violet on 1896 (Sept. 8) envelope to England, franked at ½oz. rate by 1890-93 1d., 2½d. pair lightly cancelled ‘quartered circle of 13 bars cork’ cancellations, with despatch c.d.s. and Birmingham Sept. 29 arrival backstamp, light vertical cover fold. *The cover with Hogg family crest and apparently sent by Guy Weir Hogg (1861–1943), Sheriff of St Helena, managing director of Solomon, Hogg & Co. and Consul for Portugal, Sweden & Norway. One of just three known examples of the “Postage Paid.” mark. Ex Ayre. Photo.* £800-£1,000
- 103 ☒ **Returned Letter**, “RETURNED/LETTER” two line (type 3) on 1900 (Oct. 2) undelivered picture postcard to Durban franked 1d., sent from Deadwood Camp signed by John M. Spiller (captured at Elandslaagte), with type 1 censor mark in violet and unusually showing a selection of censors’ initials, and showing Natal R.L.O. Dec. 6 c.d.s. and framed “UNCLAIMED”, slight faults. Photo. £200-£250
- 104 ☒ **Tax Markings**, First type “T” (T.1) on 1883 (July 16) unfranked envelope to France with despatch c.d.s. and London transit, charged 1f.20 and bearing French 30c. postage due strip of four (one overlapping, envelope enhanced at right for display) cancelled Vaugirard, Paris July 31. *An amazing item, only a very few examples of this mark are recorded between 1878 and 1886. Ex Art Groten. Photo.* £1,500-£2,000
- 105 ☒ - First type “T” (T.1) on 1886 incoming cover most unusually from Uruguay and addressed to Naval doctor S.H. Griffiths on the U.S. flagship *Lancaster* sent underpaid from Montevideo Apr. 23 with New York May 28 transit backstamp and July 2 arrival c.d.s. bearing 10c. (1d.) only and consequently charged 1s.1d., double the 6½d. underpayment. Ex Art Groten. Photo. £1,200-£1,500
- 106 ☒ - Second type “T/c” (T.2) mark with “35” added in ms. on 1894 underpaid envelope to London bearing 1890 1d. (slightly oxidised) and 1890 keyplate 1½d. sharing ‘28 short bars in a square cork’ cancellation with despatch c.d.s., Aug. 2 arrival and “7D/F.B. charge mark. *Rare, only three examples recorded, all in 1894, a new marking having been delivered in 1895. Ex Ayre. Photo.* £1,000-£1,200
- 107 ☒ - “T/ c” type 4 framed mark, with “15”(centimes) in ms. on 1910 (Apr. 23) cover to New New York bearing 1903 1d., recognised underpaid with May. 21 “DUE/6/CENTS” (U.S. equivalent charge) receiving duplex and U.S. 3c. postage due pair cancelled on reverse, the cover opened and refolded for display. Photo. £150-£200
- 108 ☒ - “T/ c” type 5 framed mark, with “5”(centimes) in ms. on 1911 (Apr. 16) comic postcard to Cape Colony bearing 1902 ½d., recognised underpaid with large “1D.” charge mark and Woodstock Apr. 24 arrival c.d.s. Photo. £100-£150
- 107 ☒ - “T/ c” type 5 framed mark, with “5”(centimes) in ms. on real photographic postcard of The Wharf addressed to Cape Town underfranked by 1912 ½d., with large “1D.” charge mark and scarce interprovincial use of Transvaal 1d. postage due. Photo. £150-£200
- 109 ☒ **Unclaimed**, “POST OFFICE/NOT CALLED/FOR/ST. HELENA” double oval (type 5) on German 10pf. stationery card addressed to the ship *Rickmer Rickmers* sent from Halle Feb. 3 with Mar. 22 arrival and straight line “ZURUCK”. A very rare marking. Photo. £600-£800

- 110 ☒ - "RECEIVED AFTER/VESSELS DEPARTURE"(type 7), fine strike on 1932 envelope from Trinidad. sent from Port of Spain Jan. 2 franked 3d., addressed to German vessel but subsequently forwarded to Bremen slightly trimmed at top, very rare Photo. **£400-£500**

### Early Postal Stationery

- 112 ☒ 1901 (Mar. 1) 1d. reply card outward half used to Germany written and signed by Col. Adolf Schiel, cancelled 'short bars forming an oval cork' with despatch and Breslau Apr. 2 arrival c.d.s.'s. *Col. Adolf Schiel (1858-1903) was commander of the German Commando of Johannesburg, had been wounded and captured at the Battle of Elandslaagte.* Photo. **£80-£100**
- 113 ☒ 1901 (June 7) 1d. postcard registered to Berlin at 3d. rate with added 1887 1d. pair showing two fine 'sunburst of 6 prongs cork' cancellations, sent by P.O.W. to his father with added greeting and signature of Col. Adolf Schiel, showing Broad Bottom Camp censor in violet and showing "R" in oval and "REGISTERED/ST. HELENA" handstamps, Neuruppin July 2 arrival. Photo. **£200-£300**
- 114 ☒ 1901 (Sept. 6) 1d. reply card reply half registered from Johannesburg with added Transvaal "V.R.I." 2½d., "E.R.I." ½d. on 2d. (3) paying 4d. registration fee, addressed to Capt. Weiss at Deadwood Camp with Cape Town transit and receiving c.d.s., the reverse showing offset impression of St. Helena original Aug. 10 despatch c.d.s., a remarkable correctly used reply item. Photo, **£400-£500**

### Official Paid Mail

- 115 ☒ Second type mark "POST OFFICE/(crown)/ST. HELENA" in oval (PO.2) in violet on 1897 (Aug. 7) stampless envelope to Cuba endorsed "O.H.M.S." with Plymouth Ship Letter Aug. 26 transit and Havana Sept. 8 arrival backstamps. a neat cover to a most unusual destination Photo. **£500-£600**
- 116 ☒ **First type "OFFICIAL/PAID" framed mark (OP.1), fine strike on 1900 (Nov. 27) O.H.M.S. envelope (slightly trimmed at sides) to Sweden with despatch c.d.s. and Gothenburg Dec. 27 arrival backstamps. Delivered by the G.P.O. in 1894, the first use of this mark is recorded in 1898, this being one of only three known examples. Photo.** **£1,000-£1,200**
- 117 ☒ 1909 (Feb. 5) O.H.M.S. envelope to Los Angeles showing fine type 2 framed "OFFICIAL/PAID" and type 3 "POST OFFICE/(crown)/ST. HELENA" (both recorded on three items of mail only, these the latest) the latter initialled by Thomas Robert Bruce (1862-1956), Postmaster from 1898 to 1928. Photo. **£400-£500**
- 118 ☒ 1914 (Jan. 9) O.H.M.S. envelope to California showing fine type 3 framed "OFFICIAL/PAID", some faint stains but rare. Photo. **£200-£250**
- 119 ☒ 1924 (Sept. 11) O.H.M.S. envelope registered to Paris showing fine type 4 framed "OFFICIAL/PAID" and type 5 "POST OFFICE/(crown)/ST. HELENA", London transit on reverse, slightly trimmed at right, rare. Photo. **£200-£250**
- 120 ☒ Framed "OFFICIAL/PAID" type 5, good to fine strikes on 1935 (Sept. 9) and 1936 (Nov. 17) O.H.M.S. envelopes to the U.S.A., the former registered with transit and arrival backstamps. Photo. **£80-£100**

### The Castle Handstamps

- 121 ☒ **Type CH 3 "THE CASTLE/28 SEP 1897/ST. HELENA" oval datestamp in violet, a fine strike on reverse of official envelope (opened for display) to France, also showing second type "POST OFFICE/(crown)/ST. HELENA" (PO.2), with despatch, Plymouth Ship Letter Oct. 20 and Rouen next day datestamps, unaccepted as official mail on arrival and taxed with "T" in hexagon and French 50c. postage due affixed (double 25c. foreign rate). A rare combination of markings. Photo.** **£1,200-£1,500**
- 122 ☒ 1909 O.H.M.S. envelope to London) showing the only known example on cover of the type CH.5 "THE CASTLE/- 2 JAN 1909/ST. HELENA" oval datestamp in violet with despatch c.d.s. and framed "OFFICIAL/PAID" type 2 below, the cover with light creasing and slightly trimmed at sides. *Addressed and endorsed from the Governor, Lt. Col. Sir Henry Lionel Gallwey (from 1911 'Galway'), (1859-1949), was formerly deputy commissioner and vice-consul of the Niger Coast Protectorate and later Governor of Gambia and South Australia. Type CH.5 is recorded on archive material between 1908 and 1919 but on this postal item only. Ex Ayre.* Photo. **£800-£1,000**

- 123 ▲ Type CH.6 "THE CASTLE/4 SEP.1911/ST. HELENA" in violet, fine and scarce strike on despatch from Downing Street dated Aug. 12 1911. Photo. **£80-£100**
- 124 ☒ Type CH.9 "THE CASTLE/9 NOV. 1934/ST. HELENA" oval datestamp in red with day date in ms., fine strike on O.H.M.S. envelope to Switzerland with despatch c.d.s. and framed "OFFICIAL/PAID" type 5, scarce. Photo.. **£200-£250**
- 125 ▲ Type CH.8 "THE CASTLE/-18 OCT 1937/ST. HELENA" oval datestamp in red, fine late strike on O.H.M.S. envelope front to Sussex with despatch c.d.s. and framed "OFFICIAL/PAID" type 5, scarce. Photo. **£100-£150**
- 126 ▲ Type CH.10 "THE CASTLE/12MAR.1938/ST. HELENA" oval datestamp in red, known fine strike on O.H.M.S. envelope front to Switzerland with despatch c.d.s. and framed "OFFICIAL/PAID" type 5. *Recorded in use from 1938-39 only, this the earliest date.* Photo. **£100-£150**

### Anglo-Boer War

- 127 ☒ 1901 (Mar. 19) envelope to London franked 1890 1d. with 'bars cork' cancellation and tied by with type 1 circular censor mark in violet initialled "C de N"(?) unidentified initials, and straight line "DEADWOOD CAMP" on reverse, flap missing but showing traces of Officially Resealed label, opened for display. Photo. **£80-£100**

### World War I

- 128 ☒ Type 2 two line ">PASSED</PRESS CENSOR", without initials, fine strike in violet on 1915 (Apr. 21) cover to Cheltenham franked 1912 1d., rare. Ex Hibbert. Photo. **£400-£500**
- 129 ☒ Incoming picture postcard sent to the island by P.O.W. in Italy "VIA LONDRA", bearing 5c. on picture side, showing framed "CENSURA/CORRESPONDENZA/PRIGIONERI/DI GUERRA" and "RR POSTE/COMMISSIONE/PRI-GIONERI/ DI GUERRA" handstamps in red, the latter overstruck by Potenza-Napoli "24.10.16" despatch c.d.s., an exceptional item. Photo. **£400-£500**
- 130 ☒ 1917 (Sept.) incoming envelope from Ascension addressed to the island pharmacy, franked G.B. 1d., showing straight line "CENSORED" and Sept. 12 arrival c.d.s., roughly opened. Photo. **£100-£120**
- 131 ☒ Type 1 large framed "PASSED BY/CENSOR" mark in grey/blue without initials on 1918 (May 9) real photographic picture postcard of Main St., Jamestown bearing 1916 "WAR TAX/ONE PENNY" on 1d., War Tax charged in error. Photo. **£150-£200**
- 132 ☒ Type 1 large framed "PASSED BY/CENSOR" mark in grey/blue, initialled in red on 1918 (Aug. 19) envelope to Birmingham franked by 1912 2d. incorporating 1d. War Tax, some very minor staining. Photo. **£150-£200**
- 133 ☒ 1918 (Nov. 19) envelope registered to Innsbruck, Austria with enclosed letter, endorsed via Switzerland and locally readdressed, franked at 4½d. rate by 1912 2½d. with 1916 "WAR TAX/ONE PENNY" on 1d., backstamped London, Bologna, Milan etc. and resealed by two examples of "OPENED BY/CENSOR/773" label, a little roughly opened. Photo. **£200-£300**
- 134 ☒ Sentimental greetings "On Active Service" postcard to Staffordshire with message headed "30/11/19/St. Helena", with London "26 DEC 19" rubber receiving c.d.s. and framed "RECEIVED FROM H M SHIP/NO CHARGES TO BE RAISED", rare Photo. **£400-£500**

### Miscellaneous

- 135 ▲ **Bill of Exchange**, Printed "St. Helena" headed bill, dated in ms. "Sept. 16th 1881", for payment of \$705.50 in respect of the whaling bark *Morning Star* of New Bedford, signed by Edmund H. Boller bearing Foreign Bill 1s. adhesives (2) initialled and dated, scarce and unusual. Photo. **£200-£300**
- 136 ▲ **Newspapers and Journals**, 1815 (Sept. 19 the *New England Palladium*, 4 pages, with report on p. 2 of "Bonaparte ordered to St Helena", slight faults; 1834 (May 10) *The Mirror (of Literature, Amusement and Instruction)*, London, 16 pages incl 'An Adventure at St Helena in May 1816'. (2 items) **£100-£120**

- 137 ▲ **Postal Notices and Acts**, 1823 'An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws for punishing Mutiny and Desertion of Officers and Soldiers in the Service of the East India Company; and to authorize Soldiers and Sailors in the East Indies to send and receive Letters at a reduced Rate of Postage', stated to include 'the Island of Saint Helena'. Photo. **£100-£120**
- 138 ▲ - 1870 (Jan. 31) St Helena Government Notification regarding 6d. rate to the Cape; 1883 (Dec. 25) General Post Office Circular regarding Ship Letters incl. St Helena Reduction of Postage; 1922 (Aug. 11) St Helena Government Notification regarding new Parcel Rates. (3 items) **£120-£150**
- 139 ▲ **Post Office Documents**, Insured mail, 1900 (Apr. 9) St. Helena P.O. copy letter (separated) from postmaster Thomas Bruce to the G.P.O. London, also 1913-14 four page P.O. document, two signed by Bruce. **£100-£120**
- 140 ▲ - German Consul, 1911 (Apr. 22) letter to the St. Helena postmaster, signed and with fine strike of "KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES/AUF/SANCKT HELENA/KONSULAT" double oval cachet in violet, regarding mail for the gunboat *Panther* and with postmaster 's pencil note recording redirection of two bags of mail to Duala. **£80-£100**
- 141 ▲ - Parcel Post, 1913 (Dec. 27), 1919 (Sept. 25) two St. Helena P.O. documents, both signed by postmaster Thomas Bruce, the first to the G.P.O. London requesting instruction on an undelivered parcel from Denmark, the second regarding a missent parcel intended for Ascension. (2 documents) Photo. **£100-£120**
- 142 ▲ **Printed Documents**, 1887 "*ADDRESS delivered by the Lord Bishop of St. Helena on the occasion of the Colours of the late St. Helena Militia Regiment being placed in St. James' Church on Saturday 22nd October 1887*", printed extract from the "St. Helena Guardian", Nov. 10 1887; 1895 St Helena Annual Colonial Report, printed by Eyre & Spottiswoode, London. (2 items) **£100-£120**