

**British West Africa Study Circle.**

**The postal history of**

**LAGOS,**

**the early mail**

**and the**

**handstruck stamps and postmarks.**

Up to incorporation in Southern Nigeria in 1906.

This circular includes:

1. Brief notes on the history and postal development of Lagos plus a map.
2. Notes on the development of the Colony and Protectorate.
3. Summary of early mail known.
4. The handstruck stamps and a summary of recorded usage.
5. The postmarks and a summary of recorded usage on cover.
6. European maritime marks recorded on Lagos mail.
7. Supplementary marks of Lagos.
8. Ships recorded as carrying Lagos mail.
9. Postage rates and instructions to Postmasters.

While an attempt is made to record dates of usage and known covers no such work can be complete. Corrections and additional information will be greatly appreciated and will be published at a future date.

## POSTAL HISTORY

- C17 - C18 The original native name of Lagos was EKO.  
British & Dutch posts at Badagri
- 1851 Lagos attacked and reduced by British. Punitive raid to stop slave trading.  
Consul appointed.  
King Kosoko replaced by King Akitoye.
- 1853 King Kosoko tried to recover throne, but defeated by British marines.
- 1855 For postage rates see appendix.
- 1857 Plantations (or maybe settlements) already established at Abeokuta.
- 29.1.1852 British Africa Steam Navigation Co. granted a 10 year contract to carry mails by the P.M.G. and began regular services.
- 26.3.1858 Treasury permission to PMG for British stamps to be used for pre-payment of postage.
- 1.4.1858 Postmaster at Plymouth instructed to apply 6d rate on mail to Lagos and Badagry.
- 22.4.1858 Instruction to packet agent at Lagos that British Stamps valid for pre-payment of postage.

16.11.1858	Correspondence started with Mr. B. Campbell (Consul) who, having applied, was in 1860 granted a salary as packet agent of £50 p.a. but did not live to receive it.
Oct. 1858	West African packets' U.K. port changed from Falmouth to Liverpool.
19.2.1859	Introduction of hand stamps - sent to Lagos and Fernando Po.
22.2.1859	First instruction to packet agents at Fernando Po & Lagos - instruction <u>only</u> to collect prepayment on overseas mail to countries other than Britain.
22.5.59	Instruction from GPO to packet agent at Lagos (See appendix).
16.6.1860	Death of Brand - British Consul at Lagos - first packet agent to operate, paid £50 p.a. by GPO.
July 1860	British Postal Guide mentions permission to use G.B. postage stamps in Lagos & Fernando Po.
14.7.1860	Treasury agreed to fix salaries of Postmasters at £50 back-dated to date on which they started to collect pre-paid postage (March 1859).



- 6.8.1861 Lagos occupied. Ceded for pension of 1200 bags of cowries to G.B. by King Doccina (or Docemo), who could not carry out the terms of his father's treaty. First British settlements at Lagos and Iddo Islands. The cession was largely negotiated by Com. Bedingfeld of H.M.S. Prometheus.
- Jan 1862 Stanhope Freeman appointed first administrator.
- 21.10.1862 Prepayment on mail to U.K. stated to be optional.
- 1862 Lekki and Palma districts to east of Lagos were ceded by King Kosoko. Protectorate rights granted over Ado and Oke-Odan to west. In June Lagos took over control of its own Post Office.
- August 1862 Instructions for handling packet mail (see appendix)
- 1863 Badagry ceded and "erected" into a separate Government by letters patent of 13.3.1863. Britain made a treaty at Pocrah, but withdrew in August.
- Dec. 1865 Reduction in registration rate (See appendix)
- 19.2.1866 By charter, Lagos became part of West African settlements, subject to Governor-in-Chief at Sierra Leone, but had its own Legislative Council.
- 1867 British attacked Egbas at Ikorodu. British missionaries expelled from Abeokuta.



1.6.1868

First enquiry by Crown Agents to De La Rue re stamps. Estimate submitted.

1870

Letters from March 1870 show Dahomey mail being handled through Lagos P.O. (See Type 3 item 4 - 8.3.70 through Lagos & item 7 - 14.8.70 through Lagos).

1874

By charter the colony (Badagry in West to Odi in the East) became an integral part of the Gold Coast. The inland boundary was indefinite.

Local P.O. ceased to be associated with GPO, London.

5.3.1874

Regular postal service commenced for Badagry, Palma & Leckie. (See Appendix).

10.6.1874

First postage stamps placed on sale.

1.1.1879

Ketenou ceded at request of the local chiefs.

Lagos became a member of UPU. New postal rates (See appendix)

22.3.1879

Effective 1.4.1879 official postage rates - see appendix.

1.2.1880

For postage rates see appendix.

1880

French missionaries at Abeokuta

17.4.1882

For postage rates within West Africa see appendix

1883

Kingdom of Appa ceded

1884

Treaty of protection with Jekri people over country as far as Mollume, also similar treaties with chiefs of Ogbo & Mahin.

- 1885 Colony and Protectorate extended to within 10 miles of Benin River.
- 1886 Lagos - Ibadan railway started. Completed 1900.
- 13.1.1886 Lagos separated from Gold Coast and designated by charter as a separate colony and protectorate.
- 1888 Part of Yoruba brought within the Protectorate.
- March 1888 Viard tried to claim Ado and Abeokuta for France.
- 1890 Ketenou exchanged with French for Kingdom of Pokrah.
- 1891 Kingdoms of Igbessa, Ado and Ilaro included in the Protectorate.
- May 1892 Expedition against (I)jebus resulted in military occupation and eventual inclusion of part of their land in the colony.
- 1894 Jebu Remo incorporated Aug. 1894. Ikorodu ceded.
- 1895 Itebu, Ibu and Ayessan ceded.
- 28.12.1898 Imperial penny postage introduced.
- 1898 Post offices established at Badagry, Epe, Ikorodu within the Colony and at Jebu-Ode, Ibadan and Abeokuta in the hinterland.
- 27.12.1899 Order in Council extended Protectorate to the boundaries of what became Northern & Southern Nigeria. This included the whole of Yoruba country.

1900

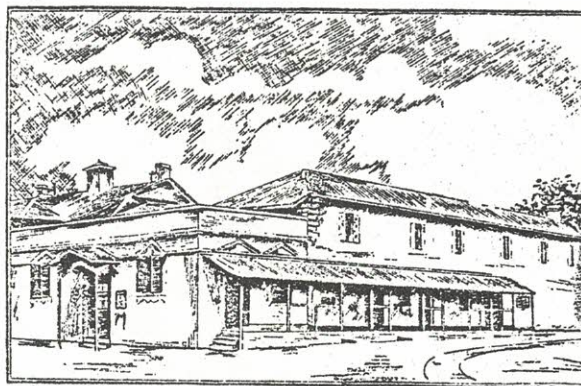
Postal reports mention a pigeon post to Forcados with birds trained by Capt. Elgee. He had already established a service into the protectorate.

24.7.01 Boundaries defined by Order in Council.

16.2.1906 Colony of Lagos amalgamated into Southern Nigeria.



## LAGOS



OLD POST OFFICE, LAGOS, W. AFRICA.

Lagos Island has an area of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  sq. miles. In the early period, the colony consisted of the Island and about 140 miles of coastline between  $2^{\circ}$  and  $6^{\circ}$  East Longitude. The colony was about 3,420 sq. miles - the Protectorate 26,700 sq. miles.

Together they consisted of the:-

- a) Islands of Lagos & Iddo
  - b) Northern District of Ebute Metta
  - c) Western District of Badagry
  - d) Eastern District of Palma and Leckie
  - e) Kingdoms of Appa, Pokrah, Addo, Ilaro and Igbessa on the West.
- Mahin, Ogbo, Jekri and part of Jebu on the East - right to Benin R.

## POPULATION AND CHIEF TOWNS

In 1881 the population of Lagos Island was returned as 37,452. At that time the population of the Protectorate, as then defined, numbered 7,818.

According to the census of 1891 the population was:

Lagos Town and Island	32,508
Central District	21,808
Eastern District	9,346
Western District	<u>21,945</u>
	<u>85,607</u>

Of these 10,268 were Christians, 21,108 Mohammedans, and 54,231 Pagans.

The population of the territories of Addo and Ilaro when acquired in 1891 was estimated at 25,000, but no figures were available for the territories of Pokrah, Igbessa, and the Jebu strip. The Yoruba territory, fully incorporated in 1899, was estimated to contain two million inhabitants.

In 1901 the population according to the census was:

Lagos Harbour and Island	39,354
Ebute Metta	2,493
Estimated for Districts	<u>1,347,000</u>
	<u>1,388,847</u>

This including 233 Europeans. (The average during the later period of the colony was only 200 to 250).

Lagos Town, including Ebute Metta had in 1904 a population of about 42,000 inhabitants.

Epe was the next largest town with a population of about 16,000 followed by Badagry with 4,022.

In the interior Abeokuta and Ibadan had estimated populations of 150,000 and 200,000 respectively.

Lagos Town was then the largest on the West African Coast. It is connected to the mainland by a long bridge. The port is 4,279 miles from Liverpool, 1,203 miles from Freetown in Sierra Leone, 315 miles from Cape Coast, and 232 miles from Brass.



It possesses a fine natural harbour, which forms the only safe port along 1,000 miles of coast. Lagos was the capital of the Colony and had the Chief Post Office.

#### CLIMATE

The mean temperature is 81°, the range being from 68° to 91°. The climate is tropical and used to be considered unsuitable for Europeans. The annual rainfall is about sixty inches, the rainy season extending from May to October, a lull occurring normally in July and August.

#### TRADE DURING 19TH CENTURY

Lagos was at one time the chief entrepot for the export of slaves, but once under British jurisdiction this gave way to more acceptable forms of commerce. The principal exports were palm oil and kernels, cotton goods (native cloths), rubber, and mahogany, rum and geneva.

The chief imports were cotton goods, spirits, tobacco, and hardware, nearly the whole trade being done with England and Germany. Some exports were, however, sent to France and Brazil.

In the 1892 returns there was a considerable reduction in trade which only amounted to about £225,000. This was due to the temporary closing of all trade routes owing to the war with the Jebus and the hostility of the Egbas. By 1902 however total trade was over two million pounds sterling.

There was a large transit trade with Porto Novo and the leeward coast, as well as with the interior.

There was little manufacturing industry, except the weaving of native cloths and mats, boat and canoe building, and brickmaking. Later a saw mill was established and native builders, carpenters, and blacksmiths were taught relevant trades. Fishing was extensive in the inland waters, the fish being dried and sent into the interior. Cotton planting was also commenced under the auspices of the Government and a small sugar mill was erected at Agbowa.

#### CURRENCY

By ordinance No. 2 of 1880 the legal currency was British Sterling.



## STRATION

After the designation of Lagos as a separate Colony in the Government was conducted by a Governor, assisted Executive and a Legislative Council. The latter had five nominated members. The law consisted of local Ordinances and Orders in Council, together with such British laws as were of general application.

For administrative purposes the country was divided into districts - Central, Western, North-Western, Eastern and South-Eastern. District Commissioners were stationed at Lagos, Ibadan, Shagamu, and Epe. The Police Magistrate of Lagos was the District Commissioner of the Central District. The Oyo and Ikorodu districts were administered as one, Epe and Ikki also as one, the respective District Headquarters being at Shagamu and Epe. In the hinterland, resident officers were stationed at Ibadan, Saki, Meku, Jebu-Ode, Ilesha, and Abeokuta. There was also a Railway Commissioner at Abeokuta.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The coast consists of a series of low islands separated from the mainland by the sea, and forming numerous lagoons and creeks. Along these lagoons steamers plied without leaving the ocean from Porto Novo in the west to Siluko on the Ogun River in the east, which formed the Southern Nigerian boundary. The only opening to the sea for many miles is at Lagos. Vessels drawing more than 10 feet 6 inches could not get across the bar, so passengers were transferred from large boats to tenders.

A railway was constructed from Iddo Island - between Lagos and the mainland - to Ibadan, a distance of 123½ miles. It was opened in 1901. The terminus is on Iddo Island, which is connected with the mainland and Lagos by bridges. The Aro Bridge extends from Lagos to Iddo Island and is 2,500 feet long. It is supported by steel screw piles 100 feet deep. Several railway and road bridges cross from Iddo Island to the mainland and are 900 feet long. A branch line about two miles in length was opened between Aro Junction (sixty miles from Lagos) and Abeokuta. A steam tramway connected Lagos with Iddo railway station.

Telegraphic communication was established between Lagos and the Congo, South Africa, Bonny, Brass, the Gold Coast, Europe, and via Accra with Gabon, Loanda, Kotonou, and Porto Novo. There was also a line to Forcados, Jebba, and Lokoja. There was a weekly mail service to and from these places, and communications about once a month with Hamburg. The Brazil and United States routes were still covered by sailing vessels. Internal communication was chiefly by water, along the network of lagoons. Mails were carried to England by the African Steamship Company and the British and African Steam Navigation Company.



EARLY MAIL

Cover from Badagry dated 1.3.48 to London (27.4.48) with adhesive stamp(s) removed.

Entire letter from missionary at Badagri, dated 10.1.49 via "SHIP LETTER KINGSBRIDGE" (1.5.49) (Robertson S.2) in Blue-Black. To London - 2.5.40.

Entire from Lagos, dated 22.7.55. "Per Candace, via Plymouth" to Genoa. Via "PLYMOUTH PACKET LETTER AU 27 1855 B" (Robertson P.2) in Black, London 28.8.55, plus "COLONIES & a ART 13" in Red. "ANGL AMB CALAIS L 28 AOUT 55" in Black, to Genova. Accountancy marks "17" & "1/-". (There is a similar cover dated Lagos 21.7.55)

Entire from Lagos dated 6.1.56 to Genoa via Plymouth - 8.2.56 (in Red) with "COLONIES ART - 18" in Red and Accountancy mark "17" in Black. Also "ANGL AMB CALAIS L" - 8.2.56 in Black. Via Paris 9.2.56 to Genoa 12.2.56. Also on reverse "4.40" in manuscript (Lira collection?). ("COLONIES ART - 18" mark was used from Dec. 1855 until amended in Dec. 1856).

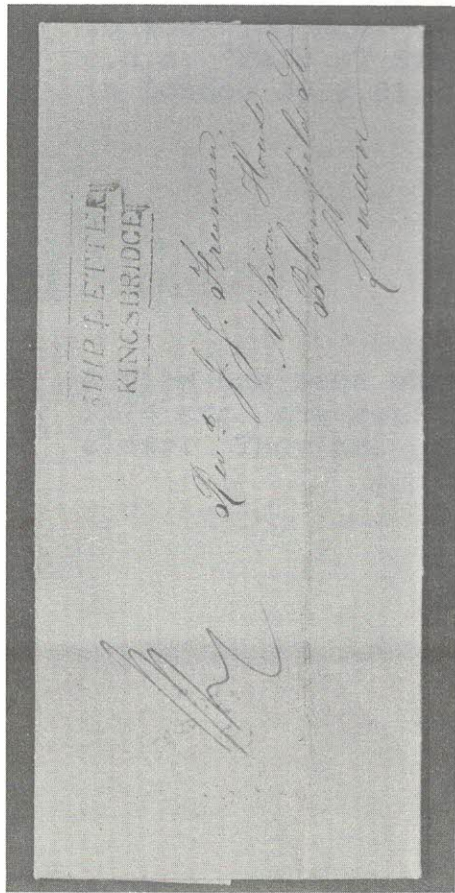
Cover (or entire) dated Lagos 28.3.1856 to Genoa. Via Plymouth - 3.5.56. Paris 6.5.56 to Genoa. Marked "COLONIES ART-18" in Red and Accountancy mark "17" in Black.

Entire from Lagos, dated 30.5.56, via "PLYMOUTH PACKET LETTER JY 30 1856" in Blue (Robertson P.2), London 31.7.56 with "COLONIES ART 18" in Red, and ANGL AMB CALAIS J" in Black to Genova. Accountancy mark "17".

Entire dated Lagos 3.9.1856 to Genoa. Via Plymouth (PLYMOUTH PACKET-LETTER) - 8.10.56, London 9.10.56. Calais 9.10.56 (ANGL AMB CALAIS) to Genoa 13.10.56. Also marked "COLONIES ART - 18" in Red. Accountancy mark "13" in Black.

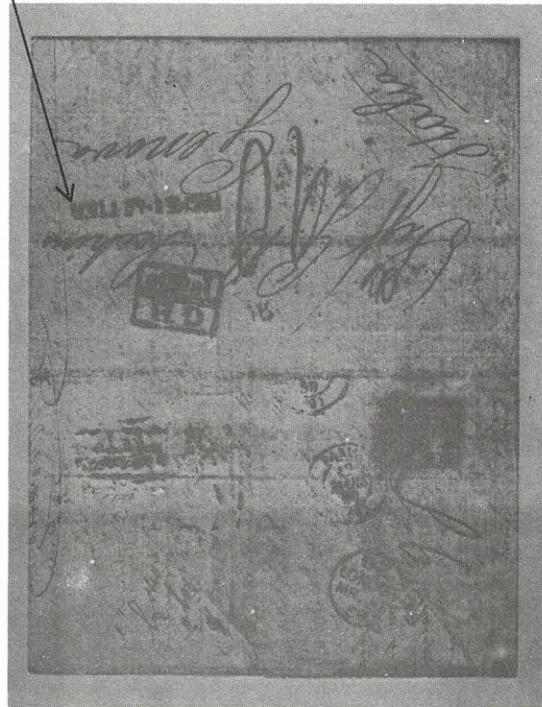
Entire from Lagos dated 6th Nov. 1856 "Via Plymouth" to Genova "per Gambia". Via "PLYMOUTH PACKET-LETTER DE 8 1856 C" in Black (Robertson P.2). (NOTE USE OF C). London 9.12.56 plus "COLONIES ART - 18" in Red, "ANGL AMB CALAIS 9 DEC 56" in Black, to Genova 13.12.56. Accountancy mark "17" in Black.



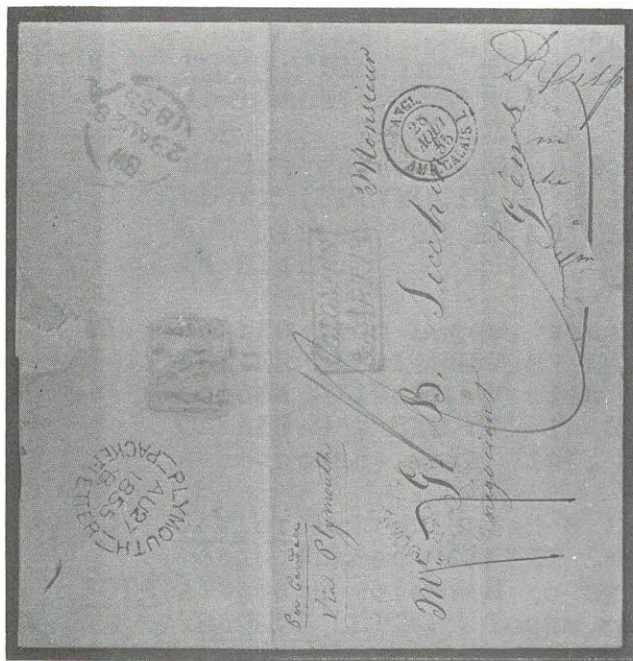


EARLY MAIL - ITEM 2

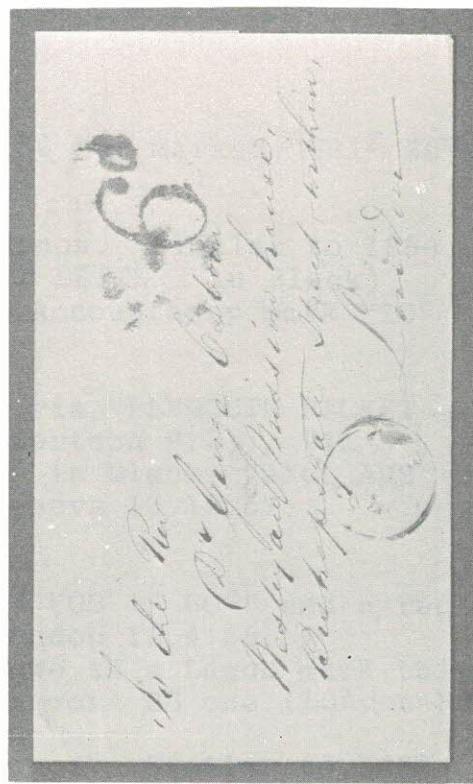
"PACKET-LETTER"



EARLY MAIL - ITEM 13



EARLY MAIL - ITEM 3



TYPE 2 - ITEM 1

9. Porter Similar cover dated 4.12.56 but marked "GB 1<sup>F</sup> 60<sup>C</sup>" in black.
  10. Entire dated Lagos 5.9.1857 to Genoa. Similar to 1856 cover ("PLYMOUTH OC 8 1857 PACKET LETTER" in Black) but marked "GB 1<sup>F</sup> 60<sup>C</sup> in Black. Accountancy mark "10" in Black.
  11. Entire from Lagos, dated 5.9.57, via "PLYMOUTH PACKET - LETTER DE 11 1857 B" in Blue (Robertson P.2). Via London - 12.11.57 with "GB 1<sup>F</sup> 60<sup>C</sup> in Black, "ANGL AMB CALAIS M 2 DEC 57" in Black to Genova 15.12.57. Accountancy mark "10".
  12. Porter Letter dated 6.1.58 marked "GB 1<sup>F</sup> 60<sup>C</sup>" and a red rough framed "PACKET LETTER". London 19.4.58.
- NOTE Although referred to by Robson Lowe as a Lagos mark this "PACKET LETTER" looks more like a worn GB one. (London-Robertson P2)
13. Entire dated Lagos 8.2.1859 to Genoa. Similar to 1856 and 1857 covers but marked "PACKET - LETTER" (straight line type) in black. (unframed - London - Robertson P6).
  14. Envelope from Lagos a few days after occupation (6.8.61) to Woolwich sent via (possible posted at) SIERRA LEONE - c.d.s. "PAID AT SIERRA LEONE AU 21 1861" in Red. Arrived in London 10.9.61.

NOTE

A view has been expressed that the accountancy marks "17" etc. are really "1/7", but they are consistently clear. They are probably Italian.





TYPE 1  
21 mm



TYPE 2  
19½ mm



TYPE 3  
30½ mm



TYPE 4  
Size not known



TYPE 5  
20 mm  
TYPE 5A  
22 mm



TYPE 6  
27 x 27 mm  
variety -  
curved top &  
bottom bars



TYPE 7  
24 x 19 mm  
(a) 9 Bars  
(Thinner)  
(b) 8 Bars  
(Thicker)  
(c) 18 x 15 mm  
5 Bars  
(d) used at Ibadan - 9 Bars  
26½ x 20 mm  
(e) used at Ibadan  
10 bars - 29 x 24 mm



TYPE 8  
21 mm  
"L" of "LAGOS"  
& "W" of "W.AFRICA"  
4 mm apart

TYPE 9  
Similar to Type 8  
but 3 mm apart





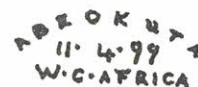
TYPE 10  
24 mm



TYPE 11  
27 mm



TYPE 12  
24 mm



TYPE 13  
(As above)

Subsidiary  
Offices 23 mm  
- 24 mm



TYPE 14  
23 mm - 24 mm



TYPE 15A  
27 mm - 28 mm

TYPE 15B 23 mm



TYPE 16  
29½ mm



TYPE 17  
23 mm - 24 mm



TYPE 18  
28½ mm



TYPE 19  
28½ mm

TYPE 19A  
Oval 24 mm high



TYPE 20  
29½ mm

REGISTERED REGISTERED LETTER



A.  $31\frac{1}{2} \times 4$  mm

B.  $56 \times 4$  mm

Also ( $36\frac{1}{2} \times 4$  mm  
( $36 \times 4$  mm

C.(a)  $21 \times 25$  mm  
- R(base)  $12\frac{1}{2}$ mm  
(b)  $21 \times 26$  mm  
- R(base)  $10\frac{1}{2}$ mm  
(c)  $21 \times 25\frac{1}{2}$  mm  
- R(base)  $10\frac{1}{2}$ mm  
with seriffed  
tail & thinner.

LATE FEE TOO LATE

UNPAID

D.  $35\frac{1}{2} \times 4$  mm

E.  $38 \times 6$  mm

F.  $26\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  mm

PACKET LETTER

T

G. Size not known

H.  $13 \times 13$  mm

Not Lagos in my view  
(see early mail  
items 11,12)

## LAGOS HANDSTAMPS & POSTMARKS

### TYPE 1

Crowned "PAID AT LAGOS" in circle 21 mm (R.L. HS 1)

Registered at GPO London 19.2.59 R.L. states used from 1859

Type 1 is shown in the GPO Impression Books along side

Type 2 dated 31.12.59

(a)	<u>Used as Handstamp</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>28.12.71 - 6.8.72</u>
	<u>Covers &amp; Pieces</u>		

1. Piece - Type 1 with Type 2 (letter B) - 28.12.71 in black. (Also similar piece - 18.2.72)
2. Porter Registered cover Jan 1872 to Liverpool 12.2.72  
LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 2B in red.
3. Porter Registered cover Feb 1st 1872 to LIVERPOOL BR.  
PACKET 3A 27 Feb 72.
4. Cover bearing Type 1 and Type 3 - 17.4.72 in Blue - Green (on reverse). Also has oval stamp of "J.B. CARROL, LAGOS, MERCHANT", "5" Accountancy mark, per "S.S. AFRICA". (Same marks on pieces 7.3.72 & 20.3.72).
5. Cover bearing Type 1 and Type 2 (illegible date), arrived Liverpool 2.6.72 to Manchester, carried per "S.S. LAGOS", "5" Accountancy mark in Red.
6. Type 1 in black on piece with Type 3 in blue dated 3.4.72 and accountancy mark "5" in red manuscript.
7. Porter had unstamped (Registered) covers bearing Type 1 dated 6.6.72 and 24.7.72.
8. Cover with Type 1 and Type 2 - 31.7.72 plus "5" Accountancy mark. To Liverpool 27.8.72. (Also similar cover - 6.8.72).



9. Envelope marked with Type 1 in Black and Type 2 also in Black - probably "6 AU 72" (could be 8th). Also "REGISTERED" in Black TYPE A. From "LOUIS ROCHET MERCHANT x LAGOS x" in Green "PER LAGOS S/S". Via "LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 3 SP 72 4E".  
- Robertson P.17 in Red and marked "REGISTERED LIVERPOOL 3.9.72" in Red to Manchester. Accountancy marks in Red manuscript "5".

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(b) Used on or with G.B. Adhesives      Black      25.10.75

Red      ?

1. Hinde On GB 6d. of 1856 - ? date - in red
2. Cover with GB 5d. cancelled Type 5 - 25.10.75 plus Type 1. "5" Accountancy mark.
3. Danson Cancelling G.B. 6d. - ? date

(c) Used on or with Lagos Adhesives      Black

1. Used to cancel 2d. (S.G. 2 issued 10.6.74)
2. Used to cancel 1d. (SG1)

(d) Used on other adhesives

1. Used to cancel Gold Coast SG1.

## TYPE 2

"B LAGOS" in circle 19½mm (R.L. HS 11) Also "C" in GPO Impression Books.

Registered at GPO London 19.2.59

Type 2 is shown in the GPO Impression books dated 15.2.59 with Code "A". It is also shown dated 31.12.59 with Code "C", (together with a similar mark for Fernando Po and a seal - presumably for mail bags), also dated 22.12.63.

- (a) Used as handstamp. R.L. states use from 1859. C. McCaig has recorded 10.2.60 (colour unknown).

Black AP 62 - 15.1.72,      Blue-Black on cover to Genoa

1. Outer wrapper marked "B LAGOS AP 62" in Black (62 inverted) surcharged in Black "6d" - London 12.5.62 in red.
2. Type 2 on cover - MR.9.66 "1" in Blue crayon, "10" French Accountancy mark. "G.B.2F" boxed mark. Calais - 10 Avril 66. Backstamped London 10.4.66 Grenoble 11.4.66. Endorsed "English Packet"
3. Entire marked "B LAGOS AU 6 67" in Black per "France" to London 2.9.67 in Red. Accountancy marks "1" and "6" in manuscript. (Ex commercial correspondence to Messrs. Pastré Frères, Londres).
4. Entire marked with Type 2 - 5.6.69 with Accountancy mark "6".
5. Entire marked with Type 2 - 19.6.69 in black per "Bonny" to London with "LIVERPOOL SHIP JY 14 1869 B" in black (Robertson S26?) and "SHIP LETTER B JY 14 69 LONDON" in red. Accountancy marks "6" in black and "3" in blue manuscript. (Ex correspondence Messrs. Pastré Frères, London).
6. Entire marked "B LAGOS JY 6 69" in Black to London - 31.7.69 (Ex commercial correspondence to Messrs. Pastré Frères, Londres).
7. Cover marked with Type 2 - 20.7.69 with Accountancy marks "6" and "1". To London.
8. Entire marked with Type 2 - 1.10.69 in black, per "Biafra". London - 26.10.69. Accountancy marks "6" in black and "1" in blue manuscript. (Ex correspondence Messrs. Pastré Frères, London).
9. Type 1 in black with Type 2 - 28.12.71 in black on piece (A similar piece - 18.2.72)
10. Porter had two unstamped (registered) covers bearing Type 2 - 6.6.72 and 24.7.72.

11. See Type 1. "B LAGOS AU 6 (?) 72" in Black.
12. Type 1 in black with Type 2 - 6.8.72 in black on piece
- (b) Used on or with Lagos Adhesives 23.11.74
  1. 23.11.74 seen on Lagos 6d. (SG 6)
  2. 23.11.74 seen on Lagos 2d.
- (c) No control letter 10.2.60
  1. No apparent letter 10.2.60

NOTE No one has reported seeing the use of Codes "A" or "C".

### TYPE 3

"X POST OFFICE, LAGOS X WEST COAST OF AFRICA" in circle 30½mm  
(R.L. HS 13,14) (month has three letters)

Said to have been made to the order of J.B. CARROL - Acting  
Postmaster.

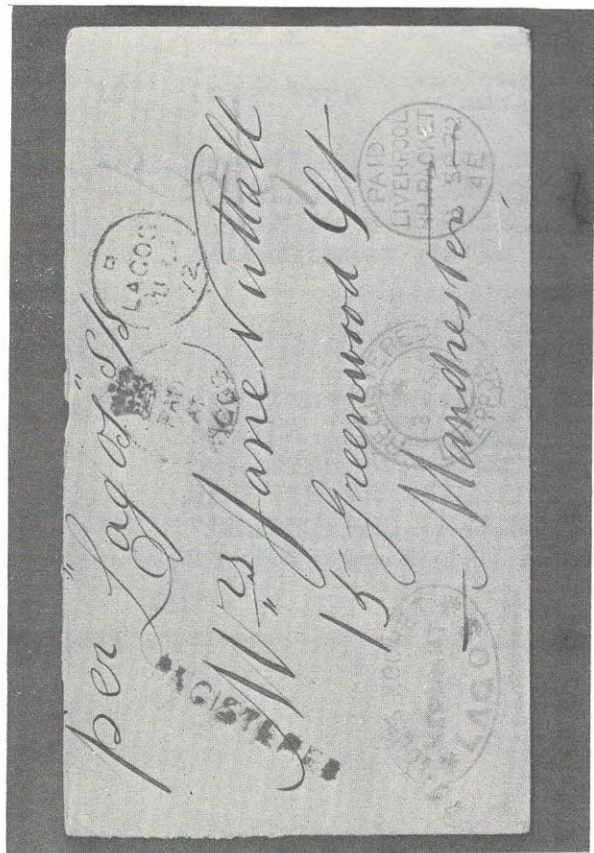
#### (a) Used as Handstamp

Up to 18.2.73 (colour not  
confirmed)

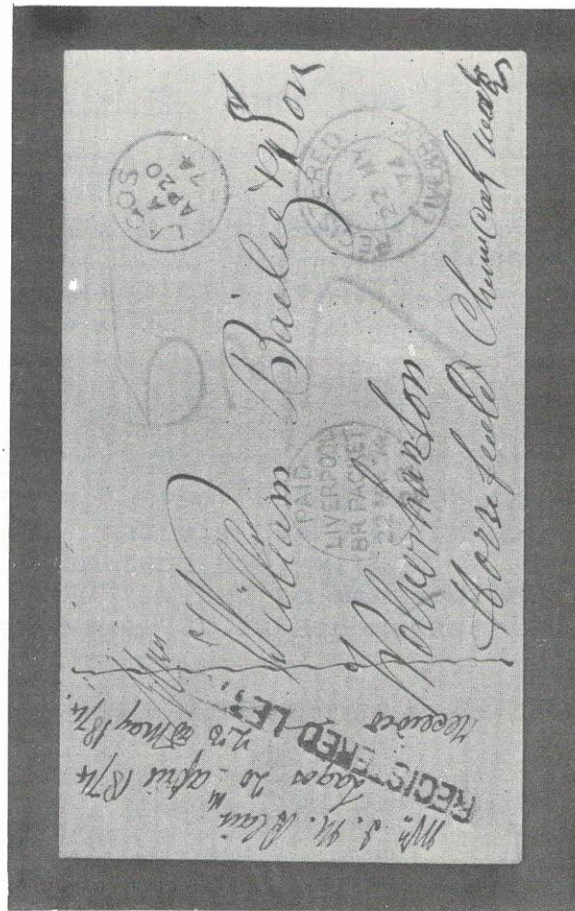
<u>Blue</u>	<u>22.11.69 - 3.4.72</u>
<u>Blue-Green</u>	<u>1.1.70 - 11.2.73</u>
<u>Black</u>	Reported by R.L.

1. Cover marked with Type 3 - 22.11.69 in Blue
2. Entire "p Biafra" dated 21.12.69 with Type 3 in Blue-Green  
- 1.1.70 to London - 27.1.70. Manuscript Accountancy Marks  
"6" and "2" ("2" apparently corrected to "1" in Blue crayon)

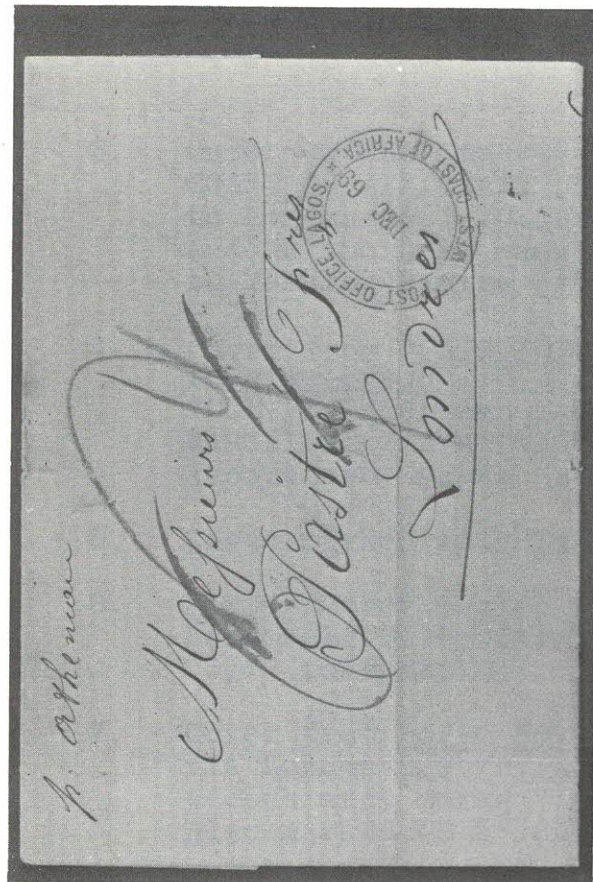




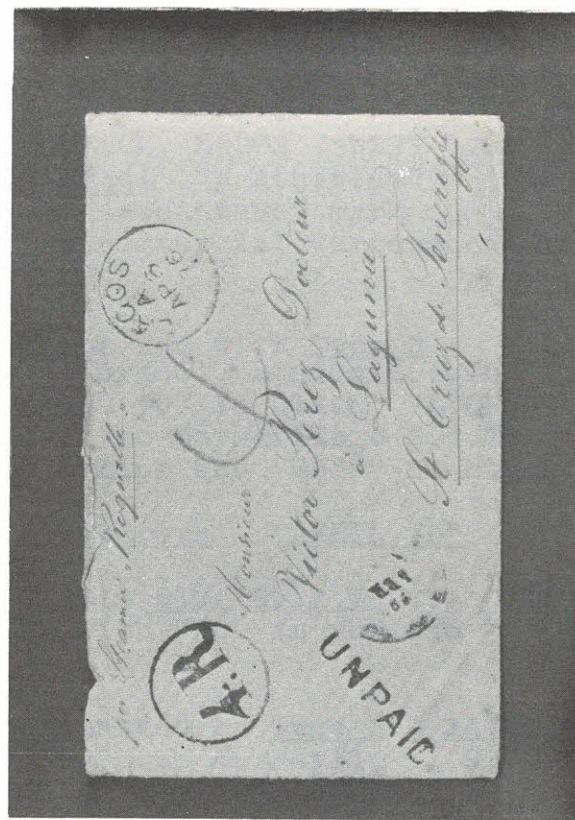
TYPE 1 - ITEM 9 TYPE 2 - ITEM 11  
SUPPLEMENTARY MARK - TYPE A



TYPE 5 - ITEM 4  
SUPPLEMENTARY MARK - TYPE B



TYPE 3 - ITEM 3



TO TENERIFE TYPE 5 - ITEM 6  
SUPPLEMENTARY MARK - TYPE F



3. Outer wrapper marked "X POST OFFICE, LAGOS X WEST COAST OF AFRICA 12 DEC 69" in Blue. "p Athenium" to London 15.1.70 in Red. "1d" Accountancy mark and "6" both in manuscript. (ex commercial correspondence to Messrs. Pastré Frères, Londres).
  4. Cover from PORTO NOVO, DAHOMEY marked with Type 3 in blue-green - 8.3.70. Via Liverpool, London 1.4.70 "COL.FR. ANGL AMB CALAIS E1 AVRIL 70" in black, "LYON A MARSEILLE 2 AVRIL 1870" in black to Marseille - 2.4.70. Accountancy Marks "10" in black/blue and "GB2<sup>F</sup>" in black.
  5. Cover marked with Type 3 in Blue-Green - "APRIL 70"
  6. Porter Cover marked with Type 3 in Blue 21.7.70 via London 19.8.70, Calais 19.8.70 with "PD" in red and "5/7" to Paris.
  7. Cover from Porto Novo, Dahomey marked by Type 3 - 14.8.70 via London 9.9.70. Calais 10.9.70 to Marseille 11.9.70. Accountancy marks "10" and "1" with oblong "CHANGE". Also marked 'GB 1<sup>F</sup> 60<sup>C</sup>".
  8. Type 3 on piece in Blue, dated 20.3.72 with Type 1 in black.
  9. Type 3 on piece in blue dated 3.4.72. (see Type 1).
  10. (see Type 1) - 17.4.72 Blue-Green
  11. Registered cover marked with Type 3 in Blue-Green - 10.2.73 Via Liverpool (PAID LIVERPOOL SHIP - tombstone type) in Red - 18.3.73. To Manchester - 18.3.73. Accountancy marks "3". Per "SS CONGO".
- $\frac{2}{5}$
12. Envelope marked "X POST OFFICE, LAGOS X WEST COAST OF AFRICA 11 FEB 73" in Blue-Green. Also "REGISTERED" in Red Type A, "Per Mail Steamer" and via "PAID LIVERPOOL SHIP 18 MR 1873 B" in Red - Robertson S19, with "REGISTERED LIVERPOOL 18 MR 1873" in Red to Manchester 18.3.73 in Red. Accountancy marks "3" in Red manuscript.

$\frac{2}{5}$

13. Cover marked by Type 3 - 18.2.73 with "REGISTERED" in Red. Tombstone "PAID LIVERPOOL SHIP 18 MR 1873 B" (in Red?) to Manchester 18.3.73. Accountancy mark "3" per "SS CONGO"

$\frac{2}{5}$

(Porter had two covers identical to 13 above)

14. Type 3 in Blue-Green on piece with Type 1 - 7.3.73

TYPE 4

"LAGOS PAID A" R.L. HS2 1875 (Robson Lowe)

No-one seems to have seen this. It is not mentioned in the Porter manuscript which most of Robson Lowe's encyclopaedia section was based on.

TYPE 5

"LAGOS B" in circle 20mm. Also "LAGOS A"

Without details of use: A Black up to 2.4.89 R.L. from 1864  
B Black from 6.6.72

Code A is shown in the GPO Impression books for 21.1.73

(a) Handstamp

A Red 28.11.73 - 27.3.76

Black 22.2.69 - 6.4.76

1. Cover marked with Type 5 in black - "LAGOS A FE 22 69" to Hamburg. Accountancy mark "8" in blue and handstamp "L" in black.
2. Registered cover with Type 5 - 19.6.73 with accountancy mark "5"

$\frac{2}{7}$

"REGISTERED LETTER" in Red to Liverpool - 12.7.73



3. Cover marked Type 5 10.11.73 to Liverpool 19.12.73  
Accountancy Mark "5".
4. Envelope marked "LAGOS A AP 20 74" in Red and "REGISTERED  
LETTER" in Black — Type B. Via "PAID IN LIVERPOOL BR  
PACKET 22 MY 74 2B" in Red - Robertson P.17 and  
"REGISTERED LIVERPOOL in Red - 22.5.74 to Wolverhampton.  
Accountancy mark "5"

$\frac{2}{7}$

5. Type 5 - "A" in Black - (see Type 6) - 27.2.76.
6. Envelope marked "LAGOS A AP 6 76" in Black, "per steamer  
Roquelle". Also marked "UNPAID" in Black — Type F. To  
"ST. CRUZ DE TENERIFFE (42) 28 ABR 76" in Black and "4.R"  
in Black. Also Accountancy mark "4" in Blue manuscript.

(b) Used on or with G.B. stamps ? colour 25.10.75

5d. cancelled with Type 5 - 25.10.75

Reported but not subsequently confirmed.

(c) Used on or with Lagos adhesives or Postal Stationery

A Black 29.6.74 - 13.5.87

B Black 27.7.74 - 30.10.75

1. Hinde Sale - A.29.6.74 see (d) below
2. 6d. Green 1874 - 75 Cancelled by Type 5 - 23.11.74
3. Cover bearing 6d. Green cancelled by Type 5 (Control B)  
- 1.12.74 in Black. Accountancy mark "4". Overwritten  
"5".
4. Registered cover bearing 4d. and 6d. of Lagos 1874  
- 75 issue. Cancelled by Type 5 - 7.12.74.
5. Registered cover bearing 4d. and 1/-. Cancelled by  
Type 5 (Control A) - 23.2.76 in Black. Manuscript rate  
marks "10"

$\frac{2}{1/-}$

6. Envelope bearing 6d. Blue-Green S.G. 6 Cancelled "L" Type 6 in Black and marked "LAGOS A FE 27 76" in Black via "PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 2 AP 76 3 B" in Red - Robertson P.17 to Wolverhampton 3.4.76. Accountancy mark "5" in Red manuscript.
7. 6d. SG15 on cover cancelled by Type 6 in black with Type 5 (A/JU 9/76) per S.S. Africa (see Type 6) (Also a similar cover - 23.1.77)
8. Mourning cover with 6d. S.G. 15 cancelled by Type 6 with Type 5 in Black - "A" - 9.7.78. Accountancy mark "5" in Red. "LIVERPOOL PAID BR. PACKET 13.8.78 3A" in Red.
9. Type 5 used on cover DE3 81. Stamp cancelled by bars to France. Liverpool 5 JA 82. London ditto Lyon 6 JA 82.
10. 1½d, postcard sent "per SS Benin", cancelled by bars (Type 7b). Marked with Type 5 (A/SP 26/84). Accountancy mark "1" in pencil. Liverpool Packet Robertson P.17 in red - (2 NO 84 34).
11. Cover per "S.S. Roquelle" to Germany with Type 7A obliterating 4d. SG 24 plus Type 5 in Black - "A" - 1.7.86 Accountancy mark in Red altered from "3" to "4".
12. Envelope bearing two 4d. Pale Violet SG 25 cancelled by Bars Type 7A and marked "LAGOS A MY 13 87" in Black. Via "PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 8 JU 87 4E" in Red - Robertson P.17 to Firenze 11.6.87 Accountancy mark "6" in Red manuscript.
13. Front of cover - 4d. SG5 or 14 cancelled by 8 thick bars Type 7b. (See Type 7b -11) and marked with Type 5 - "A" code in Black 5.7.84.

(d) Without Date

1. Hinde Sale Cover with stamps cancelled by Type 5 "B" control letter without date. The cover is also marked with Type 5 ("A Control) - 29.6.74.
- (e) 21mm on Lagos 6d. (SG6) - one stamp is reported with a larger mark.

TYPE 5A

"LAGOS A" - in circle 22mm

Porter reported this used from about 1884 both "A" & "B".  
He also stated that it was found without any date - "B".

TYPE 6

"L" in circle and bars. 27 x 22mm with two reported but unspecified minor varieties.

Used as cancel on Lagos adhesives. Black 25.2.76 - Early April 1882

1. See Type 5 for use 27.2.76 in Black
2. Type 6 on cover cancelling 3 x 1874 issue 2d. which have been affixed over a Type 5 in Black - "A" - 27.3.76.
3. 6d. SG15 on cover cancelled by Type 6 also marked with Type 5 (A/JU 9/76) per S.S. Africa & "PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 9 JY 76" in red.
4. 6d. SG15 on cover cancelled by Type 6 with Type 5 - "A/JA 23/77" per S.S. Gambia" "PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 25 FE 77" in red.
5. Cover bearing 6d. SG15 cancelled "L" with "LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 1 JY 77".
6. Mourning cover bearing Type 6 cancelling 6d. SG 15 - 9.7.78 (see Type 5).
7. Postcard (CP 1) cancelled "L" with Type 5 - 28.11.79 and "LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 31 DEC 79".

VARIETY:- 3d. SG13 (off paper) cancelled by Type 6. Top & bottom bars appear to be curved on outer part.



## TYPE 7

Bars in oval shape - 24 x 19mm to 26½ x 19½mm. There are several types, including one with 9 thinner bars, one with 8 thicker bars. (a & b) - also bars in oval shape 18 x 15mm - 5 bars (c)

R.L. from 25.2.76. Also seen 30.7.80 and 12.12.99, but not identified as to which type.

For Types 7D and 7E used at IBADAN see pages 32 and 33.

### (a) Thinner Bars 9 bars Black 13.5.87 - 12.7.97

1. For use 13.5.87 in Black see Type 5.
2. Envelope bearing two 2d. grey SG 24 cancelled by bars in Black and marked "LAGOS W. AFRICA A MR 5 88" in Black - Type 8, via "PAID LIVERPOOL BR PACKET 7 APL 88 1.A", in Red, Robertson P.18a, to "MUNCHEN 9.4.88". Accountancy mark "3" in Red manuscript.
3. Envelope bearing ½d. dull-Green SG. 21 & 4d. dull Mauve and Black SG 33, cancelled by bars in Black and marked on reverse "LAGOS < W.AFRICA OC 4 92" in Black - Type 8, with "R" in Black - Type C. Via Registered London 31.10.92 in Red to Gloucester 31.10.92. "2½" Accountancy mark in Red Manuscript.
4. Envelope per "SS Biafra", bearing 7½d stamp cancelled by Type 7a. Also marked "R" in black, to Liverpool - 6.5.97.
5. Envelope bearing ½d. dull-Green SG 21 and 4d. dull Mauve and Black SG 33 cancelled by bars in Black and marked on reverse "LAGOS W.AFRICA B JY 12 1897" in Black - Type 10, with "R" in Black Type C. Via "REGISTERED LIVERPOOL" in Black 18.8.97 - Registered London 19.8.97 in Violet, Nuernberg 20.8.97 to Fuerth 1, Bayern 2 - 20.8.97.
6. (See Type 5) Type 7a on cover with Type 10 - 10.11.97

### (b) Thicker Bars 8 bars Black 31.12.81 - 14.4.99

(one later reporting - on KE 1d. issued 22.10.04)

1. On cover DE 31 81

2. Type 7B on cover with Type 5 10.7.83
  3. 1½d. postcard cancelled by Type 7b - 26.9.84 (See Type 5)
  4. Type 7B on cover with Type 5 19.12.84
  5. Cover bearing 6d. SG 25 cancelled in Black with Type 5 - 1.7.86
  6. Cover bearing 4d. SG24 cancelled with Type 7b - 1.7.86
  7. Type 7B on cover with Type 5 27.1.87
  8. Type 7B on registered cover to Sierra Leone cancelling 6 adhesives. "R" in Black Type C with Type 9 - Dec 1893 in Black. To Sierra Leone 3.1.94.
  9. Type 7B on cover with Type 9 24.12.95 - "A" plus R - Type C per S.S. Bonny.
  10. In Black - 14.4.99 See Abeokuta Type 13.
  11. Front of cover bearing 4d. SG5 or 14 cancelled by Type 7b in Black and marked "LAGOS A JY 5 84" in Black Type 5 via "PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 18 AU 84 2D" in Red, Robertson P.17. "3" Accountancy mark in Red manuscript.
- (c) 5 Bars 18 x 15mm About 9.4.82

Cover bearing 2d. Blue SG11 & 1d. lilac-mauve SG17 cancelled bars Type 7C. with "LIVERPOOL BR PACKET 17 MY 82" to Oxford 12.5.82 forwarded by hand on 13.5.82. The cover is marked "9.4.82" in manuscript.

Rate from 1879 was 4d. per ½ oz. so letter 1d. underfranked. Marked "6d." surcharge, subsequently cancelled in ink (as excessive?).

Apparently the 1d., 2d., 3d., and 4d. values were despatched on 14.2.82 with Wmk CA (Porter - Philately in Scotland Nov.1934) and could have been on sale before S.G.'s June 1882. (Reported as date of delivery by Armstrong in Stamp Collector's Fortnightly March 1912).

## TYPE 8

"LAGOS W.AFRICA A" - "L" of Lagos and "W" of W.Africa 4mm apart, in circle 21mm.

Black - 5.3.88 - 24.6.95 Overall use including Type 9  
5.9.87 - 19.12.03

1. A in Black 5.3.88 see Type 7
2. A in Black 4.10.92 see Type 7. Has "A" sideways
3. Postcard cancelled by Type 8 - 11.10.94 via Anvers to Ulm - 10.11.94
4. 1d. postcard cancelled by Type 8 - 12.3.95 ("A" upright)
5. 1d. postcard cancelled by Type 8 - 24.6.95 - "A" sideways, to Lowestoft.

NOTE Porter also reports use with "B".

## TYPE 9

"LAGOS W.AFRICA A" in Black. "L" of Lagos and "W" of W. Africa 3mm apart, in circle 21mm.

Black - 4.11.92 - 2.7.96 Overall use including Type 8  
5.9.87 - 19.12.03.

1. 1½d. Lagos postcard with "HALFPENNY" crossed out in red manuscript, cancelled "LAGOS W.AFRICA A NO 4 92" in Black. Via "PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 14 DE 92" in Red. Robertson P.18
2. 1½d Lagos postcard surcharged "1d" cancelled "LAGOS W. AFRICA A JY 31 93" Black via "PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 26 AU 93 7-B" in Red - Robertson P.18a to Kingston, Jamaica 15.9.93.
3. 1½d. Lagos postcard with "HALFPENNY" crossed out in red manuscript to German Cameroons - 7.4.93 (But "L" to "W" - 3½mm).

(Also a similar card to London 17.4.93)

4. (See Type 7b) - Type 9 - Dec. 93 in Black



5. 1d. postcard (Lagos) cancelled 18.4.94 via "PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 16 MY 94 34 in red "per S.S. BONNY".
6. Type 7b cancelling cover with Type 9 "A" - 24.12.95  
Also "R" (Type C) per S.S. Bonny (See Type 7b).

#### TYPE 10

"LAGOS W.AFRICA B" in circle 24mm. "L" of "LAGOS" to "W" of W.AFRICA" is  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

NOTE (Porter recorded 2 types  $23\frac{1}{2}$ mm from 1899 and  $24\frac{1}{2}$ mm from 1896)

<u>No letter</u>	<u>Black 27.2.1904 - 12.12.1904</u>
<u>A</u>	<u>Black 13.4.1897 - 2.7.1904</u>
<u>B</u>	<u>Black 21.5.96 - 2.7.1904</u>
<u>W</u>	<u>Black 17.12.1900 - 20.2.1901</u>
<u>B</u>	<u>Black</u>
<u>C?</u>	<u>Black 4.10.1899</u>

1. A in Black 13.4.1897 - see Shagamu Type 12
2. A in Black 14.4.1899 - see Abeokuta Type 13 (L to W  $5\frac{1}{2}$ mm)
3. B in Black 17.7.1897 - see Type 7 (L to W 6mm)
4. Type 10 with Type 7a - 10.11.97
5. Cover bearing  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. & 4d. cancelled by Type 7 - bars, and backstamped Type 10 - A. 6.5.98, with registered "R" in black. To Ehmenfriedsdorf 28.5.98, per SS Adolph Woermann. Accountancy mark "45" in blue crayon.
6. Picture postcard bearing two "HALFPENNY" on 4d. surcharge SG 42 and SG. 42a (one partly double surcharge) cancelled "LAGOS W.AFRICA B AU 1 1898" in Black. Via "PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 26 AU 98" in Red. Robertson P.18a to Oxford.

7. Envelope bearing two ½d, two 1d, 4d surcharged ½d, and 2d., all cancelled by Type 10 - 12.7.00. "R" in black, London registered - 3.8.00 to Leipzig - 4.8.00.
8. Cover bearing 2½d cancelled by bars Type 7E in black at IBADAN to Lagos B Type 10 - 15.8.98 in black.
9. Cover bearing two x 1d. + 2½d (Registered Telegram) cancelled by IBADAN bars (Type 7D) in black to LAGOS A - Type 10 in black - 6.9.98.
10. Type 10 on p.c. - no code 12 DE 04

NOTE Reported used 25mm Code A - AP 1896 - very large letters

Also 23mm to 23½mm "B" 18.10.00

"A" 24.9.02

No Code MR 1904

#### TYPE 11

"LAGOS W.C.A. OFFICIAL PAID" in circle 27mm

Black 24.12.1895 - 26.6.97 - Frank

1. On an O.H.M.S. cover from the Chief Justice of Lagos to the Chief Justice in the Gold Coast - 24.12.95
2. O.H.M.S. cover to Director, Botannical Garden, Shibpur, Calcutta, marked by Type 11 - 26.6.97 in black. Via Liverpool - Robertson P17 - (28.7.97 2B) - Received 13.8.97.

NOTE It is believed that an "OFFICIAL PAID" stamp was used as a canceller at ZUNGERU, N. NIGERIA.

#### TYPE 12

"POST OFFICE - SHAGAMU B" in circle - 24mm

	(A	<u>Black</u>	<u>26MR(?) 1896 - 16.9.1898</u>
<u>IBIDAN</u>	(		
	(B	<u>Black</u>	<u>28.3.1897</u>

(or IBADAN?)

JEBU ODE C 10.5.1899 - 1900

SHAGAMU B Black 11.4.1897 - 10.5.1899 - (1900 also possibly seen)

IKORODU C Black 11.7.1898

(Actually O )

1. Envelope bearing ½d. dull Green SG 21 and 2d. dull Mauve and Blue SG 30 cancelled "POST OFFICE - SHAGAMU B AP 11 1897" in Black. Via "LAGOS W. AFRICA A AP 13 1897" in Black - Type 10, "PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 6 MAY 97 1.A" in Red - Robertson P.18a to Sutton 7.5.97.

TYPE 10 (used at subsidiary Post Offices)

- (a) "ABEOKUTA, W.AFRICA A" in circle 23mm - 24mm

ABEOKUTA A Black 2.10.1899 - 3.10.1900

B Black 4.3.1901 - 25.9.1904

F Porter

BADAGRY A Black 19.11.1901 - 13.9.1904

B Black 26.11.1903

No Code? Black 14.?.1903

EBUTE METTA A 25.8.1903 - 22.4.1904

B Black 26.2.01 - 2.7.1904

E Porter

EPE (23mm) A Black 26.7.1900 - 6.11.1903

IBADAN (23mm) A Black 9.7.1899 - 29.10.1901

B Black 15.3.1902 - 7.3.1905

m or w Black 7.9.1904 - 2.10.1905  
(2.10.05 has "10" for "OC")

X Black 25.9.1899



<u>IKORODU</u>	<u>A</u>	Reported by R.L.
<u>JEBU ODE</u>	<u>A</u>	Porter
	<u>?</u>	15.3.1904
<u>SHAGAMU</u> (24 mm)	<u>B</u> Black	18.12.1903 (Dec. in manuscript - 18.12.1903)

1. Envelope bearing 1d. rose-carmine cancelled by bars Type 7A and marked "IBADAN, W.AFRICA A AU 28 1899" in Black. Via "PLYMOUTH SHIP LETTERS X SP 99" in Black - Robertson S.13, to Coventry 25.9.99.

(b) Similar type: "BADAGRY LAGOS W.D. B"

<u>BADAGRY W.D.</u>	<u>A</u>	19.7.1902
	<u>B</u>	17.3.1894 - 8.6.1898
<u>LECKIE E.D.</u>	<u>A</u>	7.5.1895 - 31.1.1898
	<u>B</u>	5.3.1897 - 3.7.1897

### TYPE 13

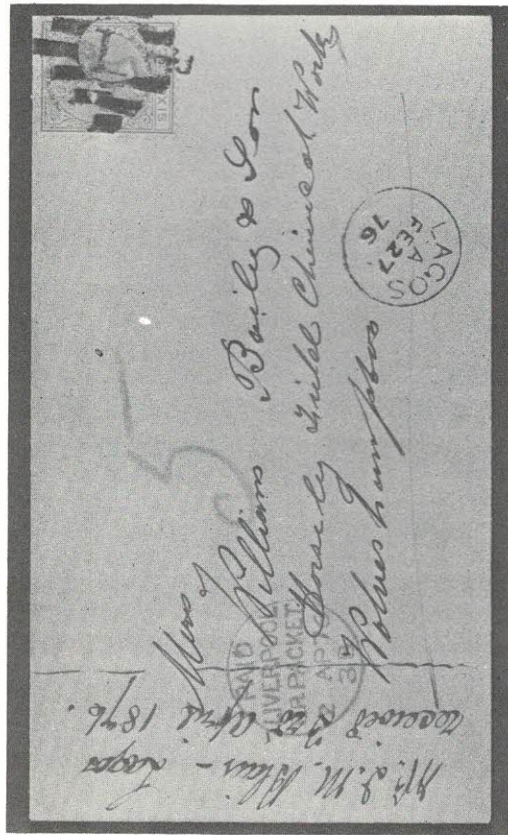
Manuscript mark "ABEOKUTA 11.4.99 W.C. AFRICA" in Black

1. 1d. postcard of Lagos marked as above and cancelled by Thick bars in Black - Type 7 at "LAGOS. W.AFRICA A AP 14 1899" in Black Type 10. Via "PAID LIVERPOOL BR PACKET 8 MAY 99 1.0" in Red - Robertson P.18a to Cambridge - 8.5.99 (card is dated "Wes (leyan) Miss Hs. Ogbe April 10th/99" and it says "all letters should be sent to me at Abeo. We have Post Office. Two collections a week").

### TYPE 7D - used at IBADAN

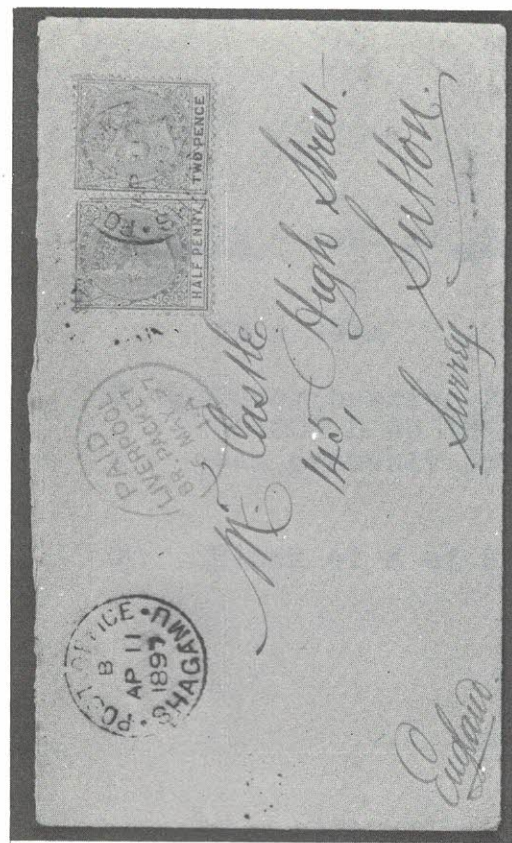
Bars. As Lagos Type 7 but 26½ x 20mm 9 bars Black 25.9.99

1. 28.8.99 in Black see Type 10 - used at Ibadan unless the reverse of the cover was marked there, but the stamp not cancelled until received at Lagos.



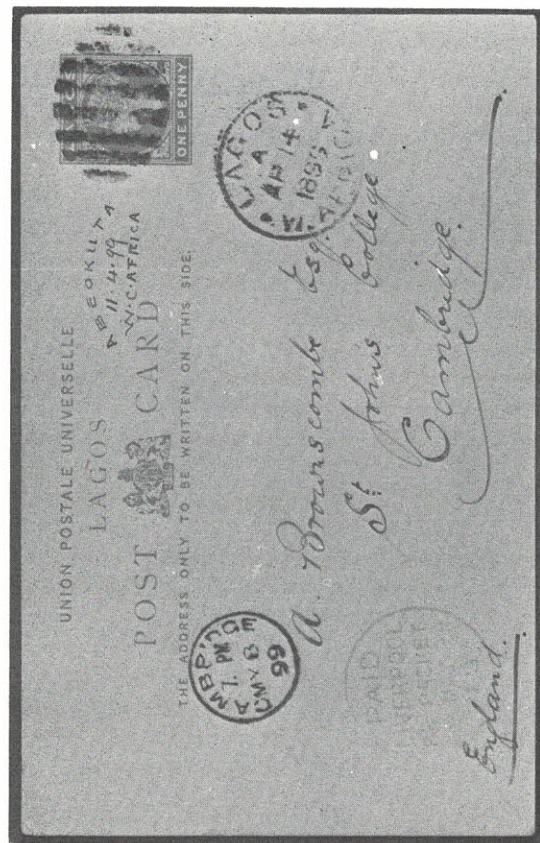
TYPE 5 - ITEM 5

TYPE 6 - ITEM 1



FROM SHAGAMU TYPE 12 - ITEM 1

TYPE 10 - ITEM 1



FROM ABEOKUTA TYPE 13 - ITEM 1  
TYPE 10 - ITEM 2

TYPE 7B - ITEM 10

TYPE 7E - used at IBADAN

29 x 24mm

10 Bars

- About 14.8.98

1. Cover bearing 2½d cancelled by Type 7E in black to "LAGOS B AU 15 1898" in black. (The bar cancellation was probably applied at Ibadan).
2. Block of 8 of SG42 cancelled with Type 7E



MARKS INTRODUCED AFTER 1900

TYPE 14

Time of posting in place of code letter.

Introduced about 1904. LAGOS 3.8.04 - 30.9.05 24mm

1. 5.15 3AG 04 on 6d.
2. 4.45 5AG 04
3. 10.30 a.m. SE8 04
4. 10 a.m. 30 SE 05

OYO 26.8.04 - 29.8.04 23mm

1. 8.00 a.m. 26.8.04
2. 9.00 a.m. 29 AG 04

TYPE 15A

27mm - 28mm

Introduced about 1903

ABEOKUTA

A

27mm 9.1.1905 - 30.4.1905

B

27mm 10.1.1905 - 25.4.1905

C

27mm 9.8.?

D

(28mm 12.1.1905  
(27mm 21.12.1905

E

F

BADAGRY

B

27mm 2.10.1905

C

D

27mm 24.8.1905

<u>EBUTE METTA</u>	A	27mm 12.7.1904
	B	27mm 31.7.1906
	C	27mm 13.12.1905
	D	
	E	27mm 17.11.?
	F	11.2.1905 - 19.2.06 (28.7.1906)
<u>EPE</u>	B	(27mm 5.1.1904 (day before month) (28mm 5.1.1904 - 11.10.1905)
<u>ERUWA, LAGOS</u>	E	
<u>IBADAN</u>	A	
	B	
	C	27mm 12.7.1905
	D	27mm 17.8.1905
	E	27mm 4.12.1904 - 15.12.1905
	F	(27mm 11.6.? (28mm 14.1.1906)
<u>IKORODU</u>	D	
	E	
<u>JEBU ODE</u>	A	
	B	
	C	
	E	
	F	28mm 27.10.1905
<u>ODE ONDO</u>	A	
<u>OLOKEMEJI (LAGOS)</u>		
<u>W. AFRICA</u>	A	
<u>SAKI</u>	F	

<u>SHAGAMU</u>	A	3.4.1905
	C	
	D	

Also, reported by Porter

<u>IFO. LAGOS</u>	B
<u>ITORI. LAGOS</u>	B
<u>SHAKI</u>	D

TYPE 15B - 23MM

<u>ABEOKUTA</u>	B	10.6.1904
<u>IBADAN</u>	B	18.3.1904

TYPE 16

29½mm 1905

<u>POST OFFICE</u> <u>LAGOS</u>	A	
	C	
	E	
	F	3.3.1905

NO CODE

<u>BRANCH POST</u> <u>OFFICE</u> <u>LAGOS</u>	A	
	B	
	C	29.9.1905
	F	18.3.1905 - 5.8.1905



TYPE 17

23mm - 24mm About 1906

ISEYIN

OGBOMOSHO

OYO (23mm)

NO CODE 16.3.05 - Oct 1907

Also reported by Porter

SAKI

OSHOGOB (should this be OSHOGBO?)

TYPE 18

28mm About 1905

LAGOS

A

C

E

9.2.1905 - 3.4.05

F

TYPE 19

28mm

ABEOKUTA

LAGOS

A

12.2.1905

B

C

22.11.1905

D

E

F

30.9.1905 - 17.2.1906

TYPE 19A

Oval 24mm high

REGISTERED IFON

A

E

14.10.04

TYPE 20

29mm

ABEOKUTA STATION, LAGOS F

# SHIP & PACKET MARKS

(Lagos unless otherwise stated)

## Robertson

SHIP LETTER KINGSBRIDGE	S2	Black	1. 5.49	BADAGRY
SHIP LETTER LONDON A	S.33	Red	9.10.69	
SHIP LETTER PENZANCE	S4 (?)	Blue	1. 5.49	BADAGRY
PLYMOUTH SHIPLETTER X	S12		1.10.01	
PLYMOUTH SHIP LETTERS X	S.13	Black	25. 9.99	IBADAN
PLYMOUTH PACKET LETTER B	P.2	Black	27. 8.55 - 3. 5.56	
	B	Red	8.10.56	
	B	Blue	30. 7.56 - 7. 6.58	
	C	Black	8.12.56	
PAQUEBOT PLYMOUTH	P.7		26.10.03	
LIVERPOOL SHIP B	S.18	Black	8.10.69	
PAID LIVERPOOL SHIP B	S.19	Red	18. 2.73 - 18. 3.73	
LIVERPOOL SHIP B	S.26	Black	14. 7.69	
*2E LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET CD	P.16	Black	11. 4.95	
LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 2E	P.16a	Black	11. 4.95	
PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET	2A	P.17	Red	24. 9.98
	2B		Red	22. 5.74 - 28. 7.97
	2D		Red	18. 8.84
	3A		Red	25. 5.75 - 2.11.84
(with 3 & BR reversed)	3A		Red	14. 8.72
	3B		Red	2. 4.76
	4E		Red	3. 9.72 - 8. 6.87
PAID LIVERPOOL BR PACKET 5A	P.18	Red	20. 4.82	
PAID LIVERPOOL BR PACKET 1.A	P.18a	Red	7 Apr. 88 - 20 Apl 90	



(FROM SHAGAMU VIA LAGOS)

6 May 97

1.D Red 14. 4.99 - 8. 5.99

(FROM ABEOKUTA VIA LAGOS)

8. 5.99

7.B Red 26. 8.93

7.m Red 18.10.94

PAID LIVERPOOL BR PACKET 6-C P.18a Red 18.11.94

PAQUEBOT LIVERPOOL P.32 13. 2.96

OTHER MARITIME MARKINGS ETC.

ANGL AMB CALAIS J Black 31. 7.56 to Genoa

" " " K Black 5. 5.56 to Genoa

" " " L Black 28. 8.55-  
9.12.56 to Genoa

GB 1<sup>F</sup> 60<sup>C</sup> Black 2.12.57 to Genoa

COLONIES & a ART 13 Red 28. 8.55 to Genoa

COLONIES ART - 18 Red 8. 2.56  
9.12.56 to Genoa

Also recorded by Porter:

PAQUEBOT LIVERPOOL P33

PAID LIVERPOOL US PACKET 7D P14

PAQUEBOT

PAQUEBOT PLYMOUTH 2 P8

SOUTHAMPTON PACKET LETTER P4

Schiffsbrief paquebot HAMBURG.

„Schiffsbrief" Uber Hamburg

\*1d. postcard (1893-7) cancelled "2E LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 11AP 95 CD" in black (P16) to ULM, GERMANY - 13.4.95. This mark was supposed to be used on unpaid packet letters. There is no indication of extra charge on this card, although the rate was 1½d it is thought.

GERMAN MAIL-BOAT CANCELS (WOERMANN LINE) ON LAGOS STAMPS

Large OVAL handstamp, reading "DEUTSCHE SEEPOST/LINIE/  
HAMBURG/WEST AFRIKA/DATE/CONTROL NO. IN ROMAN NUMERALS".  
OVAL Measures approximately 31mm x 25mm, struck in BLACK.

The system by which these CONTROL NOS. (Running from 1 to LX111, ) were allocated to different ships is not known, but it is believed that they were issued to certain Officers (Ship's Purser?) and were retained by them even if they were signed "off" one vessel and "on" to another. Dates of use were approximately 1894 - 1914.

No. V1 K.E. LAGOS 1/-, 6.4.04. Used aboard S.S. 'Adolf Woermann 11', 'Montevideo', 'Prinz Regent'.

X1X Q.V. 1d and 2½d, 1901-02 used aboard (1901) 'Adolf Woermann 11', (1902) 'Helen Woermann'  
  
'Alexandra Woermann' and 'Lothar Bohlen 11'

XX Q.V. 1d, No date; K.E. 1d 11.3.04, aboard S.S. 'Alexandra Woermann'

XX11 Q.V. ½d, 17.1.01; Q.V. 6d. No date, but in 1903, XX11 was in S.S. 'Ernst Woermann'

XXV11 A German P.C., franked 10 PF "Germania", cancel'd. with this Mark, dated 25.8.03. This card was written aboard S.S. Eleonore Woermann' at LAGOS.

25.8.03 appears to be the earliest known date of use of this 'XXV11' cancel. It was recorded in 1904 aboard S.S. Schleswig and in 'Emma Woermann', 'Gouverneur Von Puttkamer', Ernst Woermann' and on a Field Post Card dated 7.8.06. The latest known date of use was in 1912, aboard S.S. Khalif 11'.



Another GERMAN SHIP-MARK, on a K.E. LAGOS 1d, canc'd by an oblong 'boxed' (31 x 13mm) mark, in purple ink, reading "SCHIFFSBRIEF/ÜBER HAMBURG" (Ship-Letter, via Hamburg) in Script Type (two lines) in inverted commas. It is believed to have been used for "LOOSE" Ship-letters in 1905-06, but very few 'Strikes' exist. See M.A. Studd's Handbook "Paquebot and Ship Letter Cancellations of the World", in which this mark is illustrated on P.74 as Type B62a.

NOTE The illustration on P.74 of the above Handbook should be amended; There is no "E" at the end of "Schiffsbrief".

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#### VARIOUS OTHER CANCELLATIONS

1. Cancelled in Brazil - see J. Ince's monograph of Sept. 1973 published by the circle.
2. Plymouth Paquebot - cds 24.12.04 on cover
3. Coastal - Chamah, Gold Coast 22.4.95  
           Axim                   "                   ?  
           Cape Coast       "                   23.5.07  
           Freetown                           12.5.05  
           Old Calabar River, Niger Coast 27.10.00
4. Lagos Ed. V11. 1d cancelled at Freetown Sierra Leone - 20.11.04.
5. Inland - Lokoja Oval on Q.V. 1d red (no date available)
6. Lagos p.c. (type Q.V. C.P.2) from Porto Novo to Germany (Lagos being mail collection point at that time) dated 30.8.87 to Hamburg. Card not cancelled until arrival 6.10.87, and bears boxed cachet

AUS DEM BRIEF KARTEN
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- found in letter box

Curious m/s 'letters' have been found on the 1874/5 issue, one on S.G.1 and three on SG6 - all postally used. Three have a clear m/s 'J' and one 'C'. All are dated (cds) Oct-Dec. 1874. (Later - the 'C' might be a truncated 'J').

It has been suggested, as happened in Falkland Is., that people living some way from the P.O., paid for so many stamps when at the Post Office which were set aside (with the appropriate identifying initial) so that letters were 'posted' or sent by bearer to the P.O. where the clerk affixed one of the marked stamps.

Sierra Leone stamps of the period have been seen tied with writing and also 2W1R (2nd West Indian Regiment) perfin.

# SUPPLEMENTARY MARKS

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|-----|--|--|----------|--|
| A.  | <u>REGISTERED</u>  | <u>LAGOS</u>   | Red      | 6. 6.72 - 18. 2.73                       |
|     |  |  | Black    | 6. 8.72                                  |
| B.  | <u>REGISTERED LETTER</u><br>(sent out 21.1.72)   | <u>LAGOS</u>   | Red      | 19. 6.73 - 23. 2.76<br>(R.L. up to 1878) |
|     |  |  | Black    | 20. 4.74 (R.L. - 1873)                   |
| C.* | <u>R</u>   | <u>LAGOS</u>   | Black    | 15. 9.88 - 2. 7.04                       |
| D.  | <u>LATE FEE</u>  | <u>LAGOS</u>   | Black    | 10. 2.98                                 |
| E.  | <u>TOO LATE</u><br>(or at Bonny River)   | <u>LAGOS</u>   | Black    | 24. 7.98                                 |
| F.  | <u>UNPAID</u><br>(sent out 23.4.74 - but 28mm instead of 26½mm)                                    | <u>LAGOS</u>   | Black    | 6. 4.76                                  |
| G.  | <u>PACKET LETTER</u>   | <u>LAGOS</u> (Not confirmed(R.L. - 1858<br>but almost definitely a London mark -<br>see Early Mail items 11 & 12)) |          |  |
| H.  |  13 x 13mm Black | 27.7.1900  |          |  |
| I.  | <u>MISSENT TO LAGOS</u><br>(sent out 21.1.72)  |  |          |  |
| J.  | <u>UNCLAIMED</u><br>(sent out 23.4.74)   |  |          |  |
| K.  | <u>FOUND WITHOUT CONTENTS</u><br>(sent out 21.2.1902)  |  |          |  |
| L.  | <u>INSUFFICIENTLY ADDRESSED</u><br>(sent out 21.2.1902)  |  |          |  |
| M.  | <u>LAGOS - GOVERNMENT</u><br><u>TELEGRAFS</u>  |  | (Porter) |  |
1. Cover with Lagos backstamp 27 JY 1900, Kamerun backstamp 27.8.00 and on front in blue crayon "2/5" - either 25 or 2/5.2 x ½d. stamps cancelled by bars. Marked with "T" in black.
  2. "R" in oval on cover dated SP15 88 to London.



3. Envelope from LAGOS - 6.4.76 and marked "UNPAID" in black to ST. CRUZ DE TENERIFFE - 28.4.76. Accountancy marks "A" in blue crayon and "4.R" (Teneriffe) in black.

\*C      Sub-types

(a)	21 x 25mm - R(base) 12½mm	4.10.92 - 1893
(b)	21 x 26mm - R(base) 10½mm	1895 - 17.7.97
(c)	21 x 25½mm - R(base) 10½mm	1902/3

(R has serif to tail & thinner)

## NOTES

The G.P.O. Impression Books show a strike of the REGISTERED LETTER mark and also MISSSENT TO LAGOS both sent Jan. 21 1872.

Also UNPAID 28mm and UNCLAIMED 41mm were sent to Lagos on April 23rd 1874. (Is the UNPAID stamp possibly the same as the 26½mm previously recorded?)

Also a seal for Lagos, FOUND WITHOUT CONTENTS,  
INSUFFICIENTLY ADDRESSED, LATE FEE Sent to Lagos  
21.2.1902.

Also reported - "LAGOS" in straight line - 14 x 4mm with what appears to be "REGISTERED" underneath in 3mm letters, 2mm apart.

## INSURED LETTER SERVICE

This service was introduced in W. Africa in 1903. The earliest cover seen is MR.7.07 bearing Lagos stamps, from Forcados. It has a red label reading "Insured (Valeur déclarée)."

SHIPS ON LAGOS ROUTES

S.S. AFRICA	Lagos	17. 4.72		
		9. 6.76	via Liverpool	9. 7.76
		20. 3.90	to Liverpool	20. 4.90
S.S. AKASSA	Lagos	24. 6.92		
ATHENIUM	Lagos	12.12.69	to London	15. 1.70
S.S. BENIN	Lagos	26. 9.84	to Liverpool	2.11.84
BIAFRA	(Bathurst)	19. 4.69	to London	3. 5.69
		( 1.10.69	to London	26.10.69
	Lagos	(21.12.69	to London	27. 1.70
	Lagos	-	to Liverpool	6. 5.97
S.S. BONNY	Lagos	19. 6.69	via Liverpool	13. 7.69
	Lagos	24.12.95		
	(Opobo)	3. 6.96		
	Lagos	18. 4.94	via Liverpool	16. 5.94
S.S. BUGUELA	Lagos	15. 9.76		
S.S. CABENDA	Lagos	23. 7.95	via Liverpool	20. 8.95
CANDACE	Lagos	22. 7.55	via Plymouth	27. 8.55
	(Accra)	10. 9.57	via Plymouth	8.10.57
S.S. CALABAR	(Sierra Leone)	30.12.87	to Liverpool	15. 1.88
	(Bathurst)	24.12.97	via Liverpool	
	Lagos	25. 3.98	to Liverpool	22. 4.98
CONGO	Lagos	18. 2.73	to Liverpool	18. 3.73
R.M.S. ELMERIA	Lagos	23. 2.76	to Liverpool	2. 4.76
FRANCE	Lagos	6. 8.67		
GAMBIA	Lagos	6.11.56	via Plymouth	8.12.56
	Lagos	23. 1.77	via Liverpool	25. 2.77
S.S. LAGOS	(Teneriffe)	24. 4.68	via Liverpool	4. 5.68
	Lagos	5. 8.69	(to London)	1. 9.69
		May 1872	to Liverpool	2. 6.72
		6. 8.72	via Liverpool	3. 9.72
	(Grand Bassa)	11. 1.98	(to London)	



S.S. LOURDS	Lagos	11. 2.98		
S.S. ROQUELLE	Lagos	6. 4.76	to Teneriffe	28. 4.76
		1. 7.86	(to Germany)	
	(Niger Coast)	22.10.94	to Liverpool	
	(Sierra Leone)	13. 7.95	via Liverpool	5. 8.95
S.S. SOKOTO	Lagos	11. 8.00		
HELENE WOERMANN	Lagos	2. 7.00		

AGENTS' CACHETS

LOUIS ROCHET MERCHANT * LAGOS *	6.8.72	GREEN
J.B. CARROL, LAGOS, MERCHANT (Carrol was acting postmaster)	17.4.72	

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POSTAGE RATES in 1855 taken from the South Australian Government Gazette of May 31st 1855. (These show the rates to be accounted to the GPO London on letters posted in South Australia and forwarded, via the U.K. for the part of the route U.K. to Lagos or Badagry).

	Up to $\frac{1}{2}$ oz	to 1 oz	to 2 ozs	Every further 1oz
Badagry & Lagos	1s 0d	2s 0d.	4s 0d.	2s 0d.

Newspapers 3d if sent via Marseilles and 1d if sent via Southampton or direct ship. All other printed papers treated as letters. Soldiers' and Sailors' letters - 1d.

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Instructions to J.J. Hutchinson Esq. H.M.'s Packet Agent at Fernando Po.

22 February 1859

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 16th Nov last in which I informed you that a Treasury Warrant had been prepared fixing the rates of postage to be collected at Fernando Po upon correspondence despatched by the West Coast of Africa Contract Mail Packets, I have now to transmit to you a copy of this Warrant and to convey to you the following instructions for your guidance.

- 1st The postage of all Letters posted at Fernando Po and addressed to any British Colony or to any Foreign Port on the West Coast of Africa to the Island of Madeira or to the Canary Islands, conveyed by British Mail Packet, without passing thro' the United Kingdom, is fixed by this Warrant at

Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce	4d.
Above $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce & not exceeding 1 oz	8d.
" 1 ounce & not exceeding 2 ozs	1s 4d
" 2 ounces & not exceeding 3 ozs	2s 0d

and so on, eight pence being added for each additional ounce or fraction of an ounce. The postage of Newspapers is fixed at one penny each.

- 2nd You will collect postage at the above rates upon all letters and newspapers despatched from your Office by the British Mail Packets to Madeira, the Canary Islands, or any Foreign Port on the West Coast of Africa. But the postage of Letters and Newspapers to any of the British Colonies on the West Coast of Africa may be either prepaid or left to be paid on delivery, at the option of the sender.
3. Upon Letters for the United Kingdom or intended to be sent through the United Kingdom you will not collect postage.
4. Each Mail made up at your office for a Foreign Port must be accompanied by a Letter Bill, according to the pattern enclosed marked No.1, and each Mail despatched by you to a British Colony by a Letter Bill according to pattern enclosed marked No.2.
5. The Mails for England should be accompanied by a Letter Bill of the form enclosed Marked No.3, and when the Mail contains a Remittance of Revenue for this Office, you must enter the address of the Letter containing the remittance at the foot of the Letter Bill.
6. At the expiration of every month you will prepare an account in the form marked No.4, of the Paid and Unpaid correspondence sent to the several places at which the Mail Packets touch, and you will transmit this account, by the first Mail after the end of the month, under cover to the Secretary General Post Office, London.



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7. When the postage which you have collected amounts to twenty pounds, you must remit it to the Receiver and Accountant General of this Office, in a letter of the enclosed form marked No.5, sending at the same time a letter of advance of the form No.6.
8. Every Letter and Newspaper despatched from your office should be stamped with the date on which it is posted, and if you have collected the postage upon it, it should be also marked with a stamp "Paid at Fernando Po". Stamps for this purpose are sent to you by this Mail.  
  
A supply of the several forms attended to is also forwarded to you herewith; you will be careful to apply to this office for more of these forms before the present supply is exhausted, sending a specimen of the form required in each case.
9. When you receive a Mail from any other office, you should check the amount of postage which has been collected at the Despatching Office upon the Letter and Newspapers contained in the Mail and see that it agrees with the amount entered on the Letter Bill, and, if not, you should enter the correct amount in the "Received" Column.
10. All Letter Bills received by you should be sent to this office with your Accounts at the end of each month.
11. Dead of Undelivered Letters must be returned at the expiration of each month under cover to the "Controller, Returned Letter Branch, London".
12. You have already been made aware, by my letter of the 22 April last, that Letters posted at Fernando Po, and prepaid by means of British Postage Stamps will be delivered in this Country free of charge.

I have on

(P) - R. Hill

Similar Instructions sent to B. Campbell, Lagos

22 February 1859

GPO instructions of August 1862

Memorandum for the guidance of the Postmaster at Lagos on exchanging Mails with the United Kingdom and with Intermediate places served by British Mail Packets.

1. Letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Lagos, or posted in Lagos addressed to the United Kingdom, whether conveyed by Packet or by Private Ship, are liable to the following rates of postage viz:

For a letter

Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	6d.
Above $\frac{1}{2}$ oz and not exceeding 1 oz	1. 0
" 1 oz                      "	2 ozs      2. 0
" 2 ozs                      "	3 ozs      3. 0

and so on in proportion, one shilling additional being chargeable for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

2. As regards the letters posted in the Colony for the United Kingdom, this postage may be collected in advance, or the letters may be sent unpaid, at the option of the Sender, but a portion only of the postage must under no circumstances be received in advance.

Upon Letters from the United Kingdom for the Colony, the prepayment of the postage in the United Kingdom will, for the present be compulsory.

3. Upon each single rated letter, the proportion of postage belonging to the Mother Country and to the Colony, respectively, will be:

1st	When conveyed by Packet	
		5d to the Mother Country
		1d to the Colony
2nd	When conveyed by Private Ship	
		3d to the Mother Country
		3d to the Colony

Upon heavier letters the postage will be divided in the same proportion.



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4. Upon letters prepaid in the Colony, the portion of the postage due to the Mother Country must be marked, in the right hand upper corner of the letter, in red ink thus,

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A.B.	
London	

5. Upon letters sent unpaid, the portion of the postage due to the Colony must be marked, in black ink thus,

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A.B.	
London	

6. Particular care must be taken to mark in plain figures the sums due to the Mother Country, or the Colony, as the case may be, as these figures will be the recognised indication of the letters having been paid or not.
7. A similar course will be adopted by the office of the United Kingdom in respect of paid letters sent to Lagos.
8. Letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Lagos, and letters posted at Lagos addressed to the United Kingdom may be registered, if the writers desire it, provided the postage, together with the registration fee, be paid in advance.

The fee upon a registered letter posted in this Country addressed to Lagos is sixpence, and one half of the fee will, in each case, be accounted for to the Colony in the Letter Bill.

In like manner, one half of the fee upon Registered Letters sent from Lagos to the United Kingdom must be accounted for to this Country in the Letter Bill.

The amount of this latter fee must be fixed by the Colonial Government.



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9. Letters from Lagos for certain British Colonies and Foreign Countries sent in transit through the United Kingdom may also be registered, and a Table, marked A. is annexed, shewing the fees to be collected upon such letters on the assumption that the fee for the registration as far as the United Kingdom only is fixed by the Colonial Government at sixpence.

In such case, the sum of threepence will, in each case be the share of the fee belonging to the Colony, and that amount should be retained by your Office and the remainder accounted for to this Country.

10. For Registered letters received in a Mail from the United Kingdom a receipt should, in each case, be obtained from the addressee on one of the forms contained in the Book transmitted herewith bearing the words "Registered Letter Delivery Receipts" on the cover. The addresses of the letters must also be entered on the fly-leaf of the Acknowledgement of the Mail by which they are received.
11. A book bearing the words "Registered Letter Book" is also sent herewith for entering, in duplicate, the addresses of Registered Letters sent from your office to the United Kingdom. The second portion of each leaf in this Book is intended to be given as a receipt to the person posting the letter. The addresses of all such letters should be entered on the Letter Bill for the United Kingdom, and they will, in like manner, be entered at this office on the Acknowledgement of the Mail by which they are received from Lagos. The letters themselves should be enclosed at your Office in an orange coloured bag; a bag of this description will be used for the registered letters sent from the United Kingdom, and the same bag can be used for the Return Registered Letters. A stamp bearing the word "Registered" will be sent to you by the next Mail; in the meanwhile, Registered letters posted at your office should have the word "Registered" written upon the face of the letter written in red ink.
12. Upon Newspapers for Lagos, the postage will be collected in this Country and no charge must be levied on delivery at Lagos, and upon those from Lagos to this Country the rate fixed by the Colony must be collected in advance and retained by your Office. No charge will be levied upon them in this Country.

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13. Book Packets posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Lagos, or posted in Lagos addressed to the United Kingdom, are liable to the following rates of Postage, viz:

For a Book Packet

Not exceeding 4 ounces		3d
Above 4 ozs and not exceeding 8 ounces		6
" 8	" 1 lb	1.0
" 1 lb	" 1½lbs	1.6
" 1½lbs	" 2 lbs	2.0

and so on in proportion, sixpence additional being chargeable for every additional half pound or fraction of half a pound.

The prepayment of this postage will be compulsory in either direction, and two third of the amount will belong to the United Kingdom, and one third to the Colony, both on Books Packets from the United Kingdom for Lagos and on those from Lagos for the United Kingdom, whether conveyed by Packet or by Private Ship. The portion of the postage due to the Mother Country must be marked upon each Packet in the same manner as upon letters.

14. A table, marked B, of the rates of postage to be collected at your office upon letters, newspapers and Books, sent in transit through the United Kingdom to British Colonies or Foreign Countries is forwarded herewith.

The rates laid down in this table to be collected upon Letters include the Colonial postage of 1d. the single letter, which must be retained by the Colony, the same as upon letters to the United Kingdom.

But the rates set forth in the Table to be collected upon newspapers and Books are exclusive of the Colonial Inland rate, which must be levied in addition and retained by your office.

15. The Postage due to the Mother Country and to the Colony, respectively, upon paid and unpaid Letters, sent in transit through the United Kingdom should be marked in the same manner as has previously been directed for letters between the United Kingdom and Lagos.



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16. Upon Intermediate Letters, that is Letters addressed to any of the ports at which the West Coast of Africa Contract Mail Packets touch, conveyed direct, without passing through the United Kingdom, a rate of postage of fourpence per single letter, not exceeding half an ounce, increasing for heavier letters according to the scale laid down in paragraph 1. of these Instructions, must be collected and accounted for to the United Kingdom, and upon Intermediate Newspapers, a rate of one penny per Newspaper must be, in like manner, collected and accounted for to the United Kingdom.

The above postage is exclusive of any Colonial rate with which the letters and newspapers may be chargeable, and which rate must, of course, be collected and retained by your office.

17. The same rate of fourpence the half ounce for letters and one penny each for Newspapers must be collected and accounted for upon all letters and newspapers received at Lagos by the British Mail Packets from,

Goree - Fernando Po - Cameroons  
Old Calabar and Bonny.

at which places no arrangements have been made for the collection of British Postage at the time of despatch.

Letters brought to Lagos by the British Mail Packets from Madeira, Teneriffe and Liberia, will not be liable to any postage on behalf of this Department, as the Postage chargeable will have been levied on despatch.

18. But Letters addressed to Sierra Leone, Gambia and the Gold Coast may be sent either paid or unpaid, and they will be liable to the same rates of postage as Letters for other Ports served by the British West Coast of Africa Mail Packets.
19. Every Mail despatched from the United Kingdom will be accompanied by a Letter Bill, a specimen of which, marked C, in red ink, is annexed. Upon this Letter Bill, credit will be given to the Colony for its share of the postage upon the Paid Letters and Books, and a claim will be made for the Imperial portion of the postage upon all the unpaid letters which have reached the United Kingdom addressed to Lagos, and which are forwarded in the Mail.



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20. On the arrival of a Mail at Lagos, this Letter Bill must be checked and, if the entries upon it are found to agree with the contents of the Mail, an Acknowledgment, similar to the form marked D enclosed, must be forwarded to London by the first opportunity.
21. If the amount of postage marked upon the Letters does not agree with the entries on the Letter Bill, the correct amount, after the letters have been checked by two persons, at least, to ensure accuracy, must be entered in the second column of the Bill; and certified by the Officer by whom the Mail was opened. The acknowledgment should then be made out accordingly.
22. Mails brought to Lagos by the British Mail Packets from other ports on the West Coast of Africa will also be accompanied by Letter Bills, which must be checked.
23. A letter Bill, similar to the form annexed, marked B, must be forwarded with every Mail despatched from Lagos, to the United Kingdom, in which Letter Bill the amounts to the credit of the United Kingdom and Lagos, respectively should be entered by the Despatching Officer.
24. On the arrival of the Mail in London, an Acknowledgment, specimen of which F is enclosed will be forwarded to Lagos.
25. Letter Bills similar to the Form G annexed must be sent from Lagos with the Mails despatched to other Ports on the West Coast of Africa.
26. Non-commissioned Officers, Captains Stewards, Seamen and Soldiers, while they are employed in Her Majesty's Service are privileged to send and receive letters, at the rate of one penny each, under the following regulations, viz:
  - 1st. The penny must be paid at the time the letter is posted.
  - 2nd. The name of the Soldier, or Seaman, his class or description and the name of the Ship, Regiment, Corps or Detachment, to which he belongs must be specified in the direction of the Letter sent to a Soldier or Seaman, and in the case of Letters by Soldiers or Seamen, the Officer in command must sign his name and specify his rank, and the name of the Regiment, Corps, Detachment or Ship which he commands.

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- 3rd. The letter must not exceed half an ounce in weight.
- 4th. The letter must relate solely to the private affairs of the Soldier or Seaman.
27. Soldiers' and Seamens letters are not liable to any additional rate of postage on redirection, and no additional postage is chargeable on the redirection of a letter addressed to a commissioned Officer of the Army or Navy, when he has removed on service, within or from any British Colony.
28. At the expiration of every month an account of the correspondence, between Lagos and the United Kingdom, during such month, showing the sums due to each, and the balance in favour of the Colony, or of the Mother Country, as the case may be, must be prepared at your Office and forwarded to London.
29. Letters missent from this Country in the Mails for Lagos must be returned to London, by the first opportunity, together with any letters that may be redirected to the United Kingdom.
30. Redirected Letters will be liable to two entire rates of postage, one for their conveyance from the United Kingdom to the Colony, and one for their conveyance from the Colony to the United Kingdom, and a claim must be made in the Letter Bill from Lagos for the share due to the Colony, out of this second rate, as well, in the case of Unpaid Letters, as the Colonial rate and the amount claimed by the United Kingdom for the first postage, in the same proportion as if the letters had originated in the Colony. A similar course will be adopted in this Country in regard to letters from Lagos and redirected back to the Colony.
31. Dead Letters must be returned monthly, under a cover addressed to the "Postmaster General, Returned Letter Branch, General Post Office, London" accompanied by a form similar to the specimen annexed to this memorandum on which the number of Letters and the amount of postage to be claimed by the Colony, if any, must be entered.



32. In like manner, Dead and Undelivered Letters originally from Lagos will be returned to the Colony and a claim made against the Colonial Post Office, in the next monthly account for the unpaid Colonial Postage originally charged against the United Kingdom.

General Post Office.  
August, 1862

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Registered mail within West Africa

(Letter to postmaster of 23.5.1865). He had been sending registered letters to other West African ports. "There is no provision for the registration of inter-colonial letters".

Registration rates Dec. 1865

The Colonies were advised to reduce their rate from 6d. to 4d. in line with the U.K.

Mail put on foreign ships

This caused real difficulty, illustrated by a letter to Bathurst of 22.9.65. It concerned mail put on a French Packet and accounted at rates applicable to a British Packet, which were insufficient. "No arrangement exist for forwarding mails from the West Coast of Africa to England by means of the French Packets and, therefore, you must not make use of those packets".



APPENDIX 1

Official notice signed by W.C. Pratt, Postmaster, and dated Lagos Post Office, March 5th 1874:-

Postal service for Badagry, Palma and Leckie

"Notice is hereby given that the mails for Badagry will be forwarded from this office every Tuesday at 3 p.m., up to which hours letters and parcels will be received. Mails will be forwarded from Badagry to Lagos, and will be due here on Saturday."

"Mails for Palma and Leckie will be forwarded from this office every Tuesday and Saturday at 3 p.m. letters and parcels will be received up to that hour."

"Mails will be forwarded from Leckie and Palma every Tuesday and Friday, and will be due here on Monday and Thursday at 3 p.m."

"The inland rate of postage is as follows:

For a letter not exceeding 1½ oz. in weight	1d.
For every additional ½ oz.	1d.
For every newspaper	1d.
For a parcel not exceeding 8 ozs.	3d.
Above 8 ozs. and not exceeding 16 ozs.	6d."

"The above rates will be adhered to as closely as possible"

Official Notice:-

"The supply of stamps for postage rates of sixpence, fourpence, twopence and one penny having been received for the use of this settlement, Notice is hereby given that no letters will be received for transmission at the Post Office unless duly stamped."

"By command

Signed

JOHN SHAW

Acting Collector and  
Colonial Secretary"

"Secretary's Office, Lagos, June 10th 1874"

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Postal rate at this date to U.K. was 6d.

Rates from Lagos from 1st Jan. 1879. These applied to be both packet & private ship.

1. 5d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. This 5d. is to be accounted for to the London Post Office. (i.e. the 6d. postal rate will still apply if the country charges an internal rate of 1d.).
2. 10d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., plus any internal rate, to most countries outside the UPU.
3. 1s 4d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., plus any internal rate, to some remoter islands and countries.

APPENDIX 1

Postage Rates - 1.4.1879  
(official notice of postmaster)

Letters within the colony	2d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Letters to UK & UPU countries	4d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Newspapers to UK & UPU countries	1d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.
Other printed papers & patterns	3d. per 4 oz. or 1s 0d. per 1lb.
(except when addressed via Brindisi)	

Rates from 1.2.1880 (Ex Payne's Lagos & West African Almanack)

1. The rate for countries in the UPU to be 4d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.
2. To Aden and Eastern Countries in the UPU to be 5d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.
3. To countries not in the UPU, rates to be from 9d. to 1s 3d.

Rates within West Africa

(Post office Notice Number 44 of 17th April 1882)

1. Rates to the Union Post offices in West Africa 4d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.
2. Rates to Non Union Post Offices in West Africa 6d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.



## Governors, Commissioners, Administrators, &amp;c.

## Settlement of Lagos

1862	Governor	H.S. Freeman
1863	Lieutenant-Governor	Capt. W.R. Mulliner
1864	" "	John H. Glover, R.N.

Administrators, settlement of Lagos, subject under commission, 19 February 1866, to the governor of the West African settlements, Sierra-Leone

1866	Administrator	Rear-Admiral C.G.E. Patey
1866	"	John H. Glover, R.N.
1870	Acting-Administrator	H.T. Miles Cooper
1870	Administrator	John H. Glover, R.N.
1870	Acting-Administrator	W.H. Simpson
1871	" "	J. Gerrard
1872	" "	Henry Fowley
1872	Administrator	George Berkley
1873	Acting-Administrator	C.C. Lees
1873	Administrator	Capt. G.C. Strahan
1874	Acting-Administrator	John Shaw

Lieutenant-governors of Lagos, subject under letters patent, 24 July 1874, to the governor of the Gold Coast Colony

1874	Lieutenant-Governor	C.C. Lees
1875	Acting-Administrator	John D.A. Dumaresq
1878	" "	F. Simpson M.B.
1878	" "	Malcolm J. Brown
1878	" "	C.A. Moloney
1880	Lieutenant-Governor	W. Brandford Griffith, C.M.G.
1880	Acting-Administrator	C.D. Turton

Deputy governors of Lagos under letters patent 22 January 1883

1883	Deputy Governor	C.A. Moloney, C.M.G.
1883	" "	Fred Evans, C.M.G.
1883	" "	W. Brandford Griffith, C.M.G.
1884	" "	Comr. R. Murray Rumsey
1884	" "	Capt. R. Knapp Barrow, C.M.G.
1885	" "	C. Pike

Governors of Lagos Colony, under letters patent, 13 January 1886

1886	Governor	C.A. Moloney, C.M.G.
1886	Administrator	Fred Evans, C.M.G.
1887	Governor	C.A. Moloney, C.M.G.
1889	Administrator	Capt. G.C. Denton, C.M.G.
1890	Governor	Sir C.A. Moloney, K.C.M.G.
1890	Administrator	Capt. G.C. Denton, C.M.G.
1891	Governor	G.T. Carter
1893	Administrator	Capt. G.C. Denton, C.M.G.
1893	Governor	Sir G.T. Carter
1895	Administrator	Capt. G.C. Denton, C.M.G.
1896	Governor	Sir G.T. Carter
1896	Administrator	F. Rohrweger
1896	"	W.B. Griffith
1896	"	Capt. G.C. Denton, C.M.G.
1897	"	Lieut.Col. Sir H.E. McCallum
1898	"	Capt. G.C. Denton, C.M.G.
1899	Governor	Sir W. MacGregor
1900	Administrator	Sir G.C. Denton, K.C.M.G.
1901	Governor	Sir W. MacGregor
1902	Administrator	H. Reeve
1902	"	C.H.H. Moseley
1903	Governor	Sir W. MacGregor
1904	Administrator	C.H.H. Moseley
1904	Governor	W. Egerton
1906	Administrator	J.J. Thorburn
1906	Governor	Sir W. Egerton

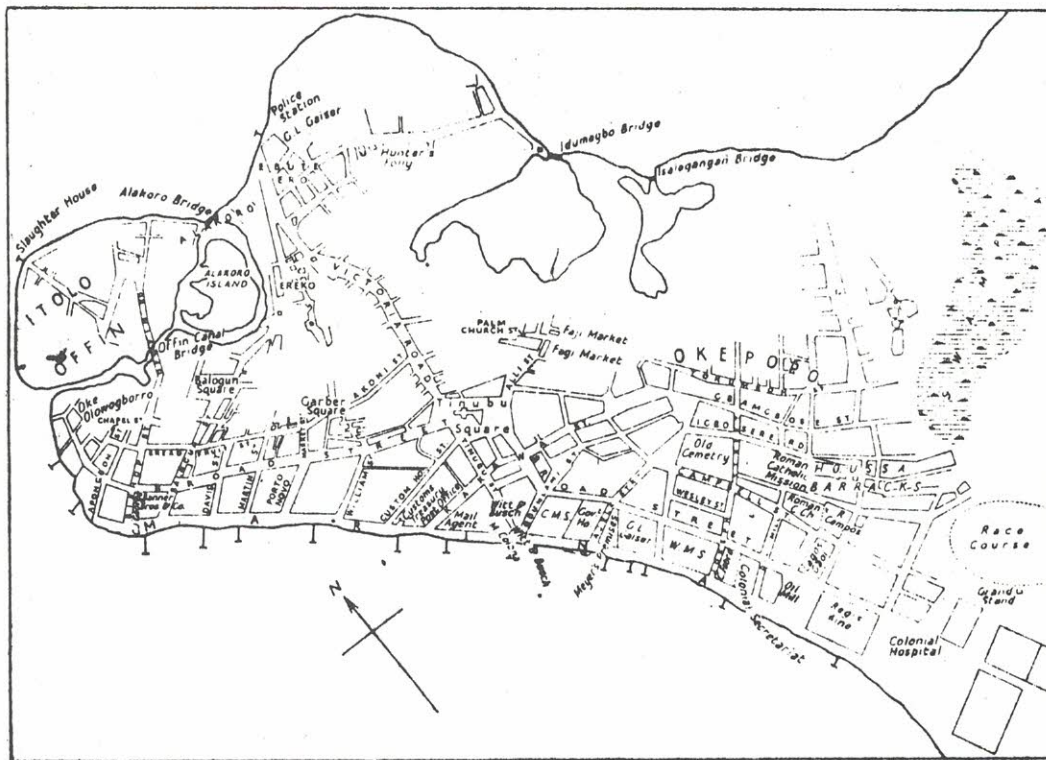


FIG. 5. Sketch Map of the Town of Lagos. After W. G. Lawson, Acting Colonial Surveyor 1884.



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