DEMERARA "FLEURON" CANCELS



1815 - Large fleuron (T&H type 6, used 1809-19), cover rated "2/3" (2 shillings 3 pence).



1825 - Small fleuron (T&H type 7, used 1822-42); received in London on 26 November. Rated "2/2."

ONE OF TWO KNOWN LARGE-SIZE "DEMERARY" STRAIGHT-LINE DATESTAMPS



20 June 1821 - T&H type 6. This cover was the only one seen by them; illustrated on their Plate 3. Rated "4/4" and thus doubleweight from British Guiana.

"DEMERARA / SHIP LETTER" HANDSTAMP



1860 - T&H type DSL 1, used on mourning letter from Barbados. Backstamped JU 20 / 60. **Earliest** of only 5 examples recorded.

Provenance: "Foxbridge" for both.

"BERBICE" TWO-LINE DATESTAMPS



1820 - Exceptional strike of T&H Type 1, with arrival of London, 31 May. Townsend & Howe state this type of cancel is "fairly scarce."

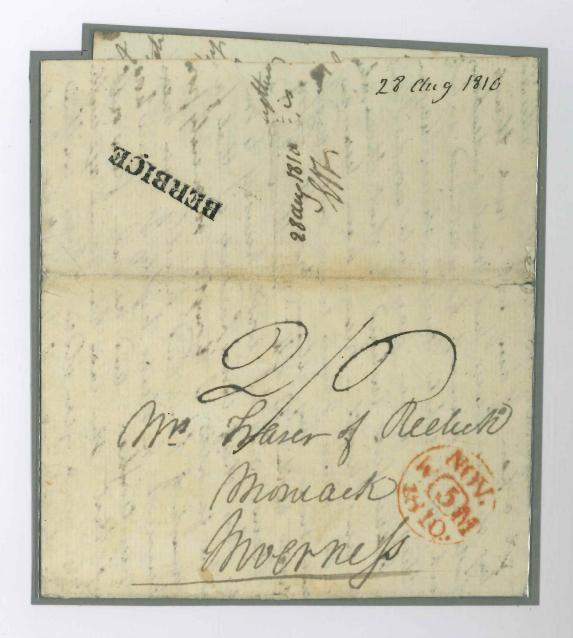


1834 - T&H Type 3, with arrival of London, 5 June. Townsend & Howe state this type of cancel is "seldom clear" (unlike this example) and "scarce."

Pre-Adhesive Mail

Covers from Berbice (New Amsterdam) and Demerara (Georgetown) are shown separately, in chronological order. Note that the condition throughout is better than usually found.

1810 - EARLIEST KNOWN BERBICE HANDSTAMP



28 August 1810 - Complete letter to Inverness (Scotland) at 2/6 ship letter rate. Red "NOV. / 5 / 1810" arrival oval. Not recorded by T&H (their earliest is dated 1813).

DEMERARA "HORSESHOE" CANCELS



ERROR "1801" for "1810" year date, (T&H type 5 mentioned on their page 195). Received in London almost four months later.



ERROR "O811" for "1811" year date (T&H type 5, mentioned on their page 195).

The **only recorded example** of the "1801" error and **one of two known** of the "O811" errors.

UNCOMMON "BERBICE 6TH" DATESTAMP



August 1813 - To Inverness (Scotland) with arrival "OCT. / 13 / 1813." This Berbice datestamp was not recorded by T&H, and no other similar datestamp of Berbice known. Boxed 1/2d local delivery fee was charged on arrival.

Provenance: "Foxbridge"

Note that most pre-adhesive mail after 1813 went from Georgetown to Barbados, and was then taken by the Falmouth Packet to England, until the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company took over in 1842.

DEMERARA "HORSESHOE" CANCELS

Second Known "1801" Error Datestamp



ERROR "1801" for "1810" year date, (T&H type 5, mentioned on their page 195). Sent 1 January to Glasgow (Scotland).