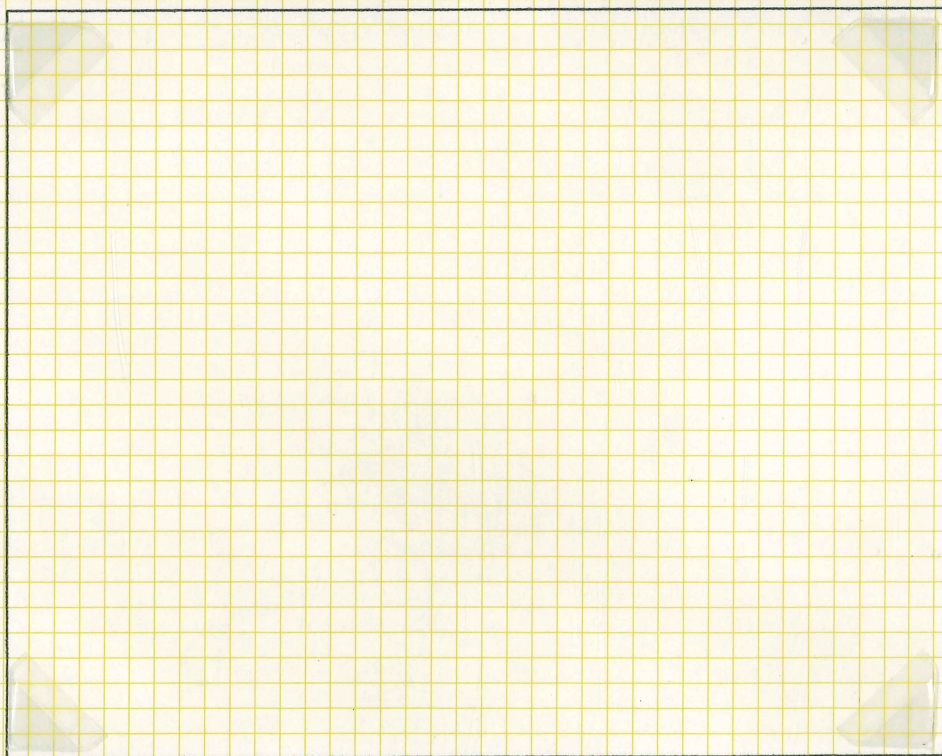




In June 1930 a flight of an experimental nature had been planned by the New York, Rio and Buenos Aires Airline (NYRBA) between Antigua and Montserrat, the aircraft to carry mail in each direction. The flight was due to leave Montserrat on 3 June and mail was prepared accordingly, although most of it seems to have been 'philatelic'. Owing to bad weather, however, the flight had to be postponed, and eventually was abandoned altogether. In February the following year, a seaplane from **HMS DORSETSHIRE** carried the waiting mail to St. Kitts. It bears a 'FIRST AIR MAIL' boxed cachet. The cover then went on to St. Lucia.



Another cover to St. Lucia bearing one of the St. Lucia provisional Postage Due stamps; backstamps show that it went via Dominica.

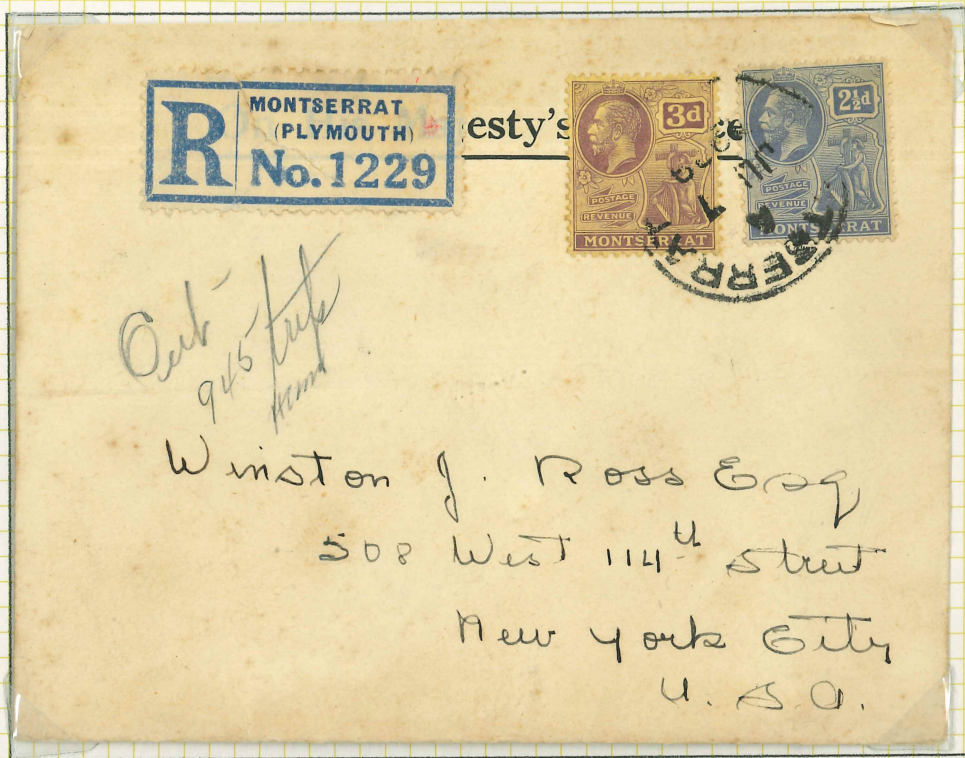
Two interesting examples of these issues being used in conjunction with Federal Leeward Islands Postal Stationery envelopes, both addressed to the USA.

1926 1d violet on cream envelope (H&G5) with an additional 1/2d War Stamp being used as a normal postage stamp in 1929.



A 1928 1 1/2d brown envelope (H&G8) registered with additional 1/2d and 2 1/2d adhesives.





An interesting official registered cover from the Montserrat Postmaster enclosing a receipt for 5s.6d addressed to a stamp dealer in New York. It would seem from the printed form that it was a fairly common practice for dealers to write directly to a Postmaster with an order for stamps.

THE POSTMASTER of Montserrat has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of
 letter of the _____ of _____ 1929
 forwarding a remittance of _____ Pounds
 Shillings and _____ pence, and transmits herewith the following:-

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Post Office, Montserrat, B.W.I. 7/6/1929

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No 0739



Mr James A. Parker,

HILO.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

REGISTER.

Mid Pacific Ocean.

A registered cover to an unusual destination, Hawaii; backstamps describe its journey via Boston and San Francisco.



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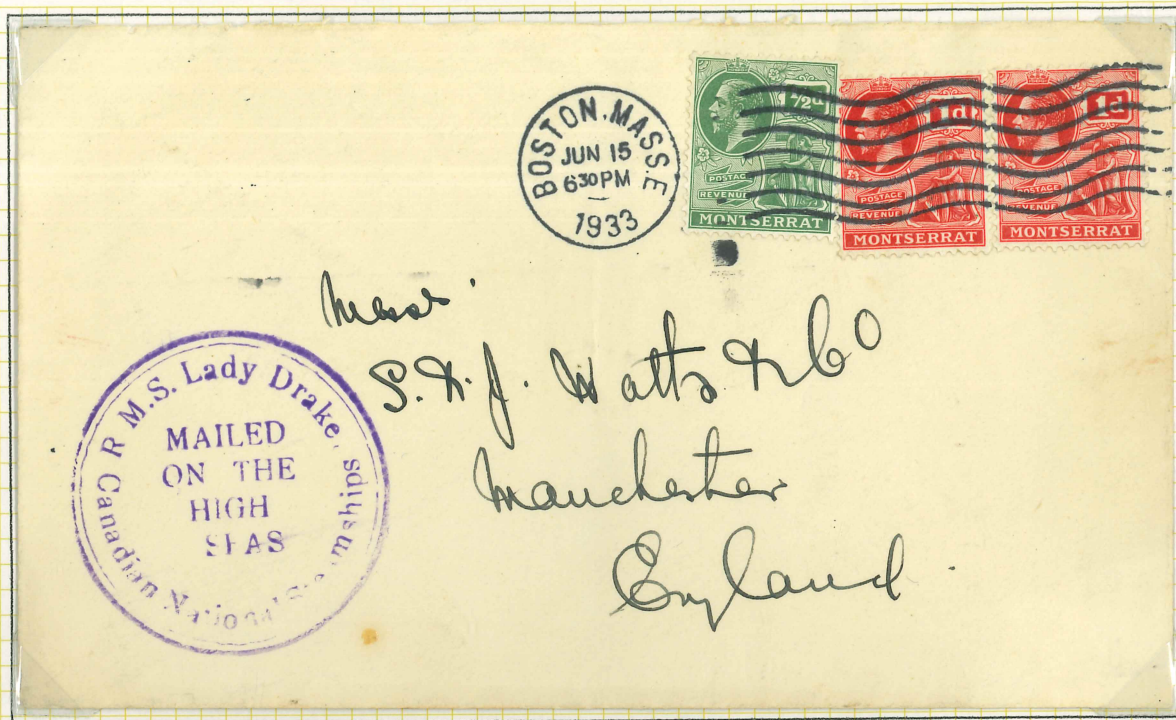
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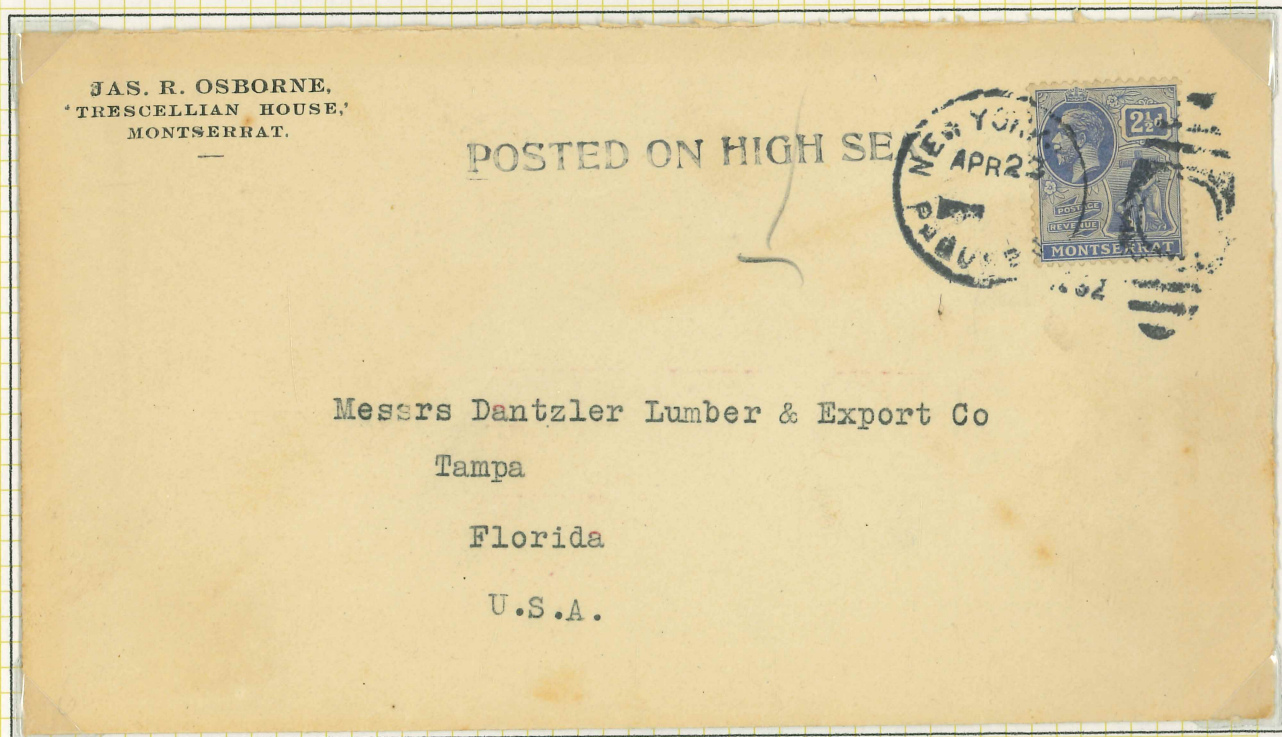
Harry E. Huber
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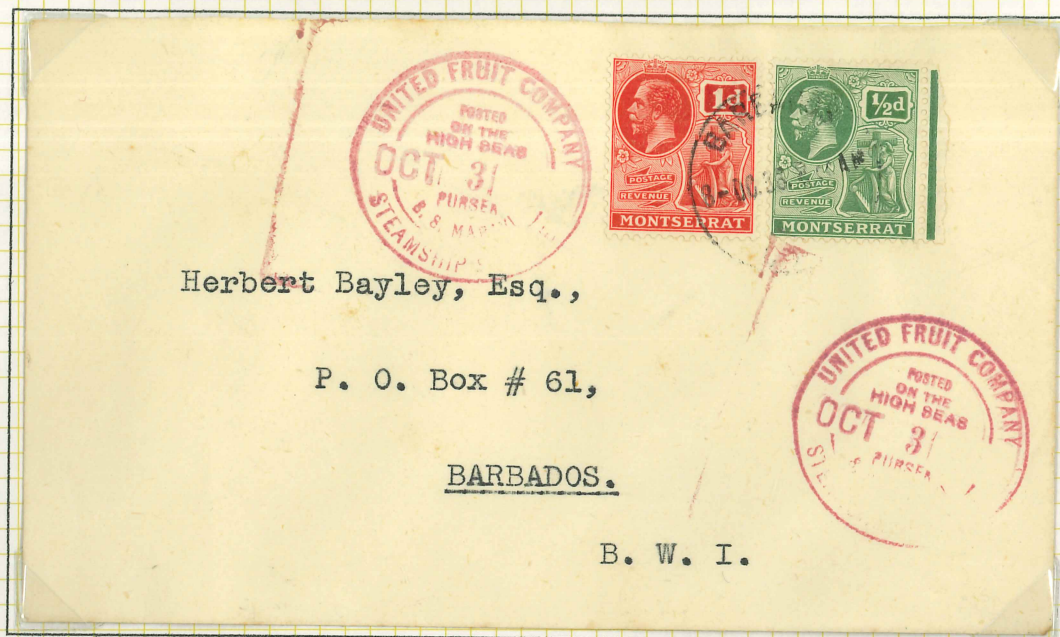
Another registered cover, this time to Pittsburgh, USA, addressed to that well-known philatelic commentator, Harry E. Huber.



In the 1920s and 1930s steamships called at Montserrat en route to Barbados and other West Indian islands. Among these ships was the **LADY DRAKE** of the Canadian Steamship Company. This 1933 cover shows the ship's cachet.



This cover to Florida bearing a ship's cachet 'POSTED ON THE HIGH SEA' was applied on board the **NERISSA** of the Bermuda and West Indies Steamship Co.



Two covers posted on board the United Fruit Company ship **S.S. MARAVI** and addressed to a well-known Barbadian philatelist, Herbert Bayley.