

Some Postal
Stationery Cards of
B.C.A. and Nyasaland
A random selection of
postal cards, their proofs
and usage

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2026

Postal stationery cards – fulfilled a clear purpose

- A cheap and easy means of communication
- Akin to the text message of today
- A nuance – use of the terms “Internal” and “External”
- Used extensively for
 - Brief messages of a personal or business nature
 - Christmas and New Year’s messages
 - Updates on location
 - Orders for commercial goods
 - Price lists and advertising materials
 - Additions to collections of philatelists

Early dates relevant to post cards

- July 20th, 1891, postal rates defined but no specific reference is made to post cards.
- April 27th, 1894, Proud states 1d post cards were issued for Internal use and on August 26th, 1894, 2d post cards were issued for External use.
- The first Postal Guide (1899) quotes prices for the sale of post cards $\frac{1}{2}$ d post card $\frac{3}{4}$ d; 1d post card $1\frac{1}{4}$ d; 2d post card $2\frac{1}{4}$ d and prices are quoted for quantities up to 12.

Internal postal rates

Internal Postal Rates

	1.10.95-30.9.07	1.10.07-15.9.18	16.9.18-31.12.19	1.1.20-31.8.20	
Letters	1d.per 1/2oz.	1d.per oz.	1 1/2d. per 1/2oz.	1d. per oz.	
Postcards	1/2d.	1/2d.	1d.	1/2d.	
	1.9.20-28.10.21	29.10.21-31.3.26	1.4.26-14.6.37	15.6.37-31.12.49	1.1.50-31.12.50
Letters	2d.per oz.+ 1d.add. 1/2oz.	2d.per oz.+ 1d add. oz.	1d.per oz.	1d.per oz.	1 1/2d.per oz.
Postcards	1d.	1d.	1d.	1/2d.	1d.
	1.1.51-26.8.54	27.8.54-31.8.55	1.9.55-30.6.59	1.7.59-S.U. 23.10.64	
Letters	2d.per oz.+ 1d.add. oz.	2d.per oz.	2 1/2d.per oz.+ 2d.add. oz.	3d.per oz.+ 2d.add.oz.	
Postcards	1d.	1d.	1d.	2d.	

Quoted by Proud (1997) page 130.

External postal rates - July 1898

(Registration fee 4d)	Letters	Book Packets	Newspapers	Post Cards
	Per ½ oz.	Every 2 oz.	Per paper not exceeding 4 oz.	
Within the protectorate	1d.	1d.	1d.	½d.
Northern Rhodesia	2d.	1d.	1d.	1d.
India, Aden, Burmah, E. Africa, South Africa, inclusive of Cape Colony, Natal, Orange F.S., Transvaal and Mashonaland	4d.	2d.	1d.	2d.
United Kingdom	6d.	2d.	2d.	2d.
Chinde	4d.	2d.	1d.	1d.
Foreign countries & British possessions other than those mentioned above	6d.	2d.	2d.	2d.

Quoted by Proud (1997) page 128.

Imperial Penny Post Scheme December 25th, 1898

Post cards
each 1d.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA
GAZETTE 24th, DECEMBER 1898.



POST OFFICE

NOTICE.

REDUCTION OF POSTAGE,

On and from the 25th December 1898 the postage payable upon Letters passing between the British Central Africa Protectorate and the countries mentioned in the following schedule will be at the rate of ONE PENNY per half ounce or odd fraction of that weight.

(Signed) J. T. GOSLING.
Postmaster General

General Post Office
Zomba, 24th December 1898.

SCHEDULE.

Copy of the Schedule of the British Possessions etc participating in the scheme for a letter rate of 1d per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz:—

United Kingdom
British India
Canada
Cyprus
African Protectorates administered by the Foreign Office, that is to say,
British East Africa
Uganda
Zanzibar
British Central Africa
Niger Coast Protectorate
Niger Company's Territory
Crown Colonies under direct Control of the Colonial Office:—
Hong Kong
Straits Settlements
Ceylon
Seychelles
Gambia
The Falkland Islands
Turks Island
Trinidad and Tobago
The Windward Islands
Grenada
St Lucia
St Vincent
The Virgin Islands.
Sierra Leone
Gold Coast Colony
Lagos
Gibraltar
St Helena
Fiji
The Leeward Islands
Antigua
St Christopher and Nevis
Dominica
Montserrat

Some later External rates for post cards

- May 1st, 1899, British Concession Chinde considered to be part of the Protectorate for postal purposes.
- April 1st, 1906, rates to Southern Rhodesia, N.E. Rhodesia and Moçambique were reduced, post cards 1d.
- September 16th, 1918, post cards each 1d, may not exceed 5½ x 3½ inches nor be less than 4 x 2¾ inches. War Tax levied ½d within the protectorate 1d for the U.K. and other parts of the world.
- 1928 Postal Rates quoted by the Crown Agents - British Empire
1½d; Foreign 1½ d.
- Later air mail rates were complex.

The cards and the face values

- 1894 1d Internal, 2d External
- 1895 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Internal, 1d Internal, 2d External
- 1899 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Internal, 1d External
- 1903 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d – no longer a reference to
Internal or External
- 1908 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d
- 1919 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d
- 1938 1d

Production of the post cards

- Available archival material varies by issue and by printer.
- Bradbury Wilkinson - limited.
- De la Rue - more extensive except for the 1895 issue.
- Specimens - surprisingly plentiful especially for the 1895 and 1899 issues. The numbers required changed frequently.

Proofs for the 1894 Cards

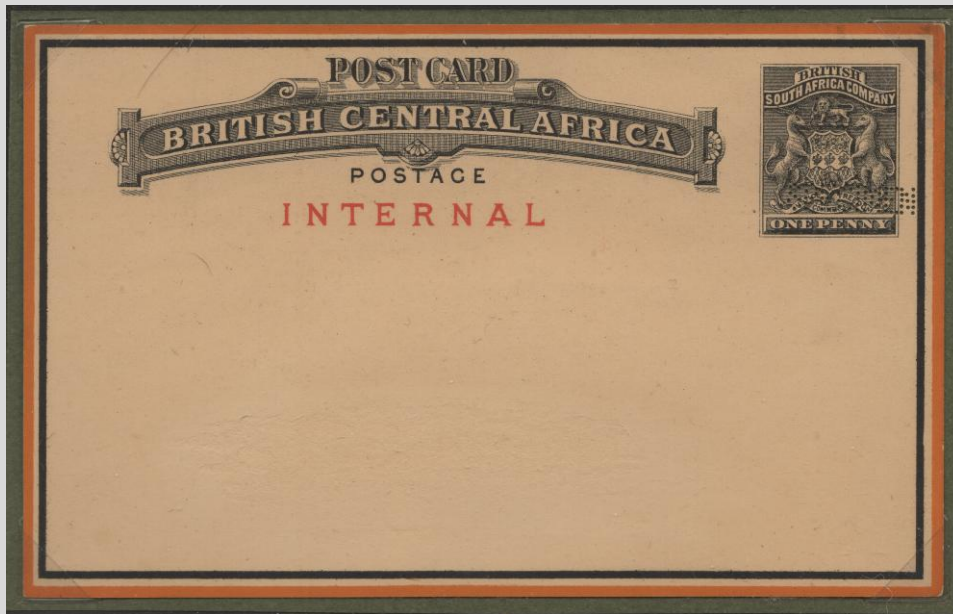
- Dated April 11th, 1893.
- Ex Bradbury Wilkinson archives.



Archival
Specimen
of
unknown
origin



Bradbury Wilkinson Specimen perforation

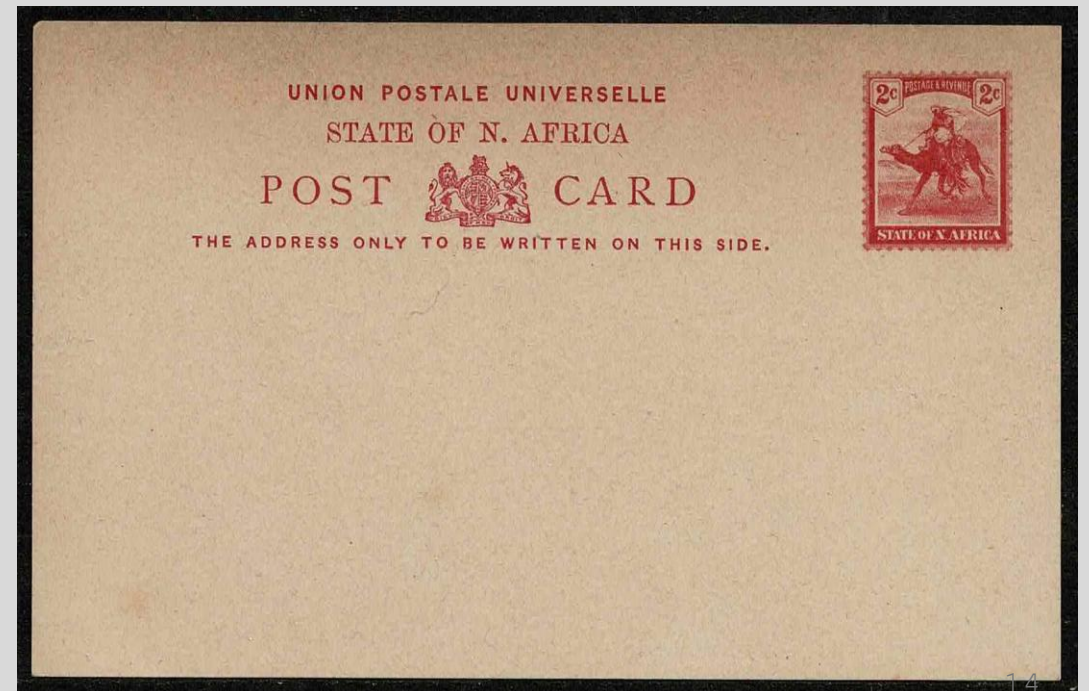


Production of the 1895 post cards

- December 11th, 1894, H. H. Johnson submits to De la Rue his large drawing for stamp design and submits sample postcards.
- December 17th, 1894, De la Rue writes "[y]ou farther wished us to quote for Postcards ...and we will, before you leave England, supply you with a printed list of our prices together with a complete set of samples".
- December 20th, 1894, T. Andros De la Rue writes "I am having samples of Post Cards ... prepared which I hope will be ready to-morrow, when I will send them, together with a printed Schedule of Prices."
- December 21st, 1894, samples sent, recommending grey card and not blue.
- December 24th, 1894, De la Rue admits a misunderstanding about designs and states it would be necessary to engrave the special heading Johnson requested at a cost of 4 Pounds. Recommending printing in two colours only for reasons of economy.

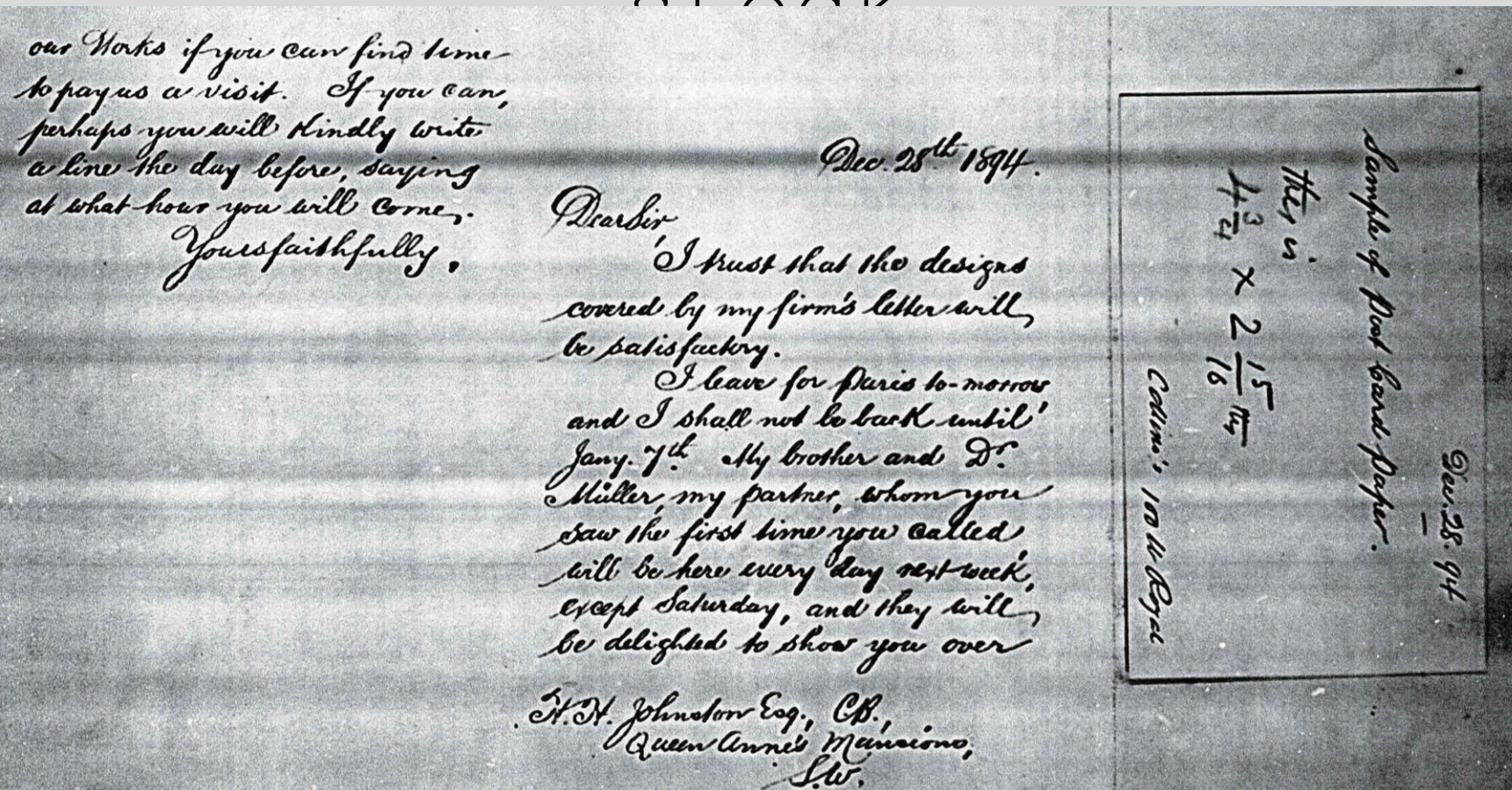
The State of North Africa samples

- Frequently classified as for Nyasaland or Zanzibar.
- Circa 1894 used by De la Rue as "sample" stamps/designs.
- Believed to represent the samples submitted to Johnson by De la Rue.



December 28th, 1894,
invitation to visit De la
Rue's works and submission
of a sample of the card

stock



Submission of the order by Johnson

December 26th,
1894, Johnson
submits his order
and models
showing
amendments.

Queen Anne's Mansions
St James's Park, S.W.
26th December, 1894.

Gentlemen,
I am afraid I made a stupid mistake in reviewing the former pro forma invoice. I thought that the electrotype working dies had something to do with the embossed die stamp. Since I find it is not so I must revert to the former invoice that you sent me as we shall require a £25. In regard to this latter, since it costs no more to have 5,000 than to have 1,000 (except for the small charges for interleaving and checking), I will have 5,000 of these stamps instead of 1,000. This will cause a small addition to the total of £270:16:4 of 1s 6d, making the said total £270:17:10, to which may be added the probable cost of £1 for packing in a tin-lined case.

I quite approve of the designs as they now stand, and return them initialled for engraving.

With reference to the postcards, you may engrave the special heading at a cost of £4, and of the smaller size 4 1/2 inches by 3 inches you may send me 20,000 at 13s a thousand (equals £13) and of the larger size, 5 1/2 inches by 3 and five-sixteenths, you may send me 30,000 at 13s a thousand (equals £19:10:0).

I concur with your proposal to print the word "External" in the same colour, yellow, as the border, but "Internal" might be printed in black. You speak of the border colour as being orange; it should really be bright, golden yellow.

As regards the registered envelopes, I will have 10,000 of the smallest F size, at £1 per thousand (£10) and 5,000 of the H2 size at 55s per thousand (£13:15:0). Total for registered envelopes, with an additional cost of £8 for engraving and embossing die £31:15:0.

I should further like an estimate for an embossing stamp by which various duties could be embossed by hand on documents such as cheques, deeds, etc. The design for this might be quite simple--say the coffee tree in the centre and British Central Africa at the top, and the value of the stamp at the bottom, the whole being somewhat lozenge shaped. With this estimate you should send in the cost of a reasonable supply of printing ink of the best quality, either red or black as you think more suitable. The kind of stamp we want for this is similar to that imprinted on all bankers' cheques in England. I cannot say off hand what number of embossing dies we shall require. It would depend on the number of the values. It is possible that we might first only obtain from you one machine for imprinting the 1d stamp, and order the other values later on according as we find which are the most required.

I am sorry that extreme pressure of work compels me to defer the pleasure of a visit to your establishment, but I hope yet to come there before I leave.

There are several things which I think you might be able to do for us, and I will communicate with you later on, possibly through our Agents. It has been finally decided by the Secretary of State that the Agents for the British Central Africa Administration in London shall be the Crown Agents for the Colonies at the Colonial Office; but as this arrangement will not probably come into force until the 1st April next it will be necessary for you to address your

Messrs de la RUE & Co
110 Bunhill Row, E.C.

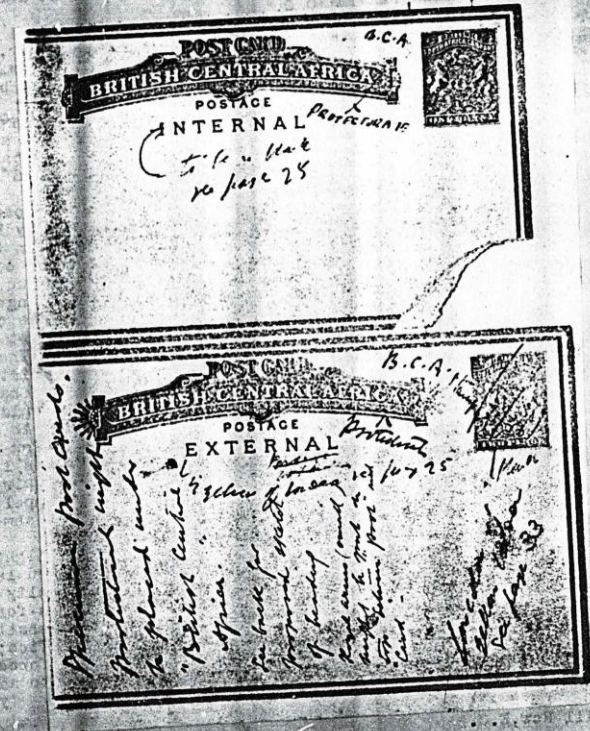
your business communications for a short time longer to myself or to such person as I may appoint to represent me after I leave England and until our business is taken over by the Crown Agents.

I should be much obliged if you could manage to return to me before I leave England on the 6th January, the large design of the Coat of Arms, as I should like to take it with me out to Africa. If, however, this cannot be done, you could, perhaps, arrange to send it very carefully to my address.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant

H. H. Johnston
H.M. Commissioner and Consul General.

Enclosures.



De la Rue responds in late December 1894

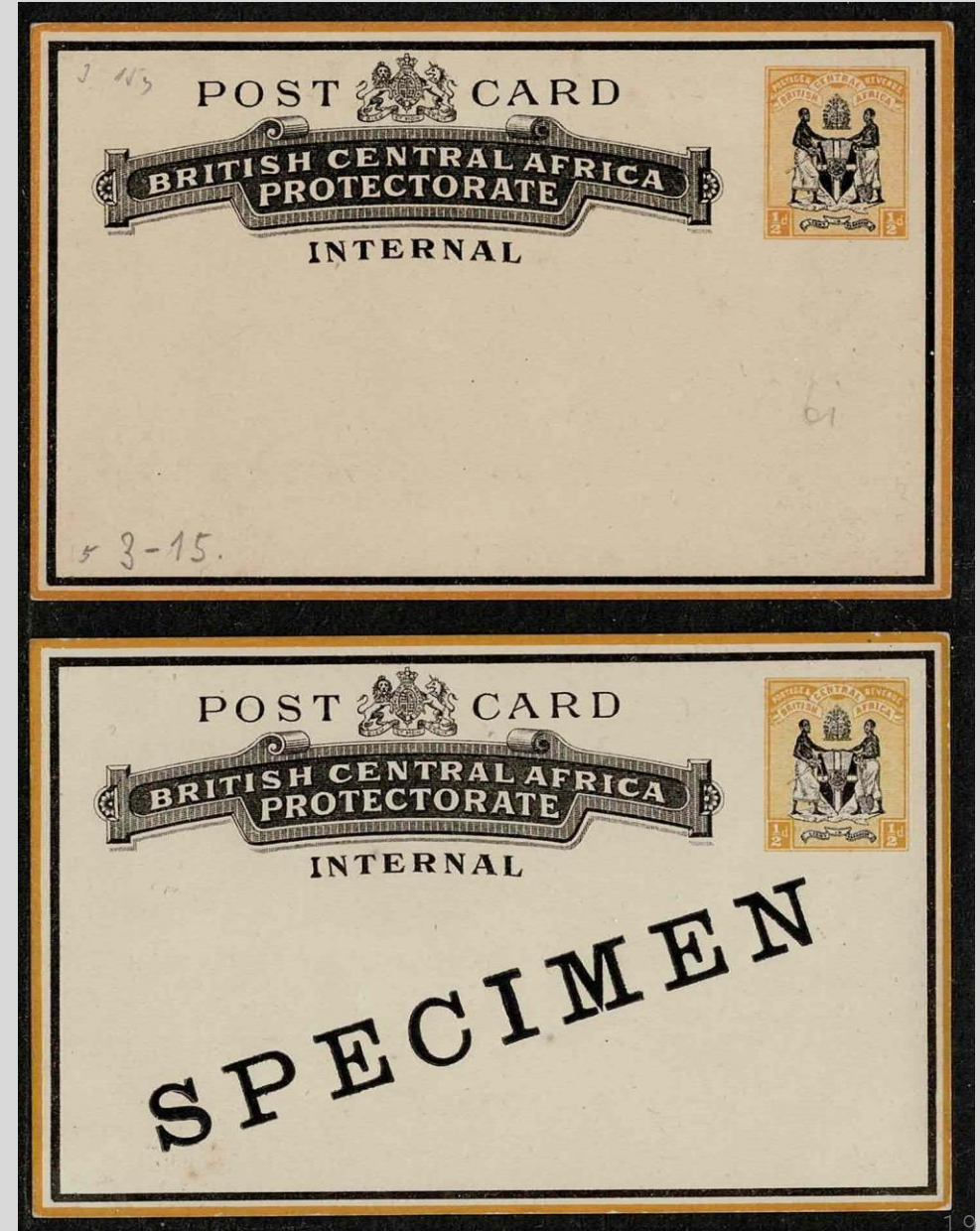
- December 27th, 1894, De la Rue confirms Johnson's instruction External should be printed in the yellow of the border and the word Internal in black.
- December 27th, 1894, Pro Forma invoice for 20,000 cards
4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "x 3" and 30,000 cards 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 3 $\frac{5}{16}$ ".
- December 29th, 1894, Johnson approves the post card design and the estimate but obsesses about the yellow colour of the border.

Production of the post cards in 1895

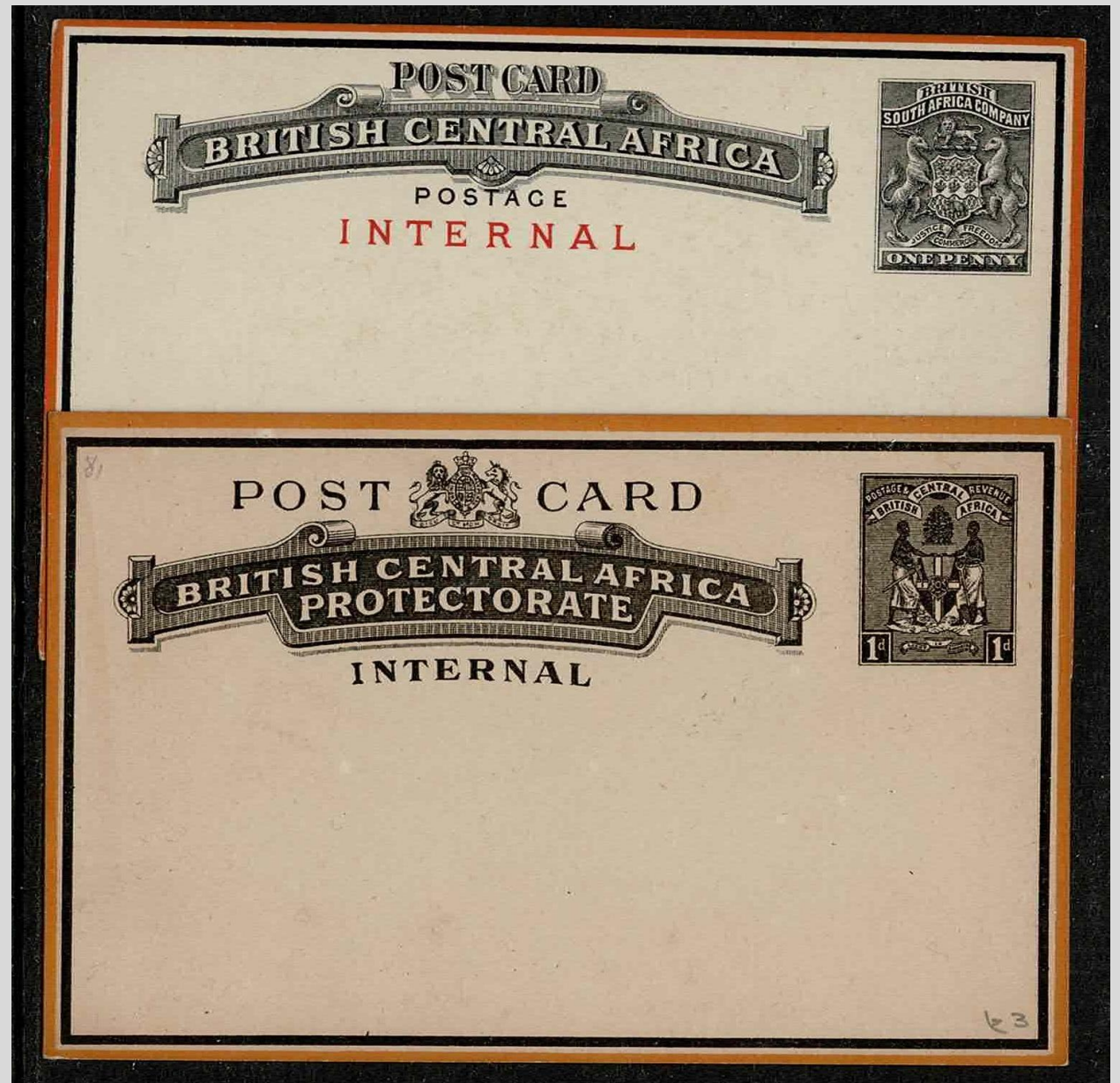
- January 24th, 1895, De la Rue admits confusion about whether the Internal card should be for ½d or 1d and the External card 1d or 2d and quote Three Pounds for preparing a ½d duty plate if required.
- February 5th, 1895, James Henderson (acting agent for the British Central Africa Administration) writes "there are to be "Internal" post cards of ½ d and 1d value. The "External" post cards are to be of 2d value."
- February 8th, 1895, Mr. Cunningham (Secretary to the British Central Africa Administration) confirms the order for 10,000 ½ d cards, 10,000 1d cards and
30,000 2d cards.
- February 11th, 1895, De la Rue confirms the stamp duty on the ½d post card should be printed in the yellow colour of the border; shipment planned by the end of the month.
- March 7th, 1895, Henderson asks if there could be a 5% discount; De la Rue declines.
- April 26th, 1895, 1,000 of each card delivered to the Crown Agents to be sold to persons who require them.
- Production beset by clerical errors and confusion on pricing.

Specimens of the 1895 post cards

- 29th April, 1895, 736
Specimens of each card
delivered to The
Secretary, General Post
Office London.



Comparing
the 1894
and 1895 1d
post cards



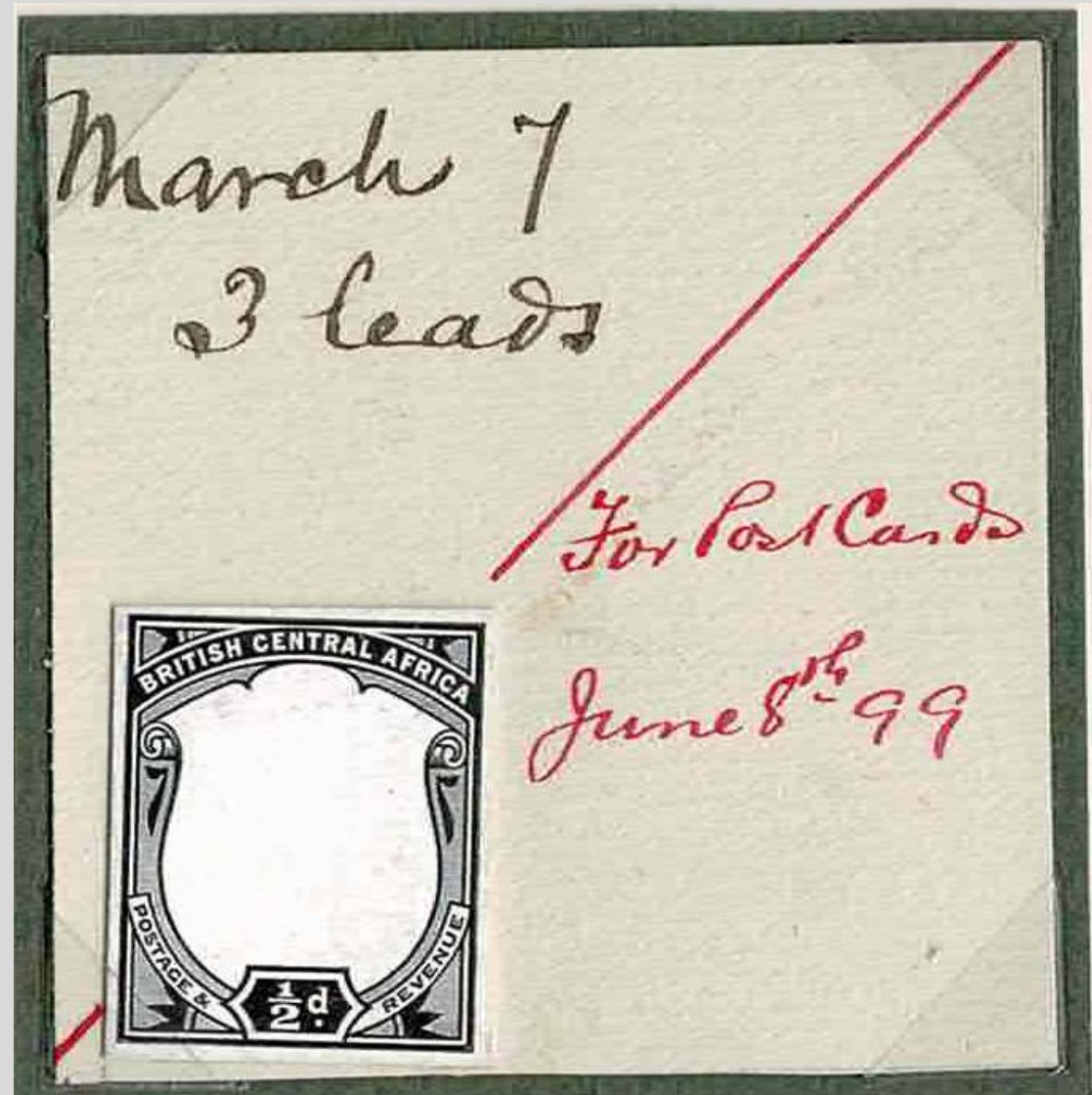
Comparing
the 1894
and 1895
2d post
cards



Production of the 1899 ½d Internal post card

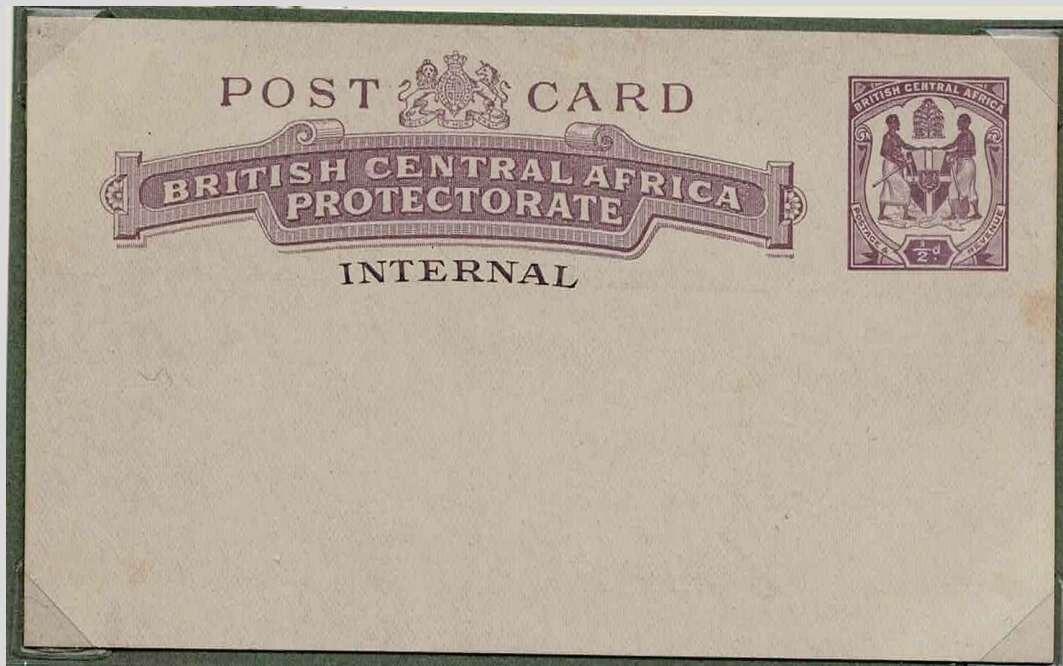
- Requisition 19/1899 submitted February 14th, 1899, for 12,000 post cards.
- February 22nd, 1899, De la Rue enclosed specimens of the cards printed in a variety of colours; 24-set printing plate cost Twelve Pounds. Delivery in 8 weeks from receipt of final instructions. Usual Specimens required.
- Adoption of a standard size.

The ½d post
card die -
proof from the
De la Rue Day
Book

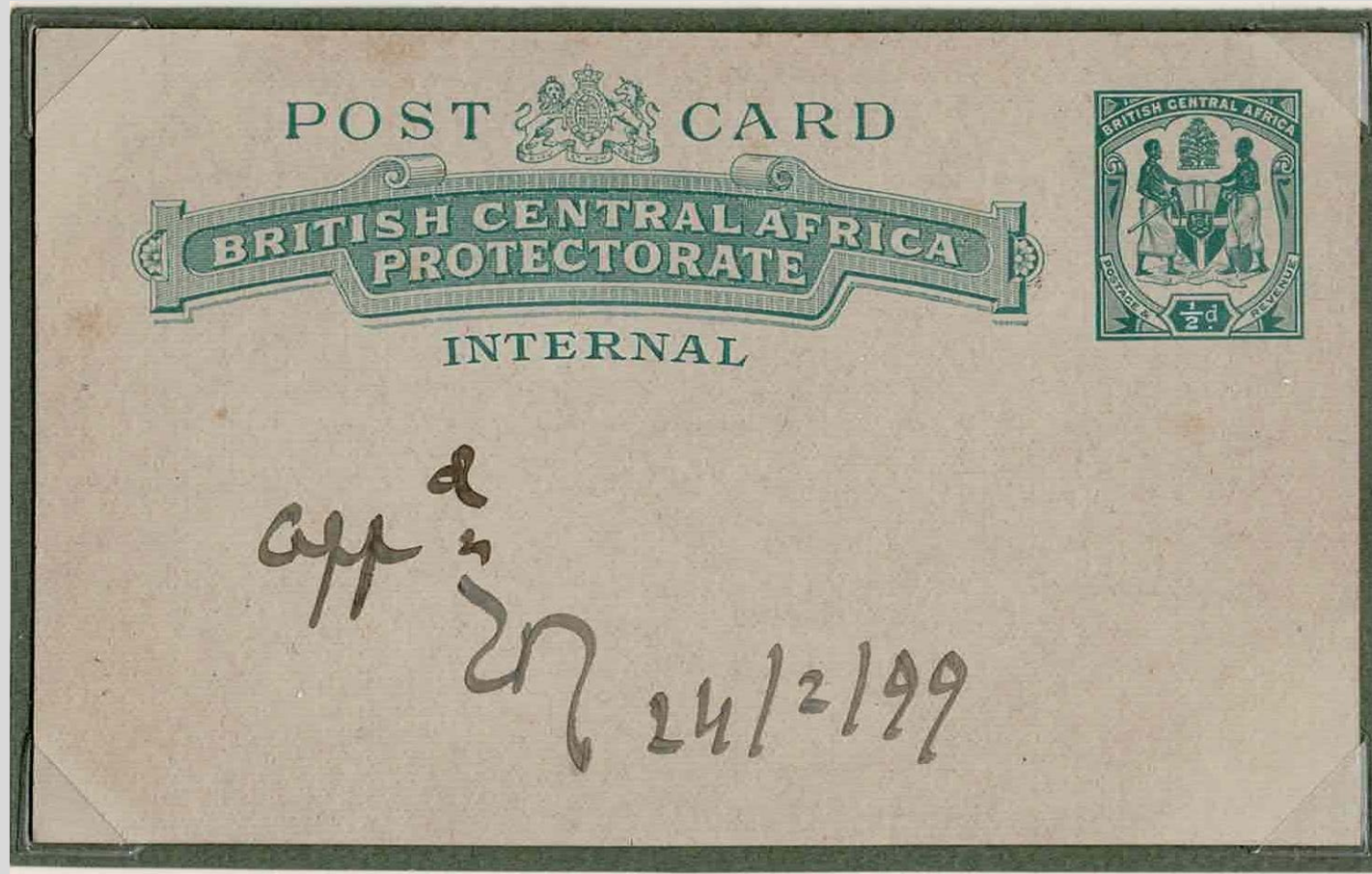


Colour trials for the 1899 ½d Internal post card

- Six colour trials submitted to the Crown Agents for approval.
- Requisition for 12,000 post cards.



Colour trial in green approved by
Chief Crown Agent Sir William
Hepworth Mercer - February 24th,
1899



De la Rue's record for the
order for the ½d Internal post
card

88						88			
X 1899									
Colony	Date	Quantity ordered	With Spoilage Allowance	Duty	Description	Quantity sent		Cost	By Book
British Central Africa	Feb 24	1	½d Post Card plate	24 Sch	24 Sch	1 Plate			S. 150
19/99	ca	33	12000	550	½d Post Card	12360	13120		
		62	750	Spec	Spec	750	Spec		
Banded, Special bands 12 Internal Post Card						Overprinting Spec re			
						3 Cases etc 17/.			

Production of the 1899 1d External post card

- Requisition 35/1899 submitted April ? 1899 for 12,000 1d post cards.
- April 14th, 1899, De la Rue submitted specimens of the post cards they proposed to supply; cost of the post card 24-set plate Twelve Pounds; the cost of the cards themselves under table 25 of the "Schedule".
- April 20th, 1899, De la Rue recommends adopting the standard size card and described Johnson's design as "peculiar"; printing the lettering in black would be more expensive.
- August 2nd, 1899, De la Rue advise compliance with Article 15 of the Washington U.P.U. Convention requires "Carte Postale" to be added and would require new plates.
- January 6th, 1900, De la Rue submits alternative proposals to comply with requirements.
- January 24th, 1900, Correspondence about inclusion of words "Union Postale Universelle".

Essay for the 1899 1d External post card

- Requisition 35/99.
- April 14th, 1899.
- Requisition for 12,000 post cards.
- Approved by Sir William Hepworth Mercer May 2nd, 1899.



De la Rue's record for the order
for the 1d External post card

99						99					
1899.											
Colony	Date	Quantity ordered	With Spoilage Allowance	Duty		Quantity sent		Cost		By Book	
D. Central	May 2	1	Test C. Plate	1d	24 ct.	1	Printing plate			\$ 165	
Africa	Oct 30	1	E. W. Plate	1d	6 .	1	" "				
35/99.	Card.	12,000	550	1d	Post	12360	12375				
Post Cards	Oct 30	500	120	1d	Post	750	Spec.				
h. Wrappers.	110	120	132	1d	Post	12120	12132				
8 Weeks	address	12,000	2170	1d	N. W. 6	750	Spec.				
J. M. born & Central Journal	of Fraternal Journal	Zomba & Chinde	120	1d	N. W. 6	Overprinting Spec &c	4 Cases & 25m N. W. 1-4			1/57.	

De la Rue's record for altering
the plate for the 1899 External
1d post card

103	153					
X 1900						
Colony	Date	Quantity ordered	With Spoilage Allowance	Duty	Description	
B. Central Africa 26/99.	Jan 20	Alter 1 st Post Card plate	omit words 'Union Postale Universelle'			
	CA 35		no charge for plate			
	14	12.000	750 spec			
4 weeks.			Band 12 Universal P. Cards 4.			
			240 21			
Quantity sent	Class No.	Buy Book				
alteration of						
Altering the 1 st Post Card plate by removing	S 263.					
the words Union Postale Universelle &c						
no charge						
12360						
750 spec.						
Copys Spec &c						
2 Cases No 1 & 2						

Removal of the reference to Universal Postal Un.

Specimens of the 1899 ½d and 1d post cards

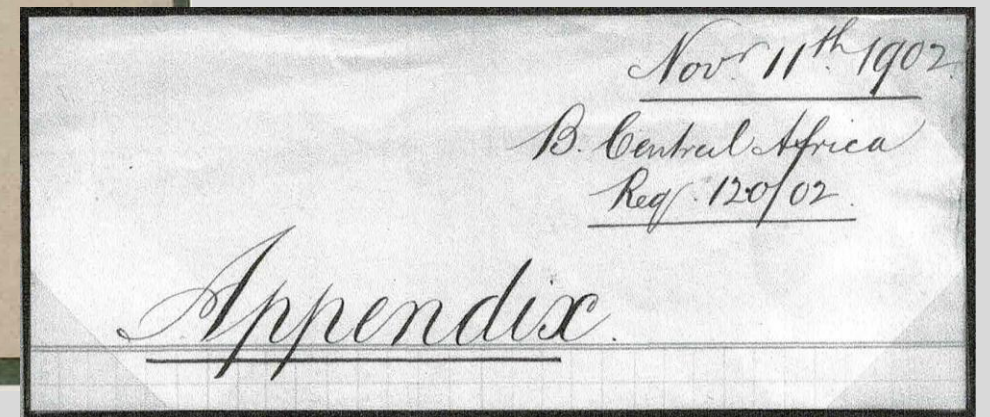
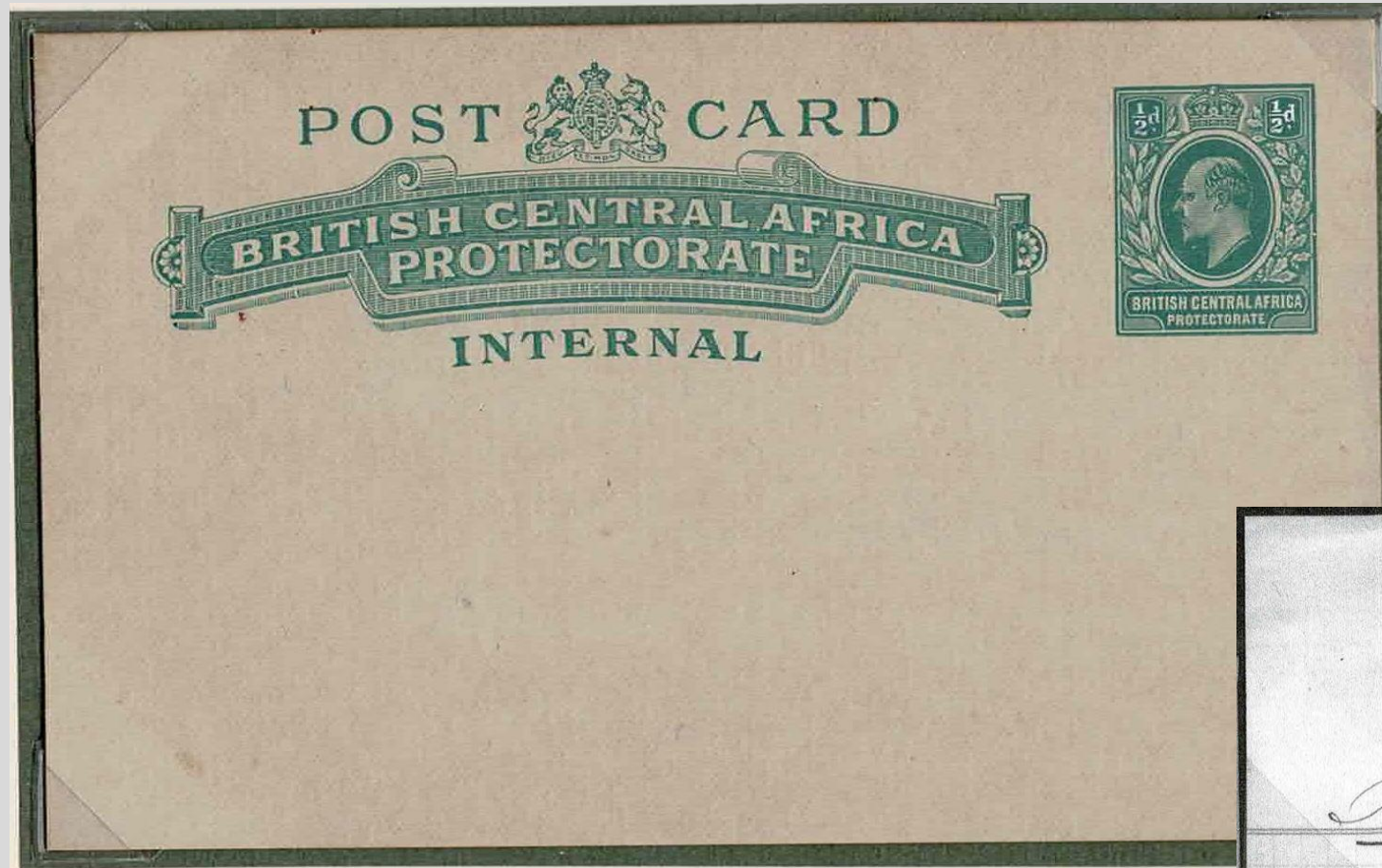
- 750 Specimens of each card prepared.
- Five examples distributed to each member of the U.P.U.



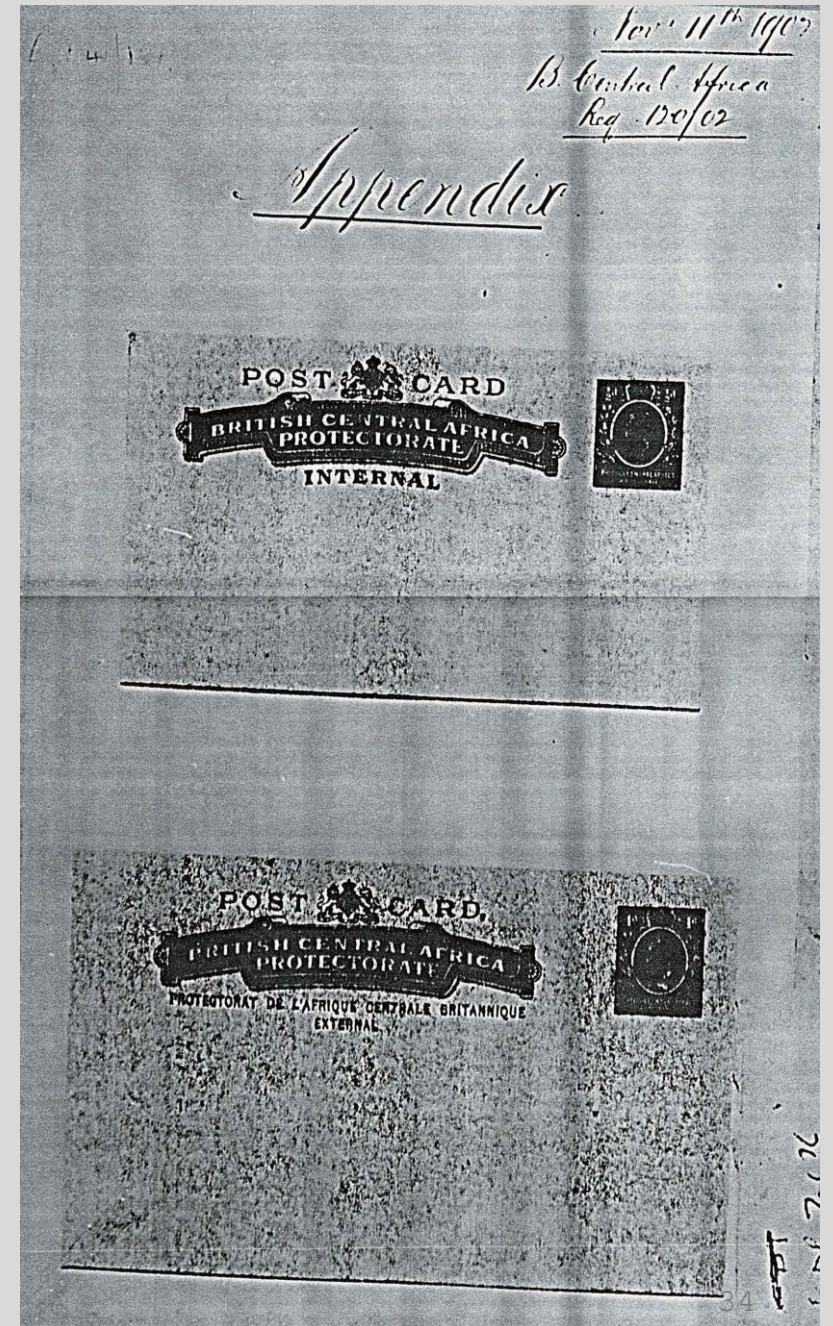
1902 proposal for new issue of stamps and post cards for King Edward VII

- Requisition 120/02 November 2nd, 1902, requesting designs for ½d and 1d post cards.
- November 11th, 1902, Appendix submitted with specimens for ½d and 1d post cards.
- Previously on August 29th, 1902, J. T. Gosling (Postmaster General) pointed out that the Protectorate was not included in the Postal Union.
- Proposed Order ½d post card 24,000, 1d post cards 24,000, made up in packets of 12 and bundles of 20 packets.

November 11th, 1902, essays -
value tablets hand painted



1902 1d essay with
page from which
removed



December 11th,
1902

The Foreign Office
requests changes to
banner heading and
inscriptions including
removal of the words
Internal and External.

477 B. C. Africa

FOREIGN OFFICE,

December 11, 1902.

Crown Agents
Received
12 Dec. 1902
For the Colonies

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter ----- of the
D E. C. A. 120/02

Id. Id.

15th ultimo, enclosing a copy of a Memorandum from Messrs.
De La Rue and Company submitting specimens of the halfpenny
and penny post cards for the British Central African Pro-
tectorate, I am directed by the Marquess of Lansdowne to
request you to have the following alterations made.

1. The post cards for Inland and Foreign service to
be of the same (larger) size.

2. The inscription and lettering to be generally
arranged according to the pattern of the British foreign
post card (copy enclosed) with the omission of the words
"This side for the address."

3. The inland post card. A plain inscription to be
substituted for the scroll and inscription as shown in the
specimen cards, and the word "internal" to be omitted.

4. The foreign post card. The word "external" to
be omitted and a plain inscription to be substituted for the
scroll and inscription.

Similar post cards should be prepared for East Africa
and Uganda and for the Somaliland Protectorate, with their
respective inscriptions in French in the case of the Foreign
Post card, viz.-

"Protectorats Britanniques de l'Afrique Orientale et
d'Uganda", and

"Protectorat Britannique de Somaliland."

You should also inform Messrs. De La Rue that His Lord-
ship would be glad if the colour scheme for the new stamps
could be submitted with as little delay as possible.

The specimen post cards inclosed in your letter are
returned herewith.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most obedient humble servant,

(Sd.) Clement Le Hill

The Crown Agents

for the Colonies.

Have copy
J. M.
20.
Dec 15/02

New banner
headings,
but
confusion
continues
over
U.P.U.
membership

Color trial in
approved color;
1d handpainted.
Universal Postal
Union deleted;
British Central
Africa was not a
member



Proof, showing
revised wording;
indicia repre-
sented by color
wash

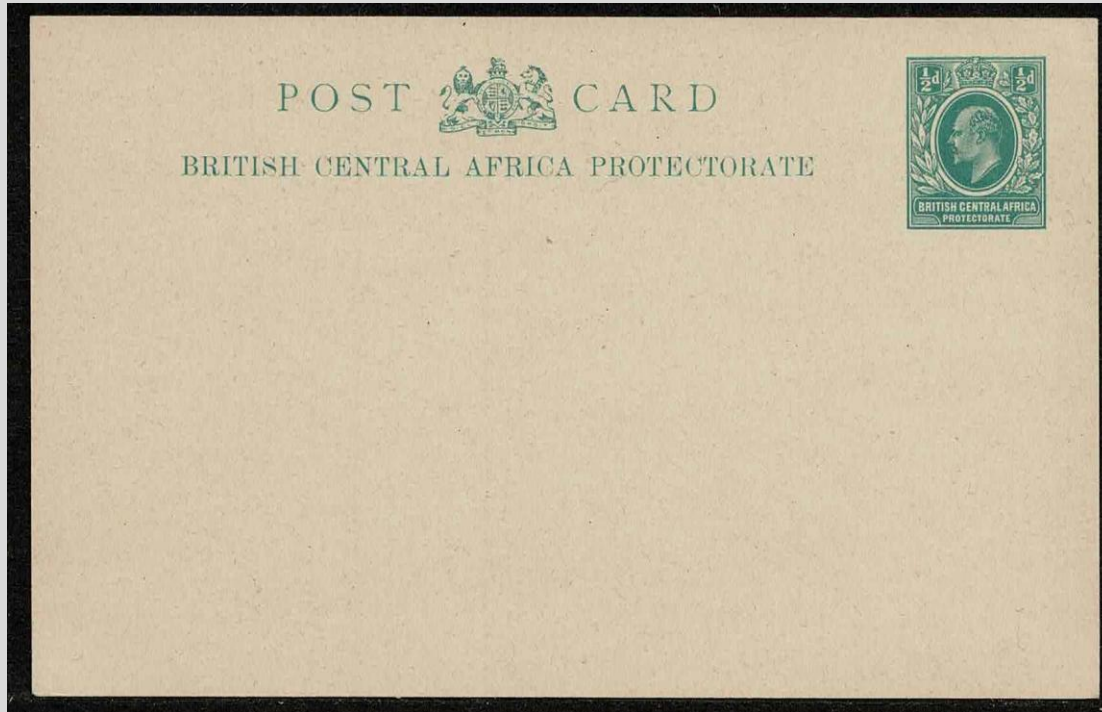
Foreign Office Confusion continues

- February 24th, 1903, De la Rue offers to produce post cards from the old plates because it would take two months to make new plates.
- February 28th, 1903, Crown Agents requests printing of a supply of postcards from the old plates – one half of the quantities named in the requisition. Sufficient to last six months.

De la Rue's record for the
order for the 1903 post cards

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The 1903 post cards in the Oak-Leaf design



Removal of words
Internal and
External

Transition to Nyasaland – the 1908 post cards

- Requisition 3/08 January 7th, 1908.
- January 9th, 1908, De la Rue quotes three post card plates at Twelve Pounds each and printing 9,600 post cards each of ½d, 1d and 2d. Questions about lettering.
- January 31st, 1908, Crown Agents confirms that Nyasaland does not belong to the Postal Union.
- Curious reference that the 2d post cards may be taken to mean 1d reply cards. No reply cards were issued.



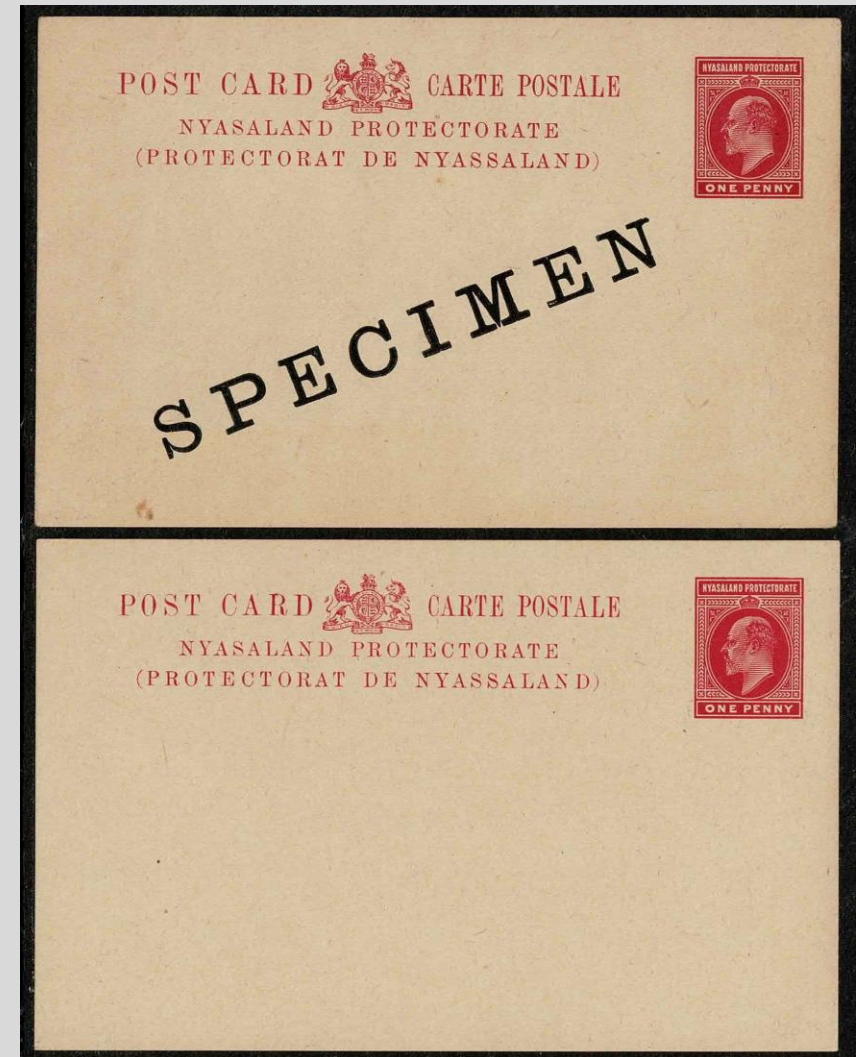
De la Rue's record for the order for the 1908 post cards

<i>Print in Grey as 2nd stamp</i> <i>in New Col. Scheme. Td from Dr. Bk. 2.4.10</i>	2 ^d	Post cards	9600	2600	
	1 ^d	"	9600	2600	
	2 ^d	"	9600	2600	
	1 ^d	Reply	plate	2.50	
	1 ^d	"	9600	2600	
	2 ^d	News wrapper plate		14.50	
	1 ^d	"		14.50	
	2 ^d	N. wrappers	9600	740	
	1 ^d	"	9600	740	
	22	9912 - 449	5000	Specimens	
	22	9888 - 449	7	Cases 1 st time No 5 to 11 £1/6/-	6.57
	23	9888 - 449			10.51
	6	1	Plate		X 276
		10049	Cards ch. 10/ per 1000	<i>(Cards pt. back & front only not finished, error</i> <i>quantity ordered 9600 + 449 also only changed)</i>	
	22	1	Plate		8
		1	"		9
	22	9840 - 449			
		9840 - 449			

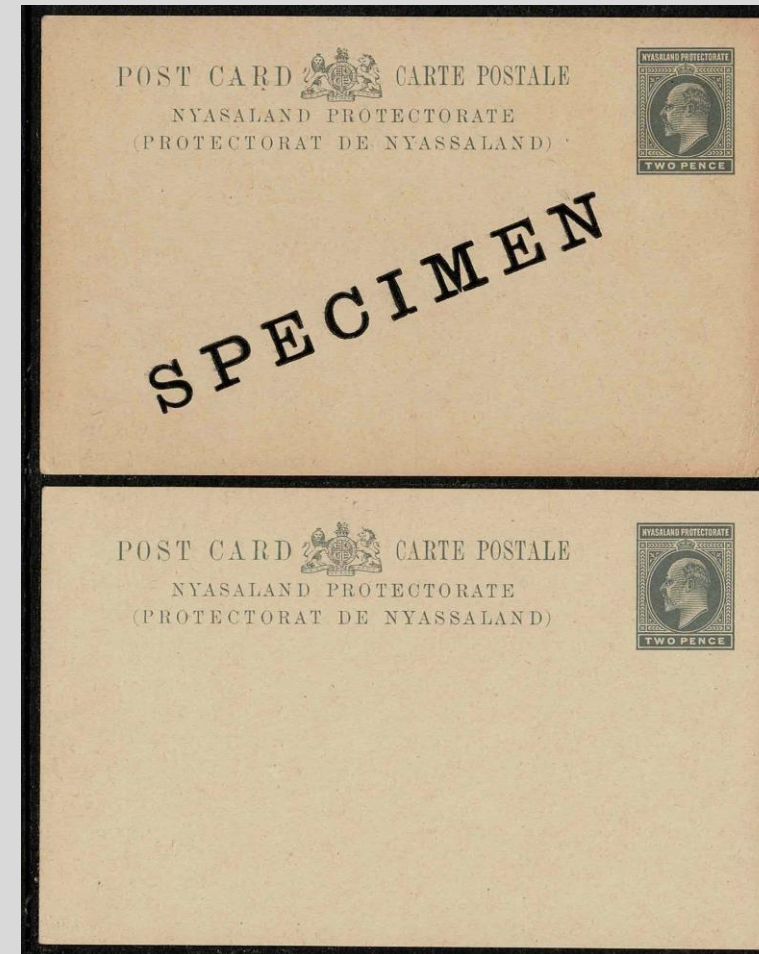
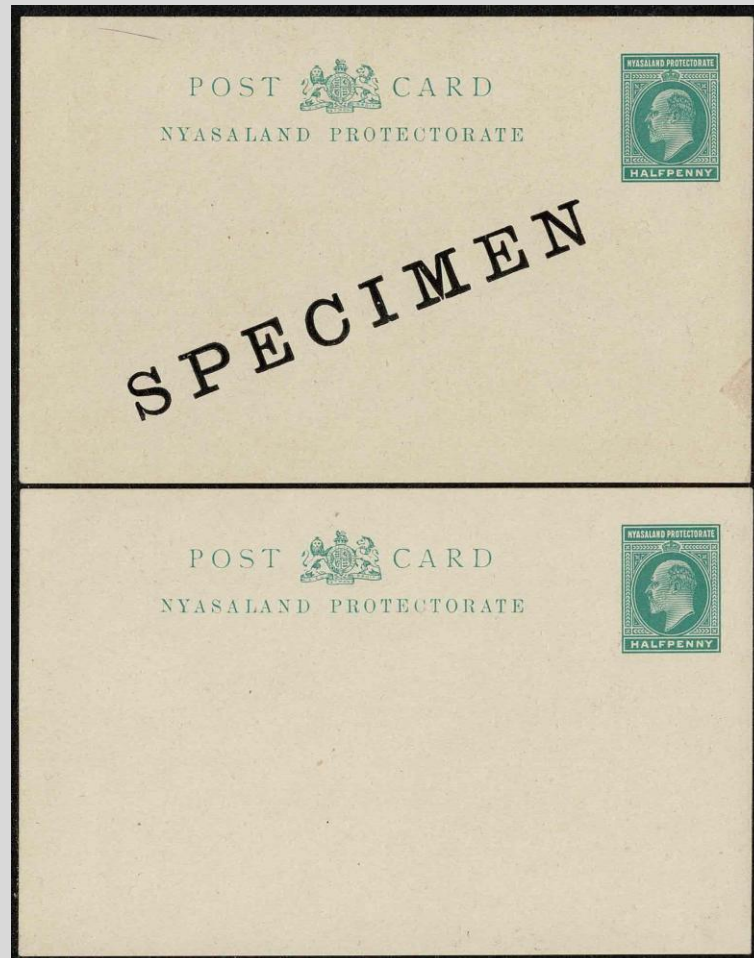
Note deletion of Reply cards.

Specimens of the Edward VII post cards

- June 26th, 1903,
Crown Agents
questions the
overcharge of 1d
for overprinting
Specimens of the
stamps and
postcards required.



1908 ½d and 2d Specimens



Madagascar Archive Specimens

- Reduced number of examples sent to member countries - now three.

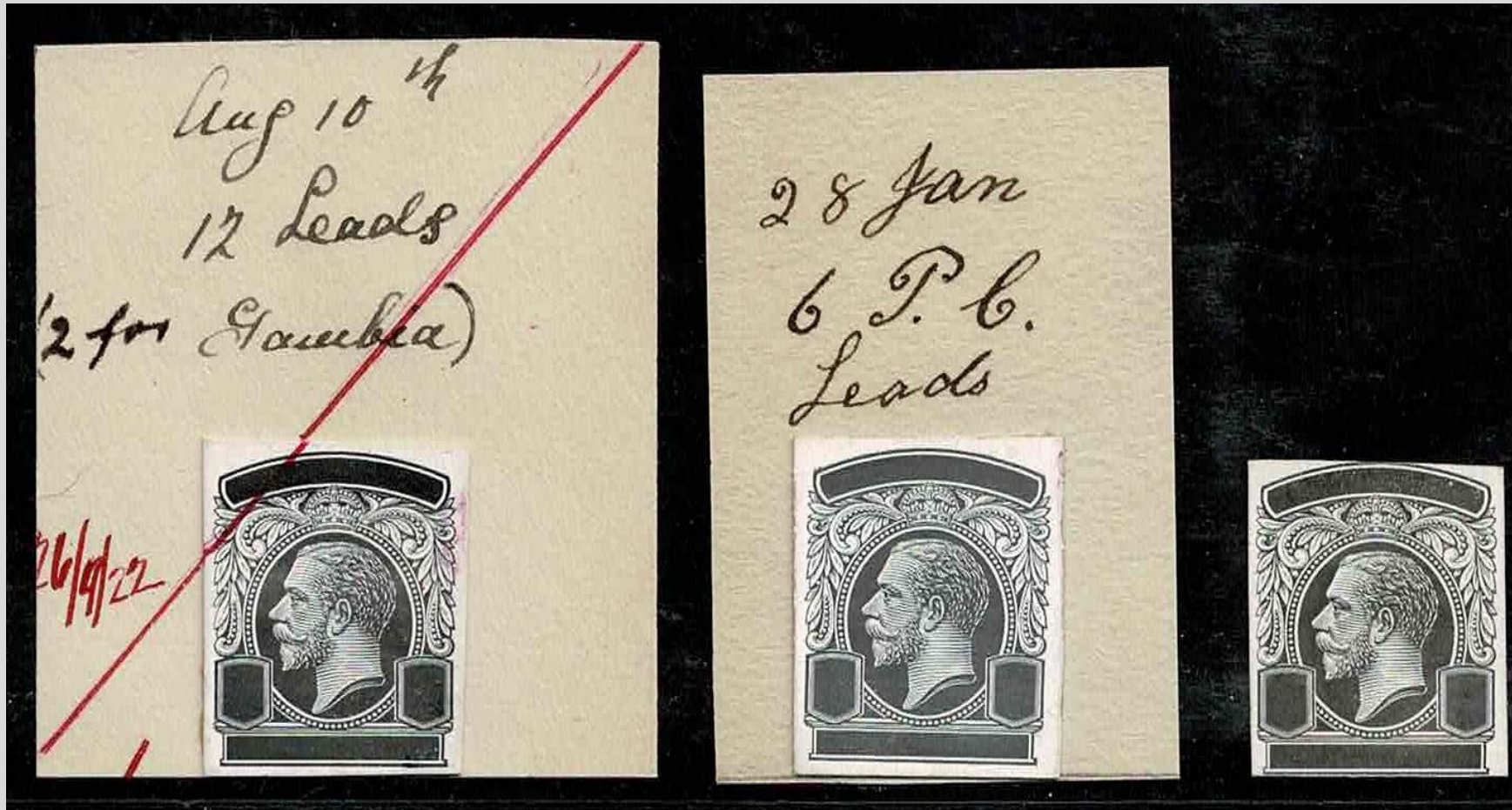


June 7th, 1919,
George V post
cards

- September 23rd, 1919, proof approved and returned by the Crown Agents.
- September 24th, 1919, De la Rue asks if the Universal Postal Union lettering should be used for the 1d card with the word Nyasaland in English only.

D		From
Colony Nyasaland		THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES, 4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1.
Reqn. No. 64/19		To Messrs. DE LA RUE & CO., 110, Bunhill Row, E.C.1.
All communications on this subject to be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.		
0/18 30th May, 1919.		REPLY. 7th June, 1919.
The enclosed requisition received from the Government of Nyasaland for Postcards		Requisition returned herewith for:- Post Cards: 5,000 Inland 5,000 International
is forwarded to you for execution.		We enclose a proof of the Post Card Stamp we should propose to use. ☒ We should be glad to know if 1d and 1d Cards are required. The Inland Cards would be charged under table 13 of the Schedule of prices, and the International Cards under table 17, plus the increased cost of paper. The cost of the order would amount to about £12 including £3 each for the printing plates. Delivery to your Inspector in 10 Weeks.
An estimate of the total cost of the order should be supplied.		
What date can you name for delivery?		
We observe that no denomination is given for the cards.		
608		X Taken 7/64 [Signature]
NOTE.—The reply should be written in the space allotted to it above, continuing overleaf if necessary.		
D 101. 1000.—11/17. Sp. 1		

King George Vth Master proofs – stationery die



De la Rue's record for the
order for the 1919 post cards

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Book-13

1919

COLONY	Date Ordered	DUTY	DESCRIPTION	Quantity Ordered	Quantity Issued, including Spoilage Allowance	Specimens G.P.O. D.L.R.	Waste	TOTAL Quantity Printed	Date Waste Destroyed	Signature of Director	Number of Parcels	Case Nos.	Day
Myataland	6/4/19	Sep 23	2 Post Card plates $\frac{1}{2} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ 4-5 each	Ca 68									
		39	$\frac{1}{2}$	Post Card	5000	Spec 1390							
		113	$1 \frac{1}{2}$	"	5000	1390							

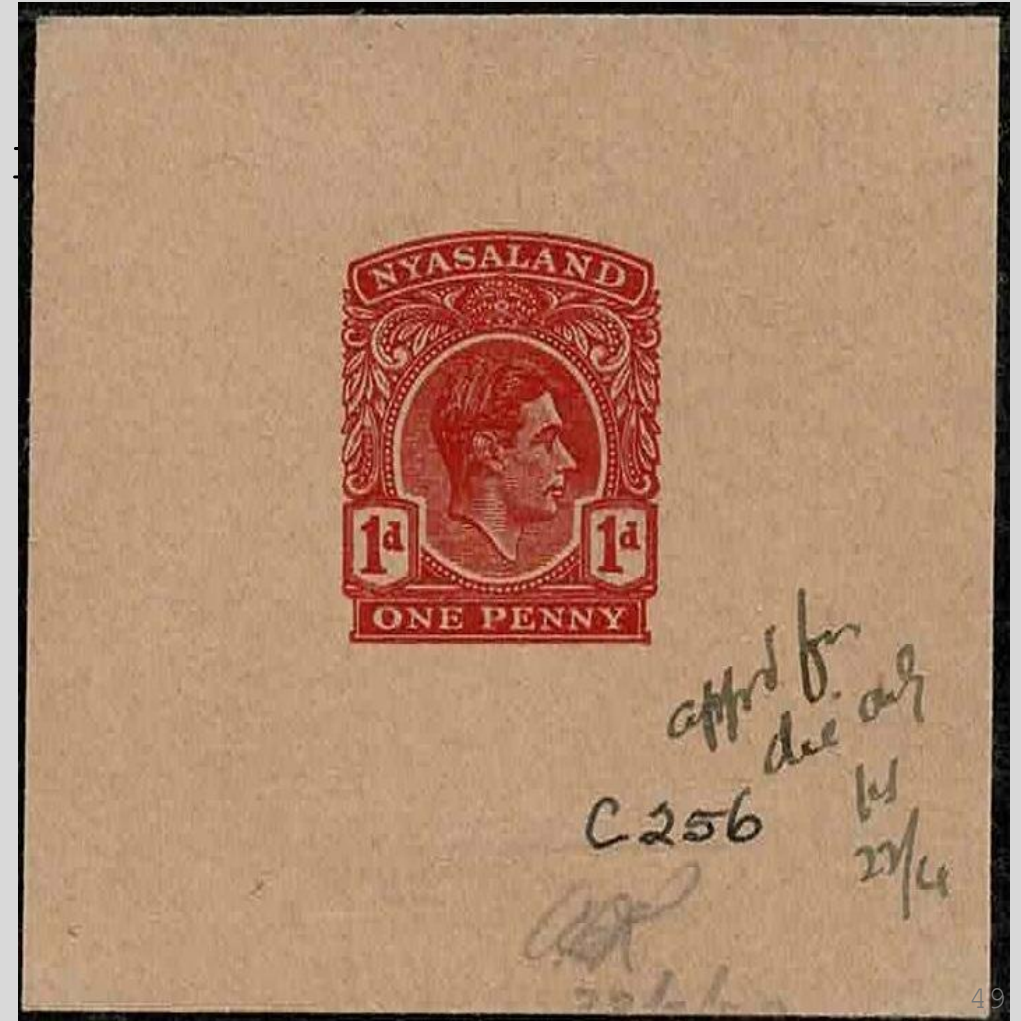
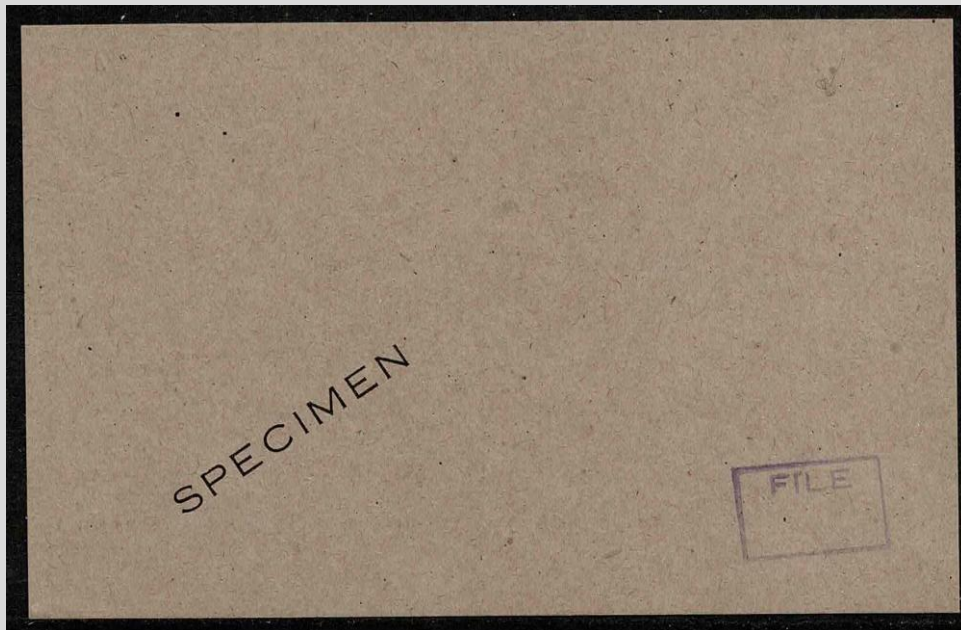
The 1919 post card



The number of
Specimens required
changed frequently -
1913, 1915, 1926,
1927 and 1929.

Production of the King George VI post card

- Card stock sample.
- Die proof, a similar proof C 243 dated 22/3/38 exists.



Banner Headings for the King George VI post card



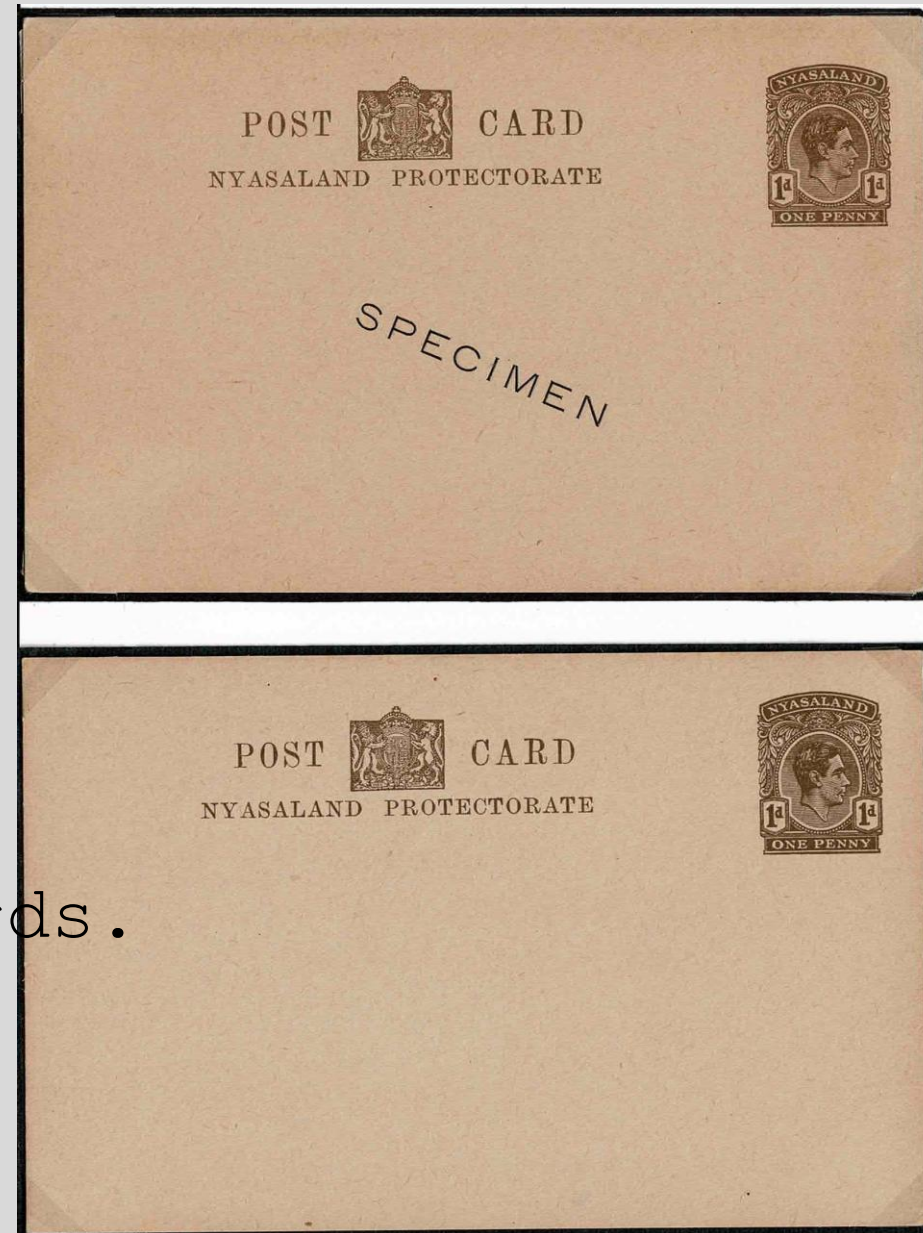
De la Rue's record for the
order for the King George VI
post card

Nyasaland 6839/1	Jan 21	4 ^d	Regn: Eur. "F"	7,000					
Specimens P Cards +	4	4 ^d	" " "G"	3,500					
Envelopes	8	4 ^d	" " "H"	1,500					
P. W. R.	Brown - 9	1 ^d	Post Cards	3,000	650	6			
257-9	Q. 6911		Post Card Printing Plate						
			Envelope Embossing Die						

May 24	7,128	392	Embossing Die £13-7-6
-	3,600		
-	1,584		
-	3,300	392	Printing Plate £4-10-0

The issued
King George
VI post
card and
Specimen

Order for 3,000 post cards.



Uses of the B.C.A. and Nyasaland postal stationery cards

- Advertising
- Agriculture
- Airmail
- Churches and the Missions
- Gun Boats
- Military Campaigns
- Perceptions
- Philatelists
- Posts and Telegraphs
- Publications
- Destinations

POST CARD
BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA
POSTAGE
INTERNAL

1894.
Advertising Card

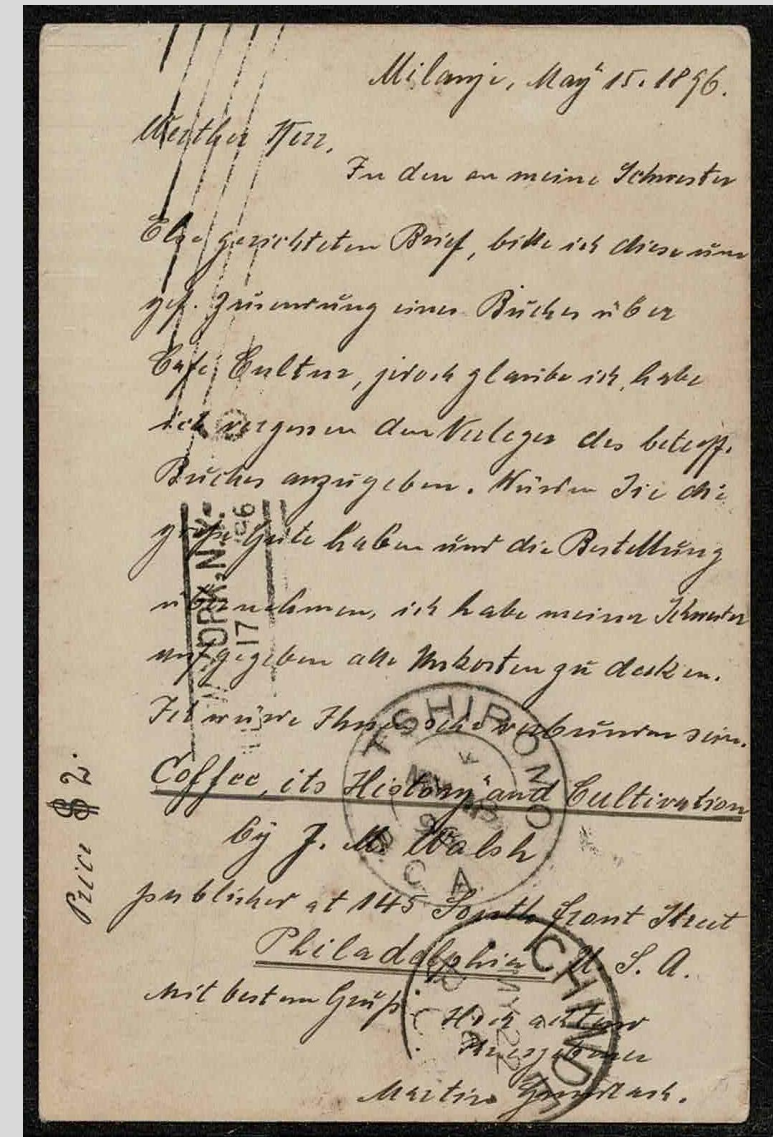
Gordon Esq.
African Trans Continental T. Co.
Shire Highlands
B.C.A.

FRANKLIN
SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY
ONE PENNY
B.C.A.

1895 with *Kubla Stores'* Compliments. 1895

JANUARY.							FEBRUARY.							MARCH.							APRIL.								
S	M	T	W	T	H	F	S	M	T	W	T	H	F	S	M	T	W	T	H	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	H	F	S
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MAY.							JUNE.							JULY.							AUGUST.								
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SEPTEMBER.							OCTOBER.							NOVEMBER.							DECEMBER.								
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	—	—	1	2	3	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	—	—
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	—	—
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1															

Agriculture - Coffee growing



Request for a book Coffee its History and Cultivation.

Airmail - January 14th, 1933,
rate reduced to 8d from 1/4

King Edward
VII post card
uprated to 8d.
Cape Town to
London route
Cairo to
Alexandria
section by
rail replaced
by air
service.



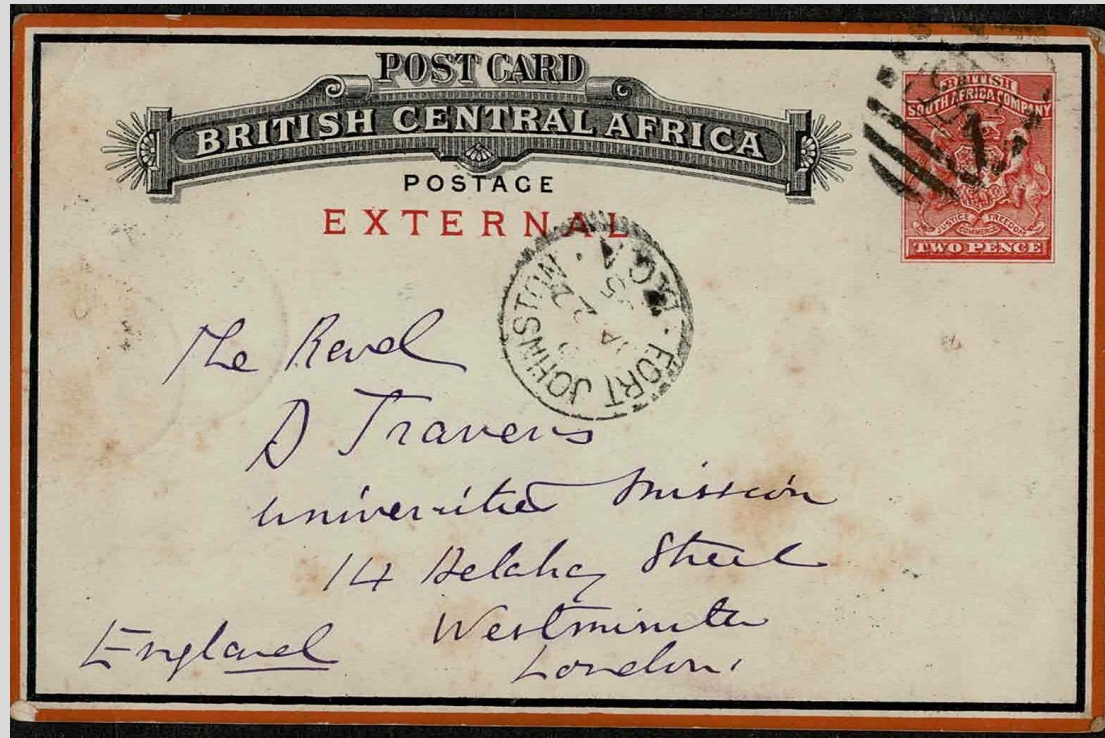
Airmail - Nyasaland to Southern Rhodesia



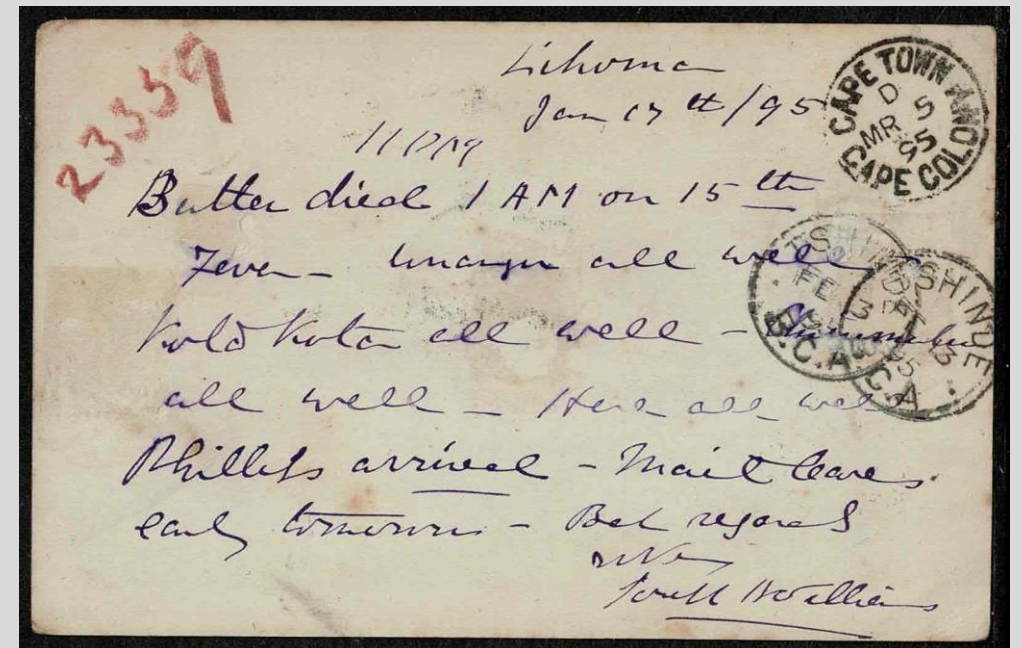
King Edward VII and
King George V cards
uprated.



Churches and their Missions - Likoma Island



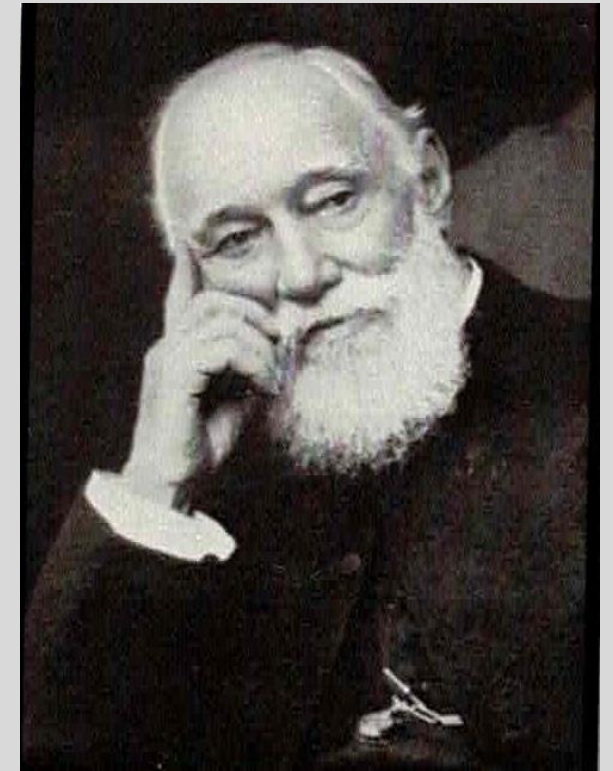
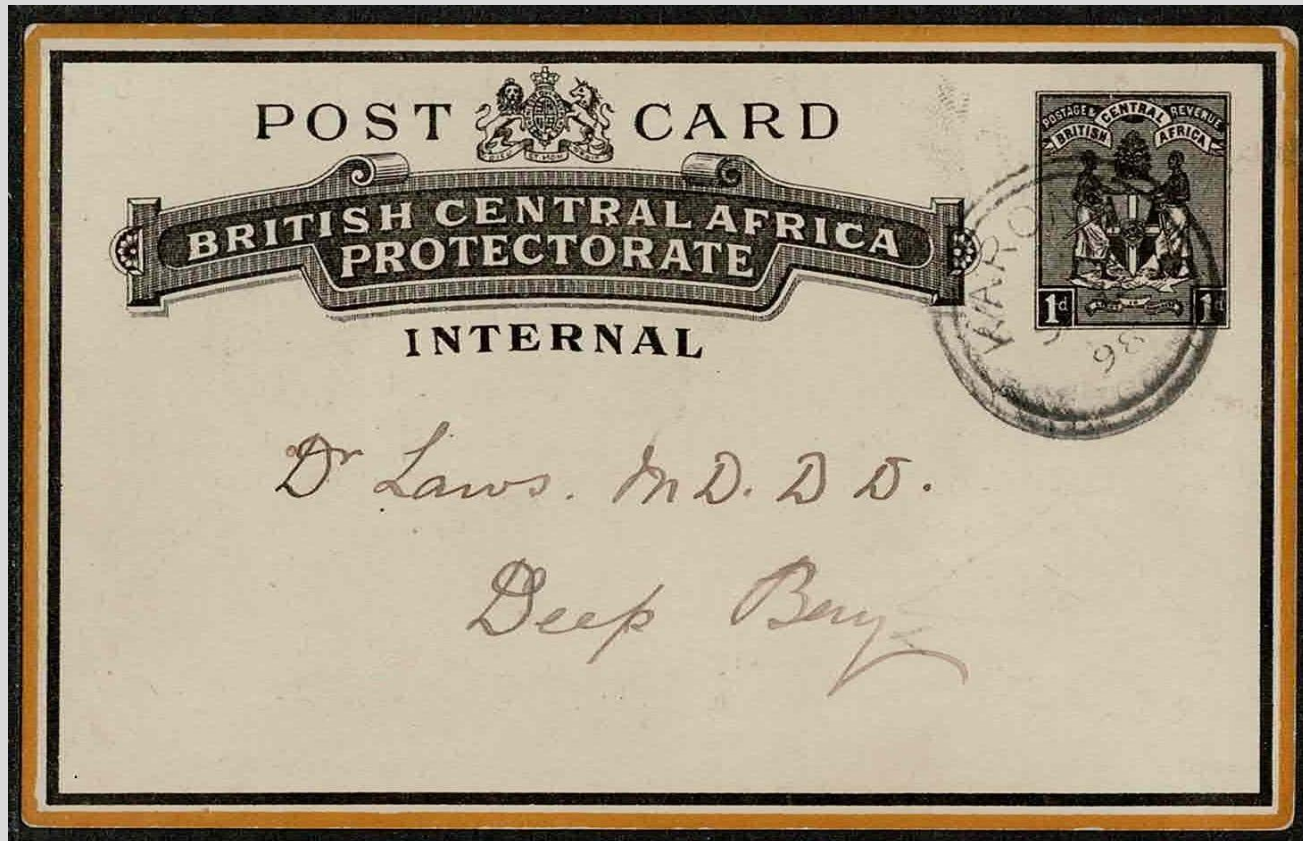
Likoma Island to the
Universities Mission in
London.



The Universities Mission - Likoma Island postmark

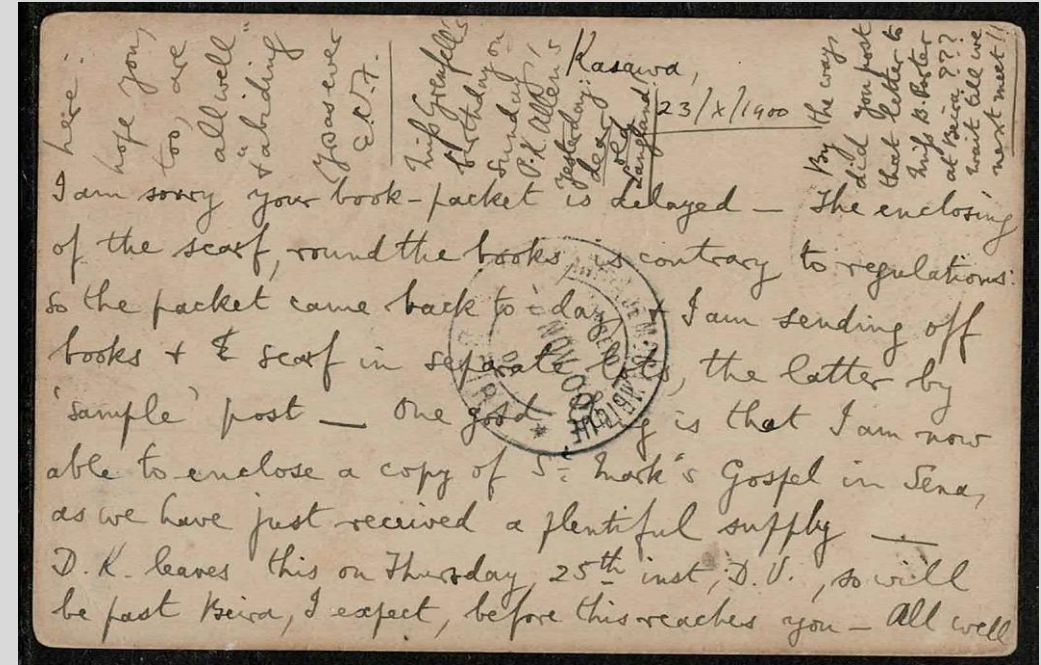


Dr Robert Laws (1851-1934)



Head of
Livingstonia
Mission. Born
Mannofield,

To Douglas Wood of the Rusitu Mission, Melsetter, Rhodesia



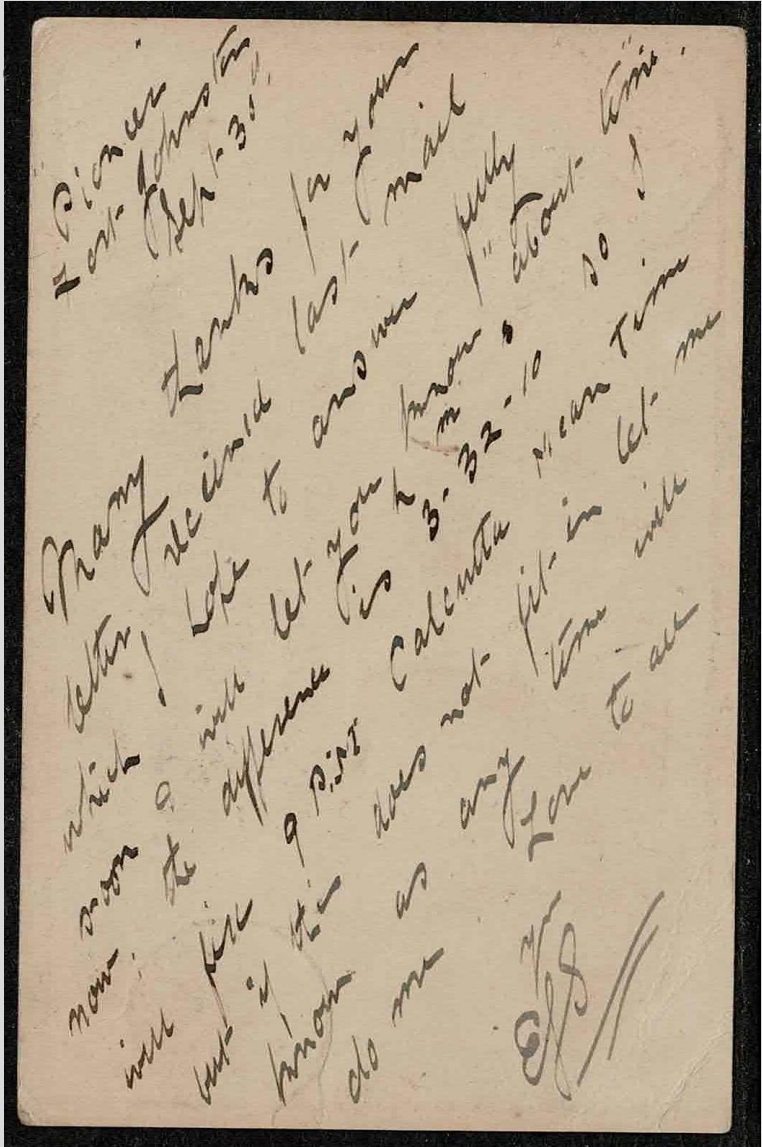
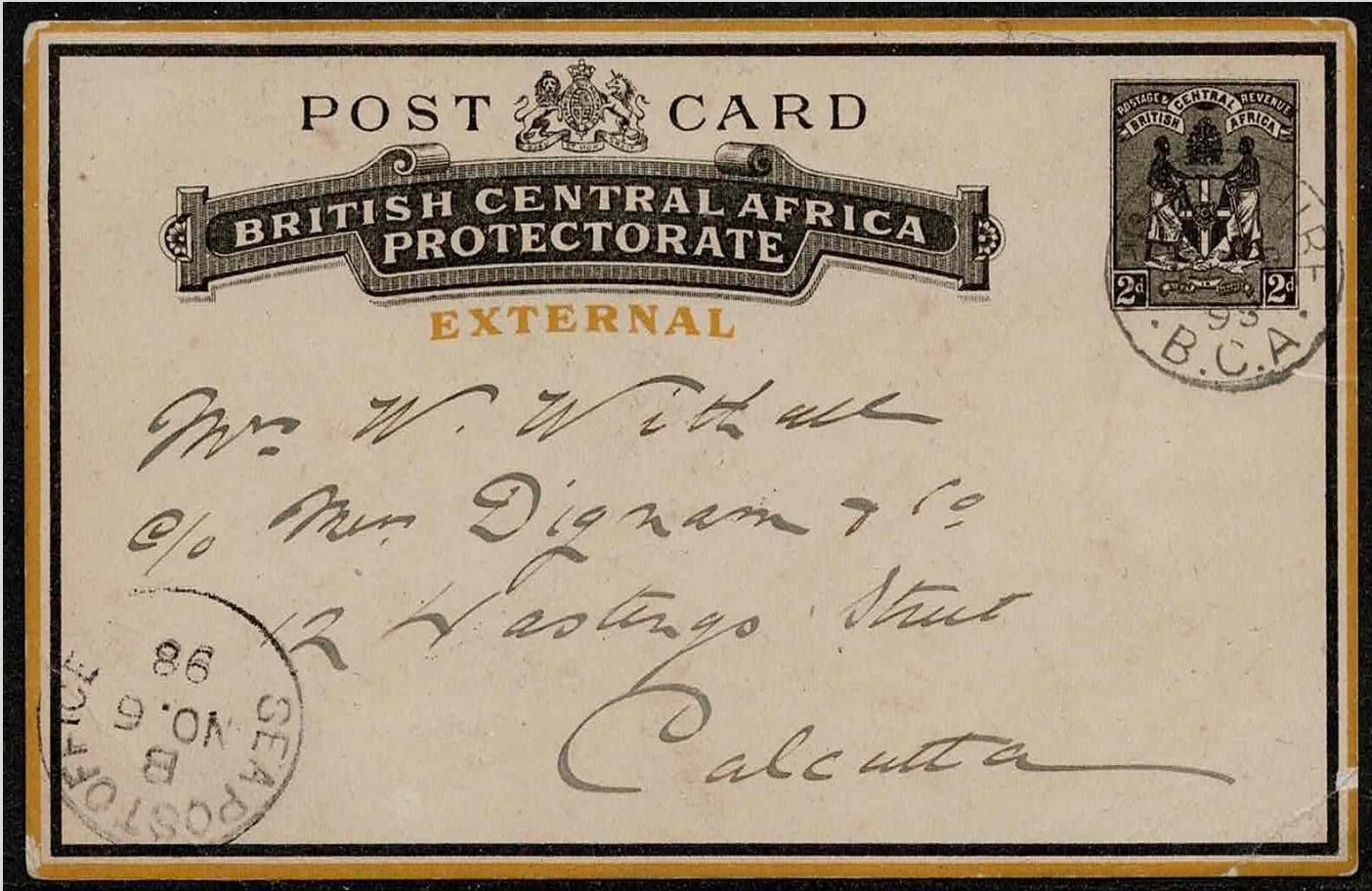
Unusually routed via Mount Selinda instead of Umtali
There is no reference to Singwekwi Mission.

Courtesy Mark Loomis.

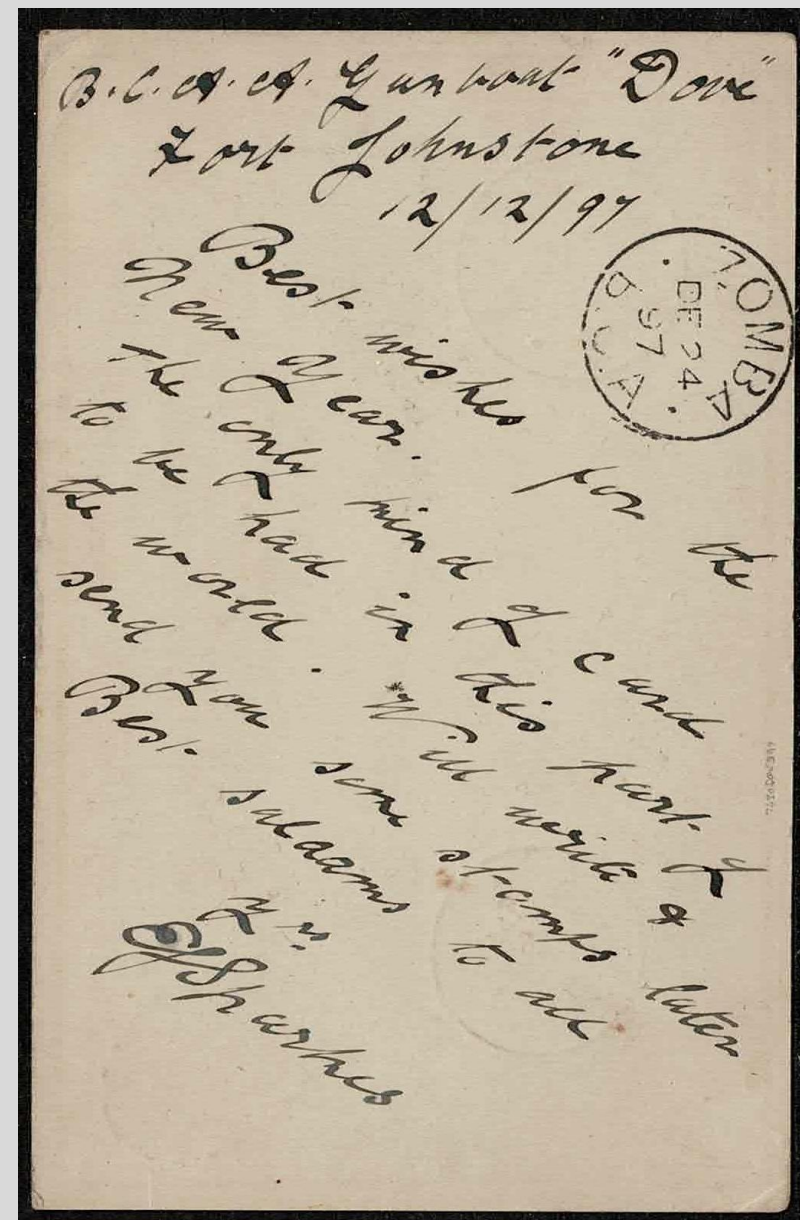
Gun Boats – mailed to H.M.S. Pioneer



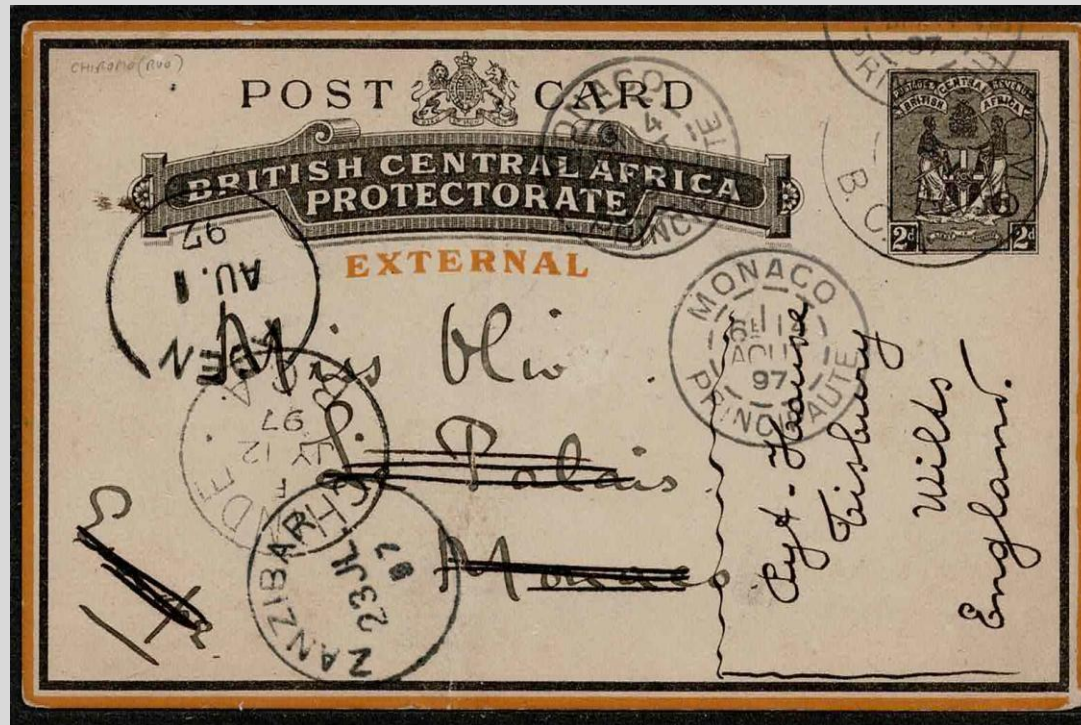
Mailed from the Pione



Mailed from the Dove



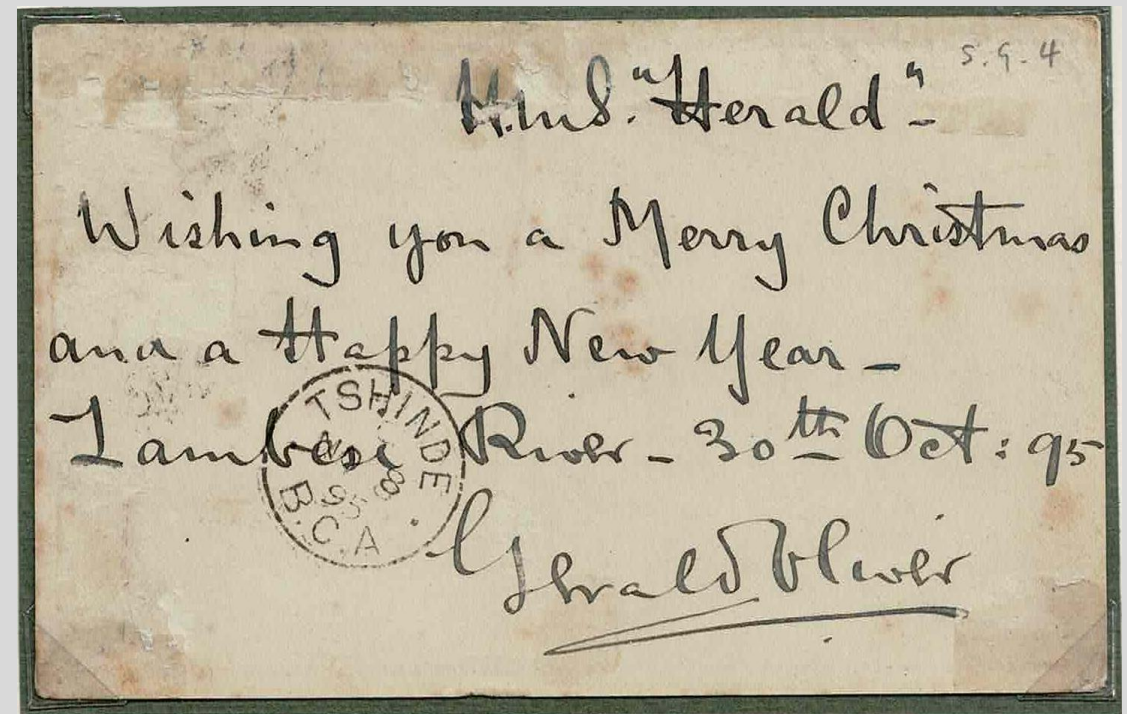
Mailed from the Mosquito



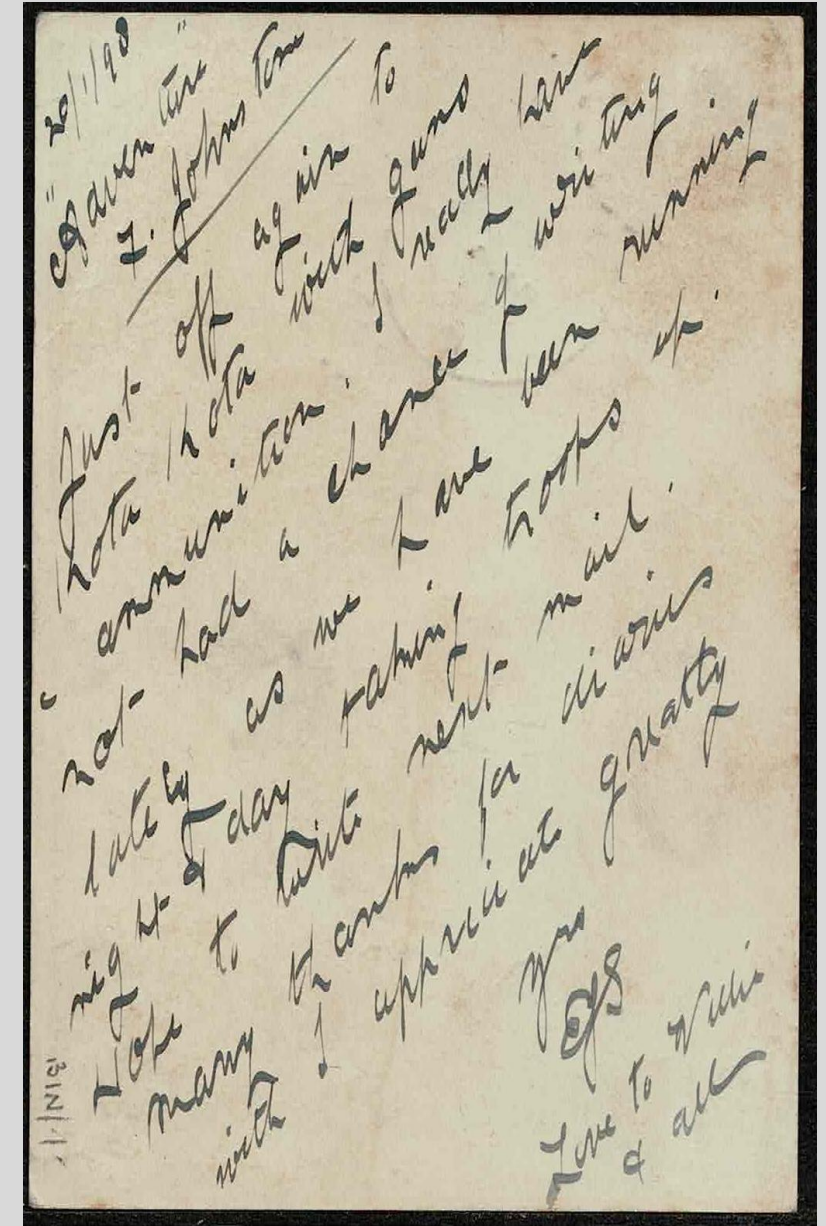
Mrs. "Mosquito". Lambei River.
Dear E. Received 2 letters from
you, will write shortly, busy now.
Am up river & expect mails in four
days. M.B.L.
1 July. 97

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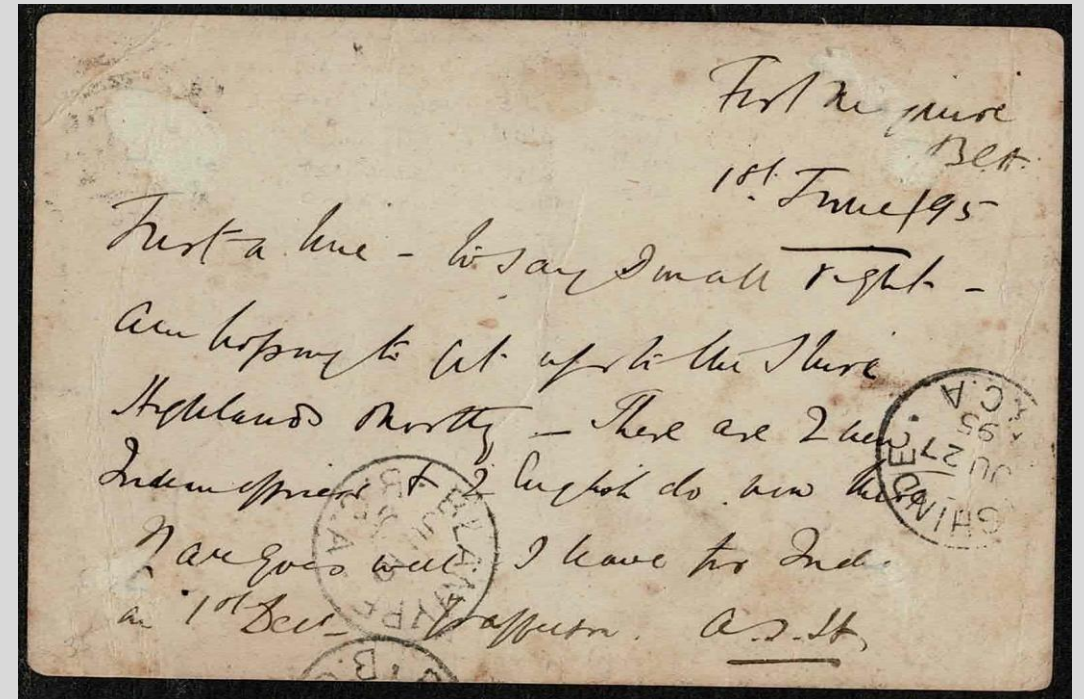
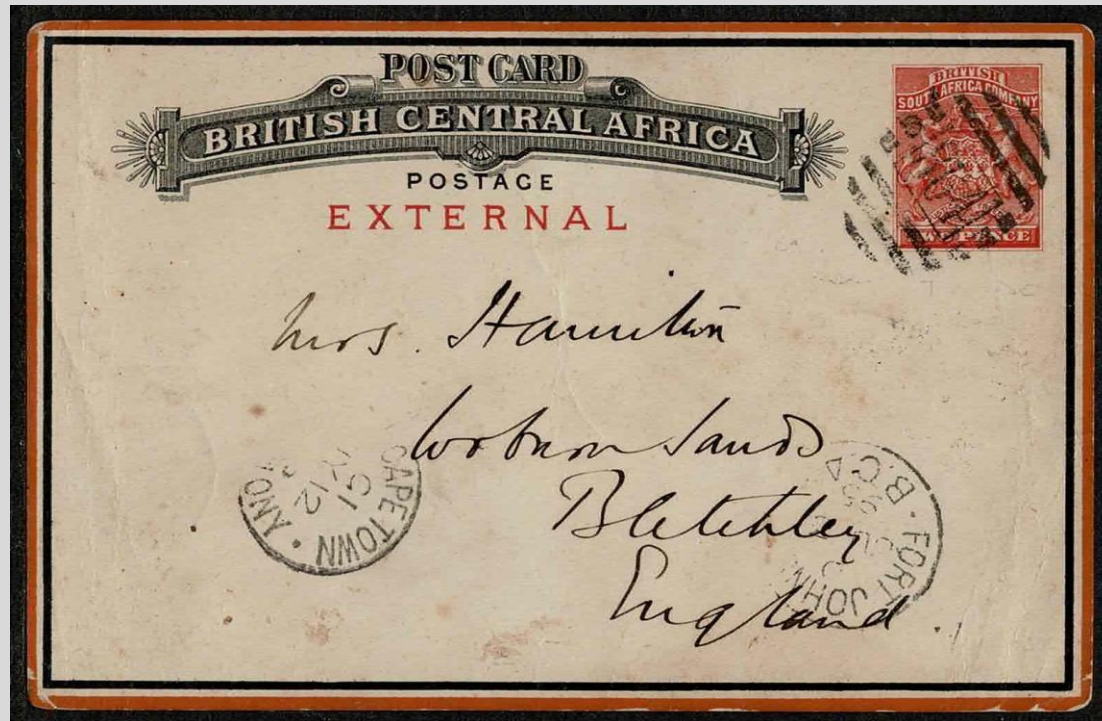
Mailed from the Herald



Military Campaigns - Mpezeni campaign, anti- slavery action



Fort Maguire - named after
Captain Cecil Montgomery Maguire,
died December 15th, 1891



King's African Rifles in Somaliland



The recipient – Vice Consul, Berbera

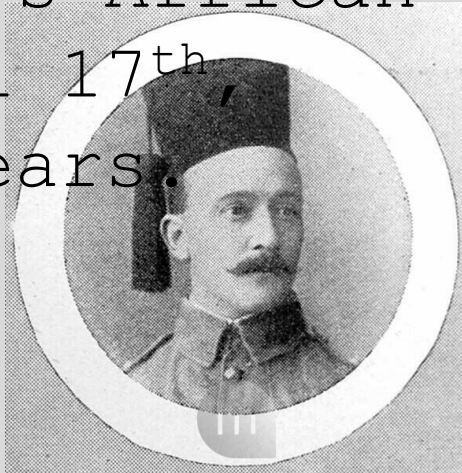
Harry Edward Spiller Cordeaux entered the Bombay Political Department in 1898, and that year was appointed Assistant Resident at Berbera. He was appointed Vice-Consul at Berbera on October 15th, 1900,¹ and promoted to Consul on November 15th, 1902, serving until 1906.



Governor Cordeaux³

The sender - Herbert Edward Olivey

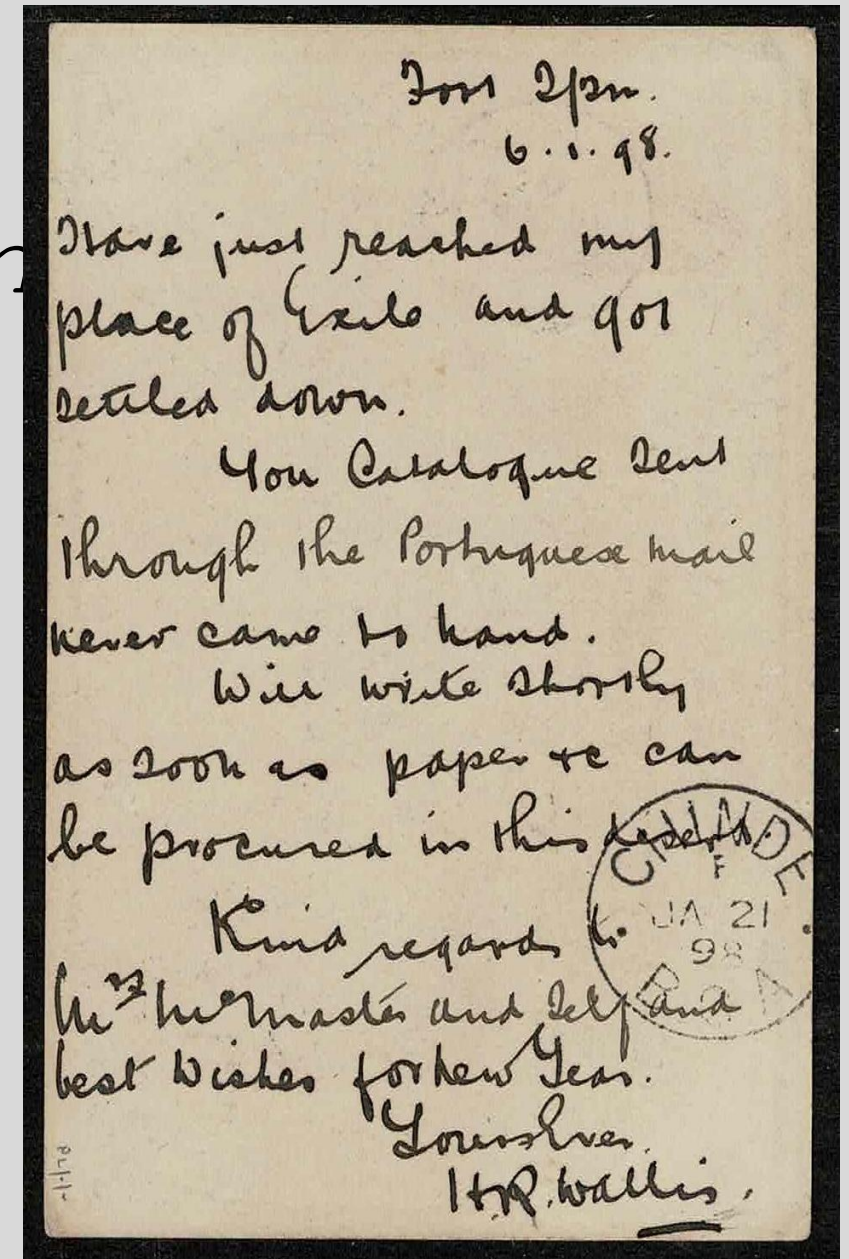
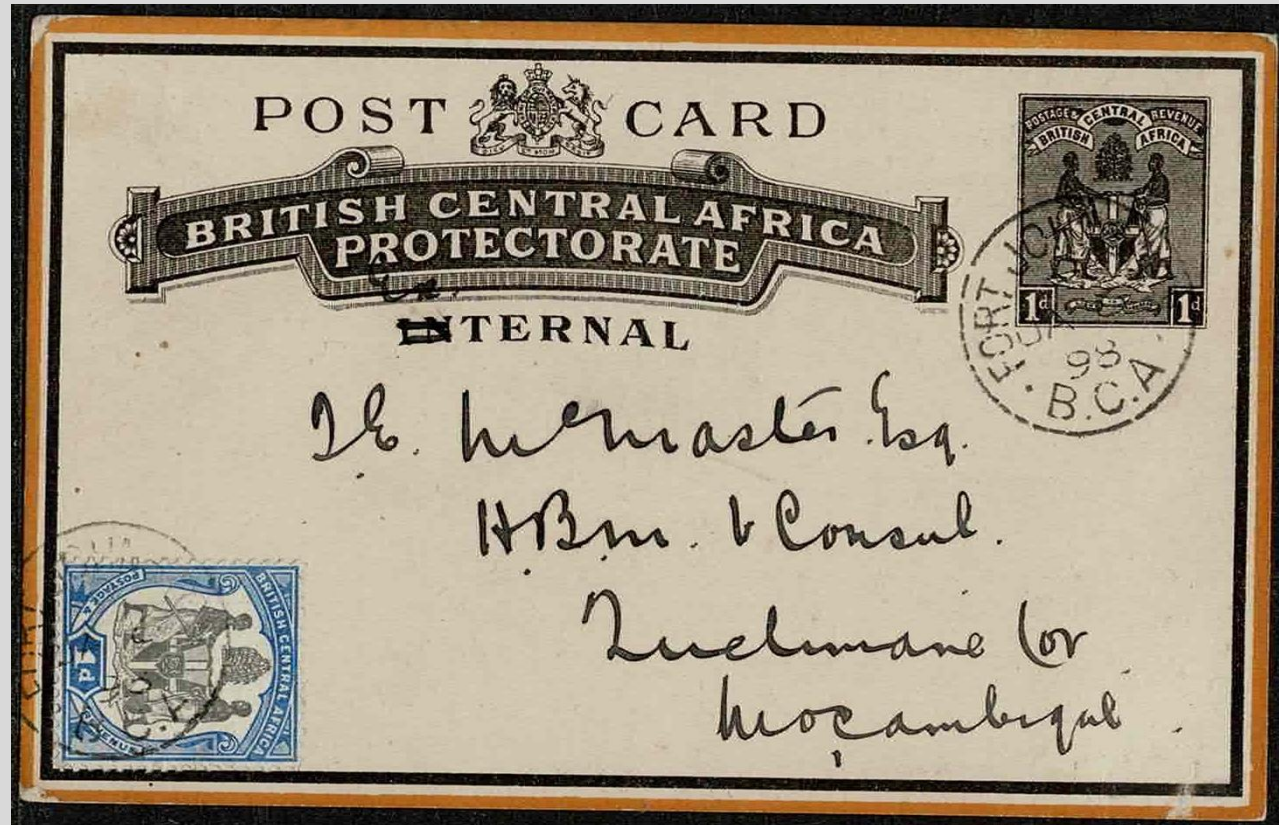
Captain - Suffolk
Regiment, killed in action
in Somaliland while
serving with the 2nd
Battalion, King's African
Rifles, on April 17th,
1903, aged 32 years.



Zomba
13.2.02.
31-5-02.
Heartily congratulations on
your CMG. I suppose other
1/2 B^{ts} have gone up country
before this. We have been
all packed up ready to start
in an hour or so since our
leave 16th & still are waiting
for the orders. Have 300 men
ready & the 1st B^{att} have a like
number. Hoping you are
very fit. Yours
H. Olivey

Perceptions of B.C.A.

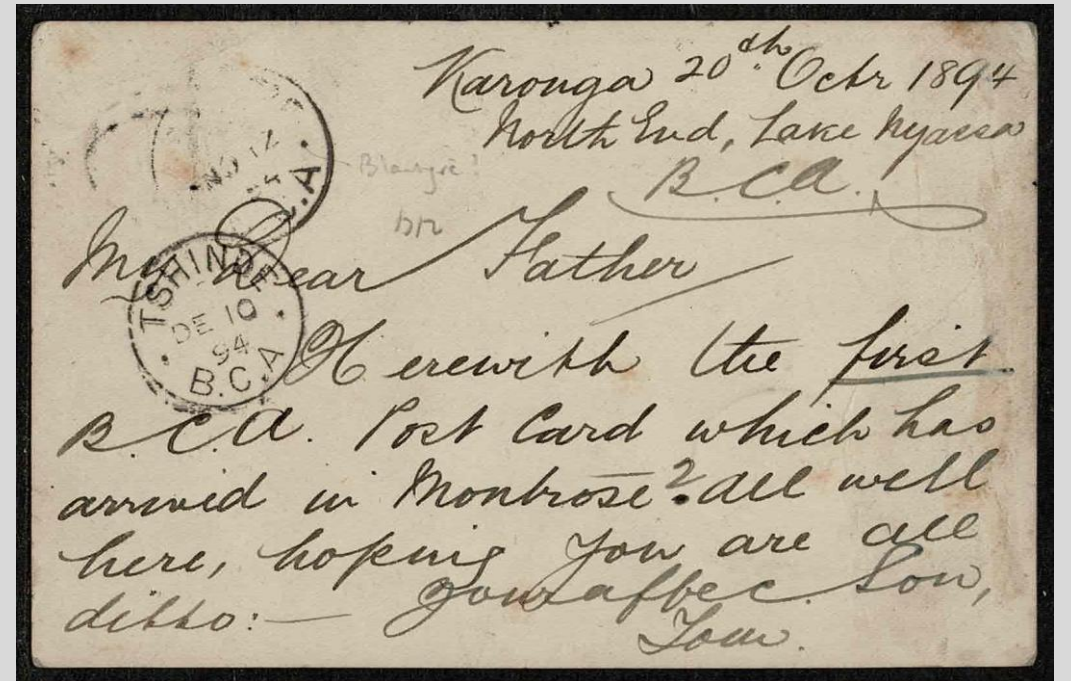
—
my place of exile ... in
this desert



Sent by J. T. Gosling,
Postmaster General



Philatelists

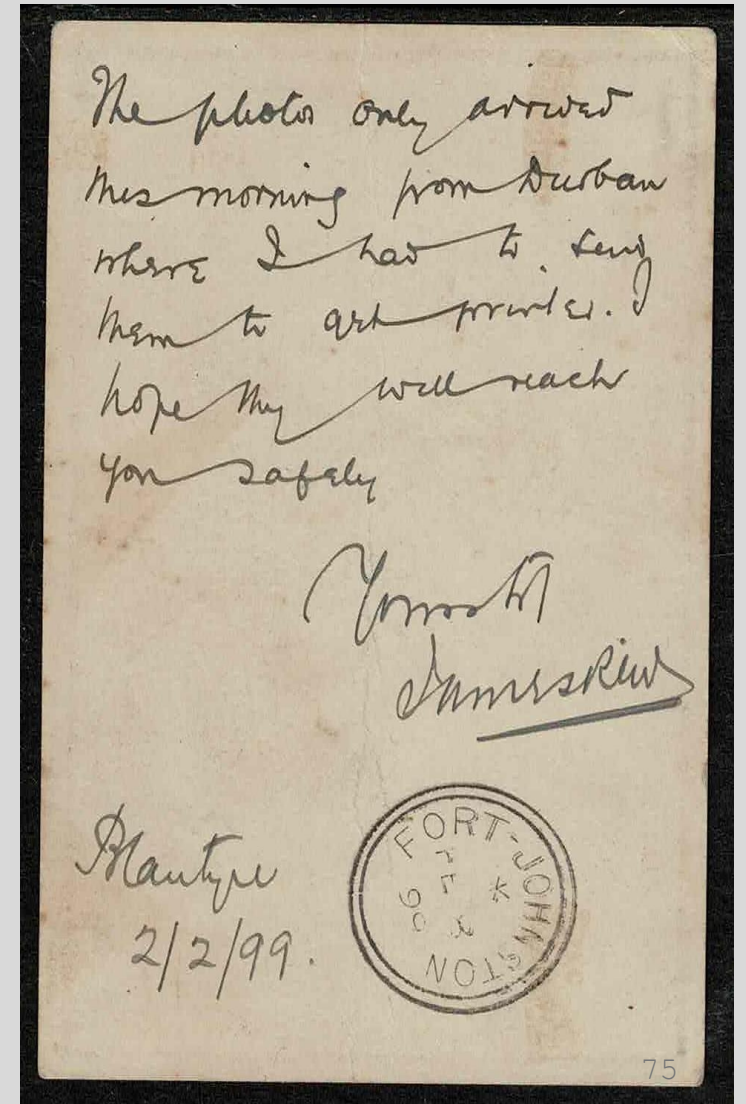
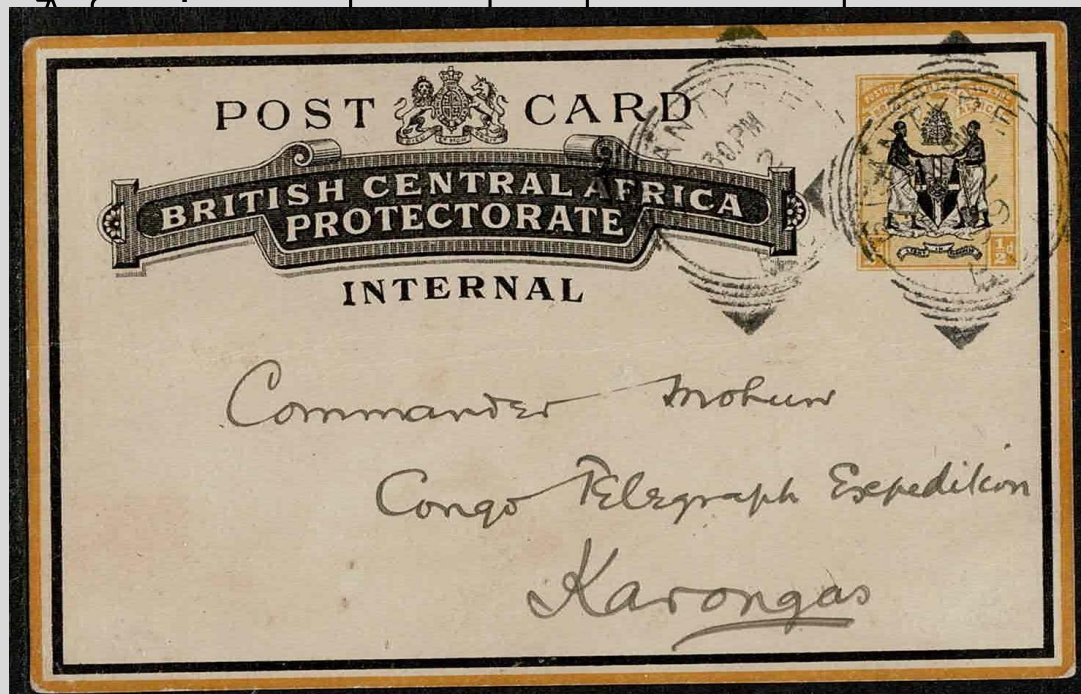


... the first B.C.A.
Post Card which has
arrived in
Montrose?

Posts, Telegraphs and Mail Handling

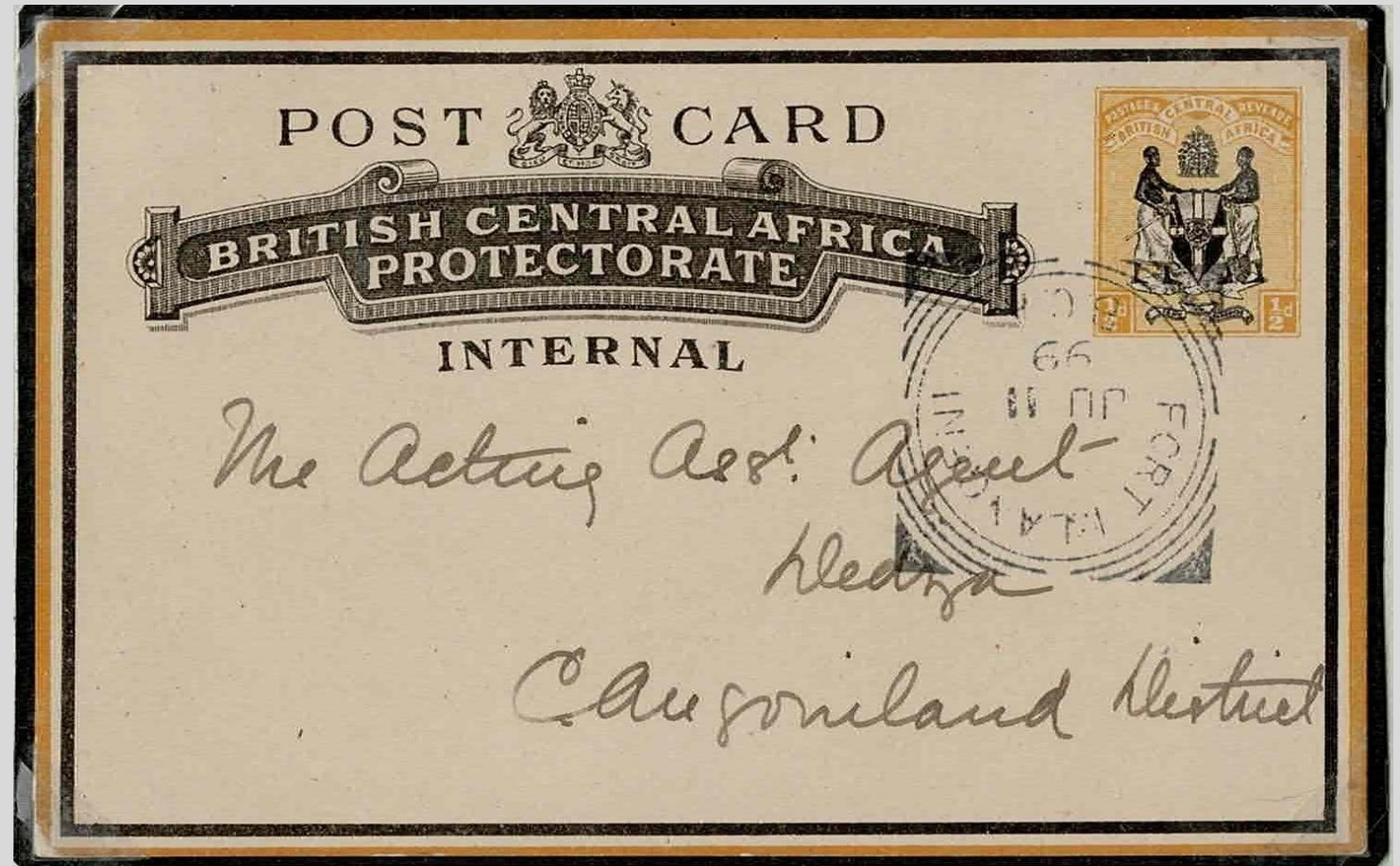
- The Congo Telegraph - 1899-1901:

a project of Richard Mohun to connect the Belgian Congo with the East Coast of



October 1st, 1895, reduced
postal rates to Angoniland

June 11th,
1899, from
Fort Mlangeni.



Mis-Sent to Chinde



Chinde -treated as foreign in
error



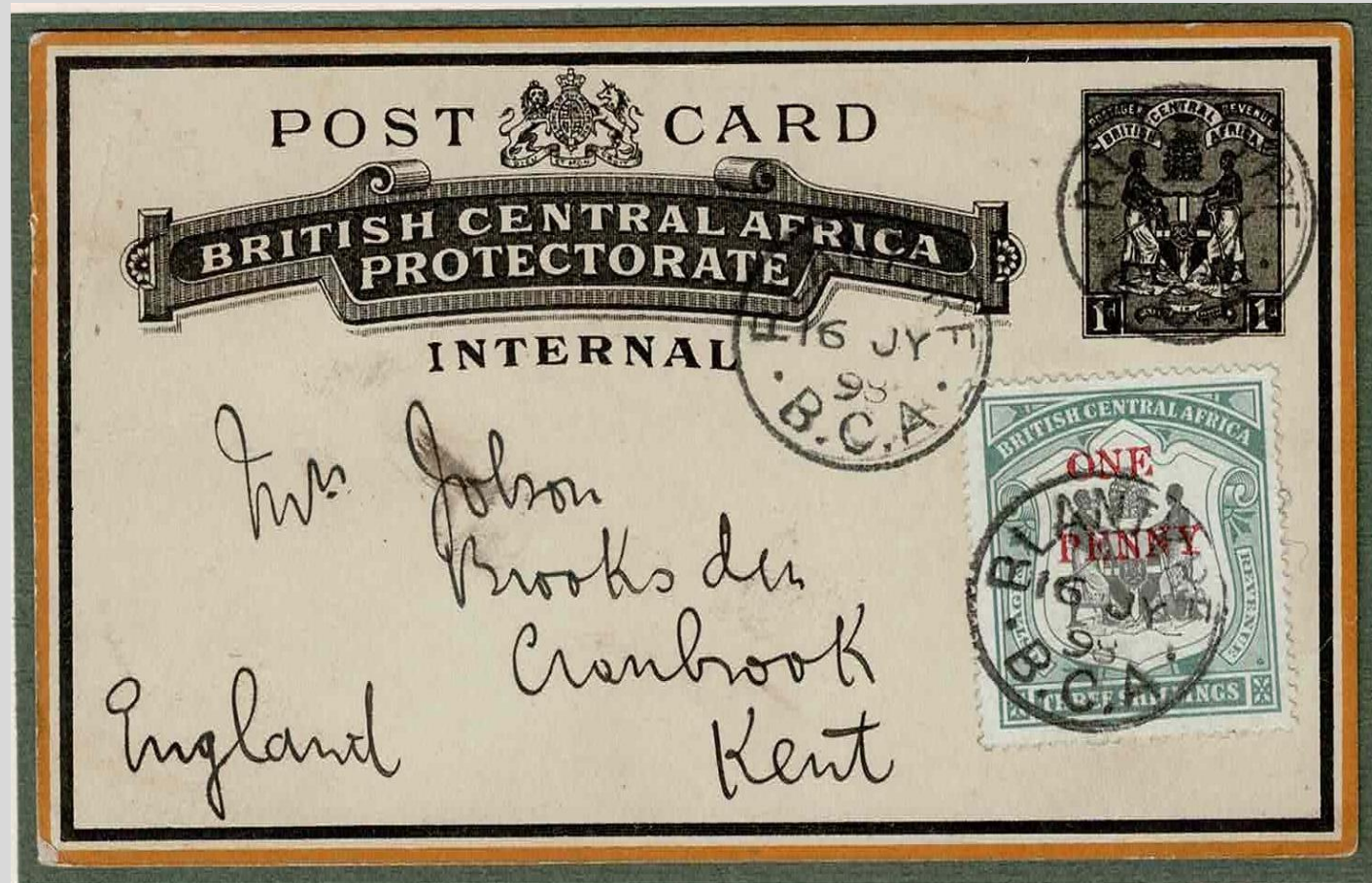
Short paid



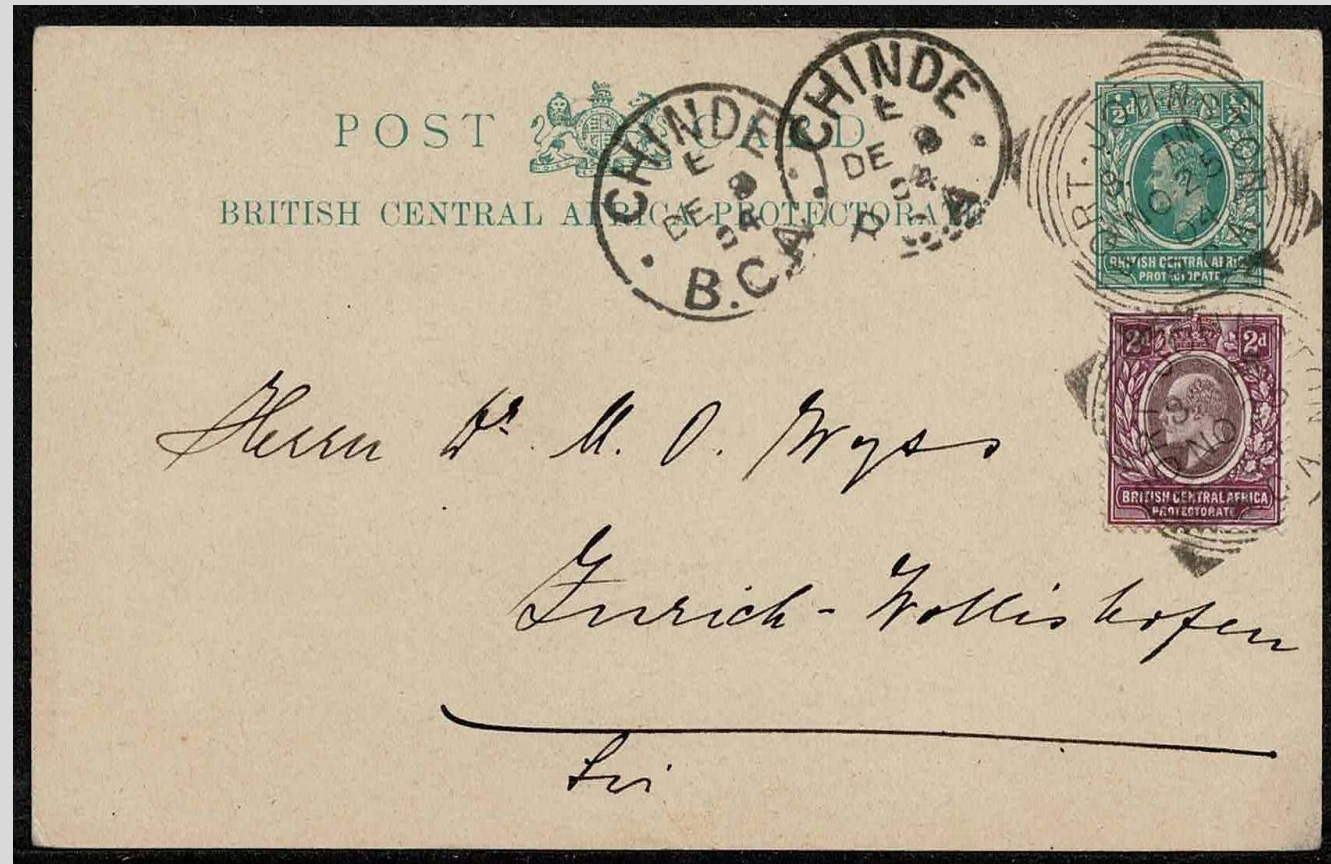
Uprating of Internal post cards



Use of the 1d on 3/-
provisional July 16th, 1898



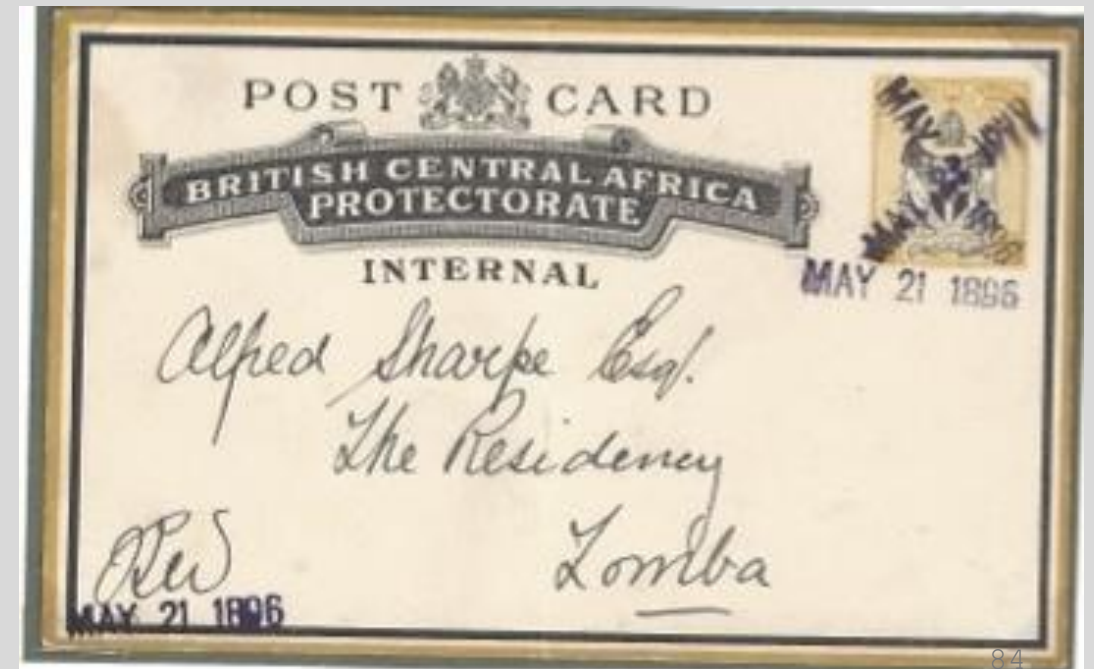
Upgrading of the 1903 ½d post card



Uprating of the 1908 Nyasaland post cards



Revenue cancellations



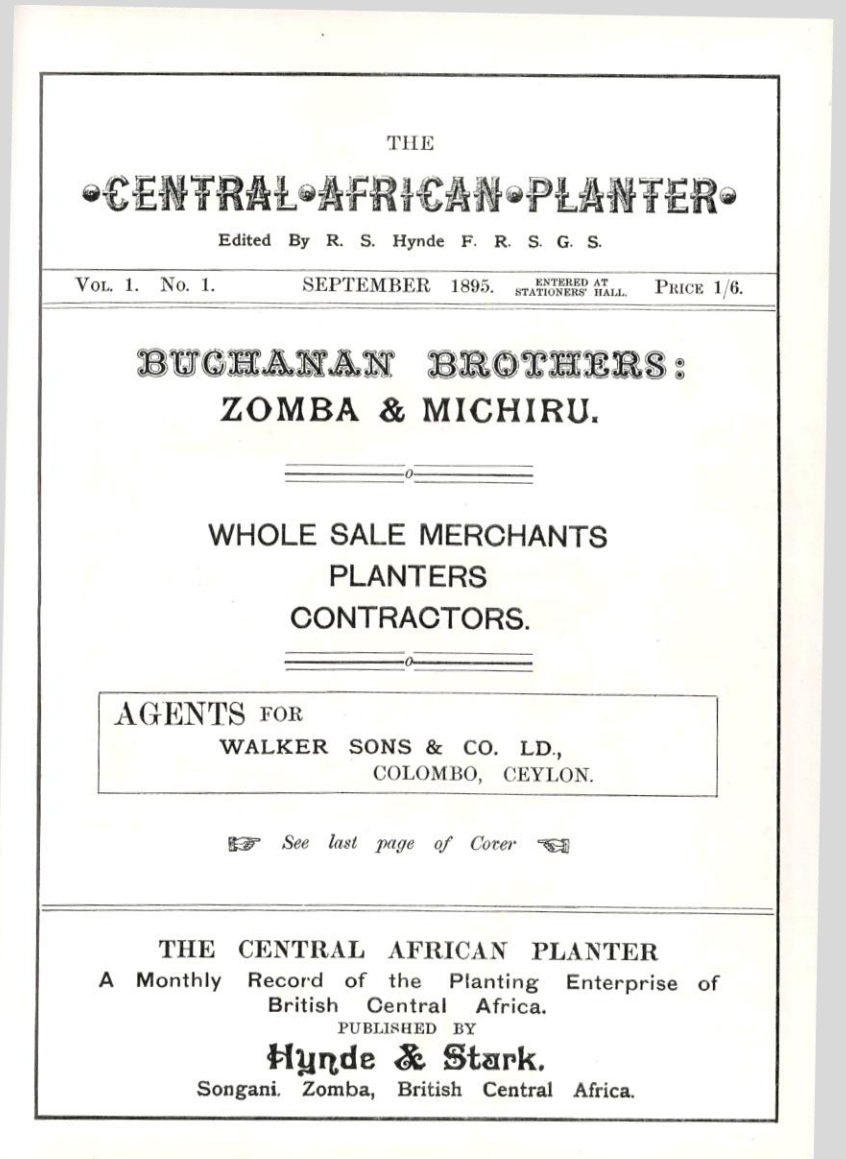
Showground Limbe



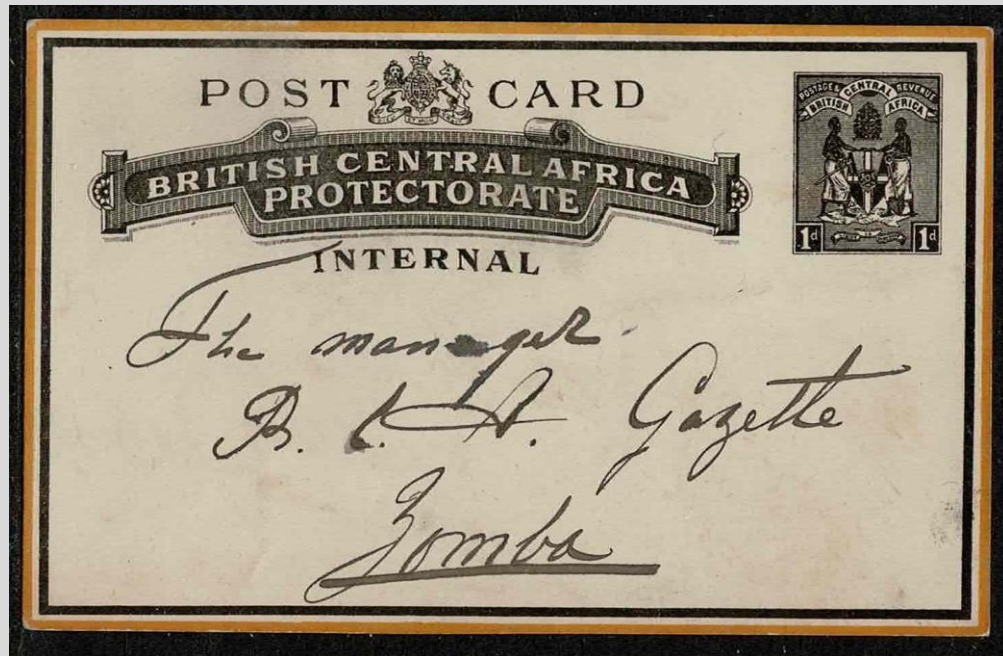
1932 Showground
Limbe, 1933 Limbe
Showground

Publications

Referencing the *Central African Planter*



The British Central Africa Gazette



Dear Sir

We received the last gazette
yesterday, by mistake they went to
Cholo, notwithstanding the address
was very plain

Hoping you will excuse me
for troubling you

I remain
The Manager
B. C. A. Gazette

Yours truly
H. P. Delandale
Refers

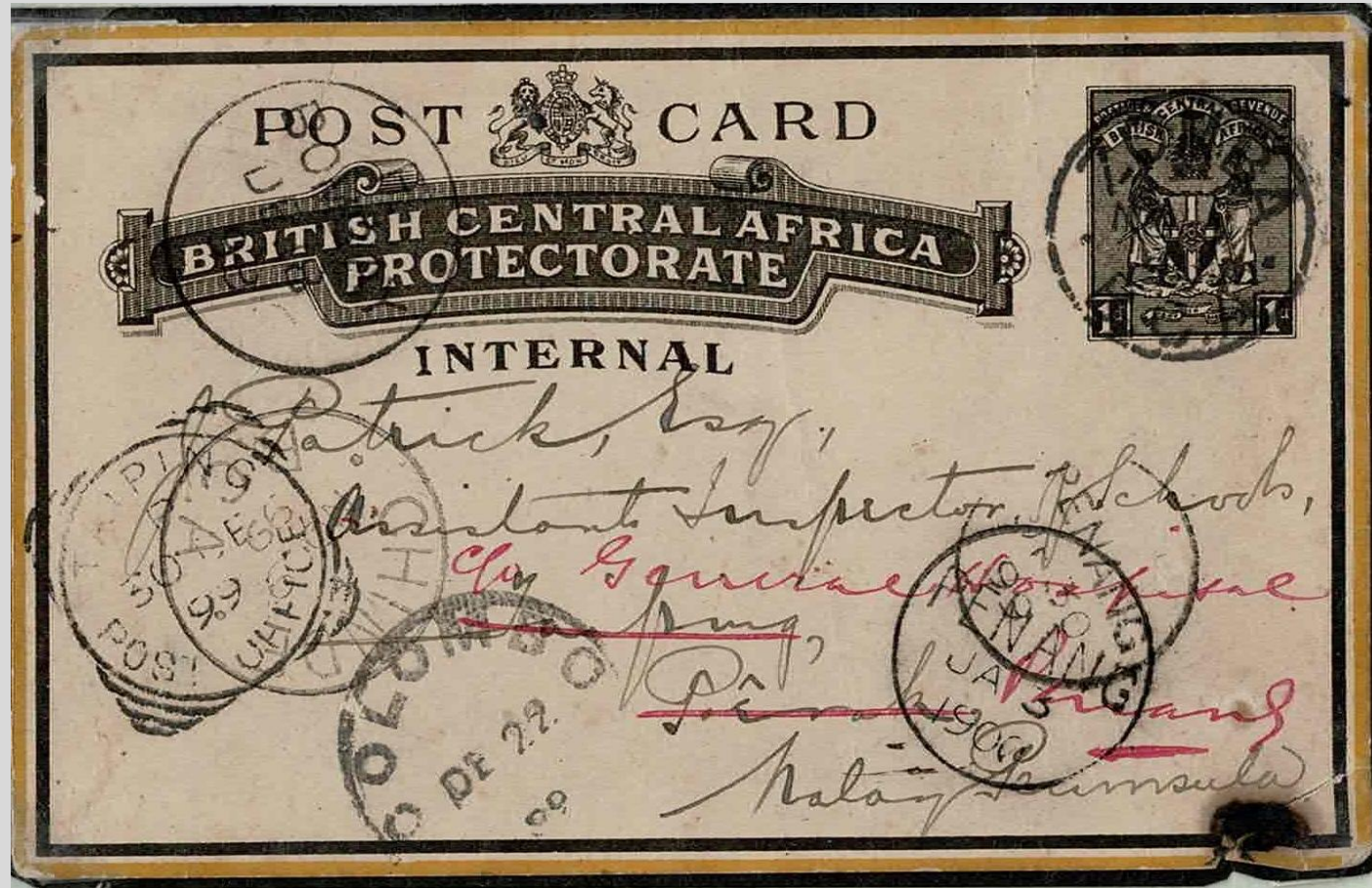
Destinations – 1895 Holland



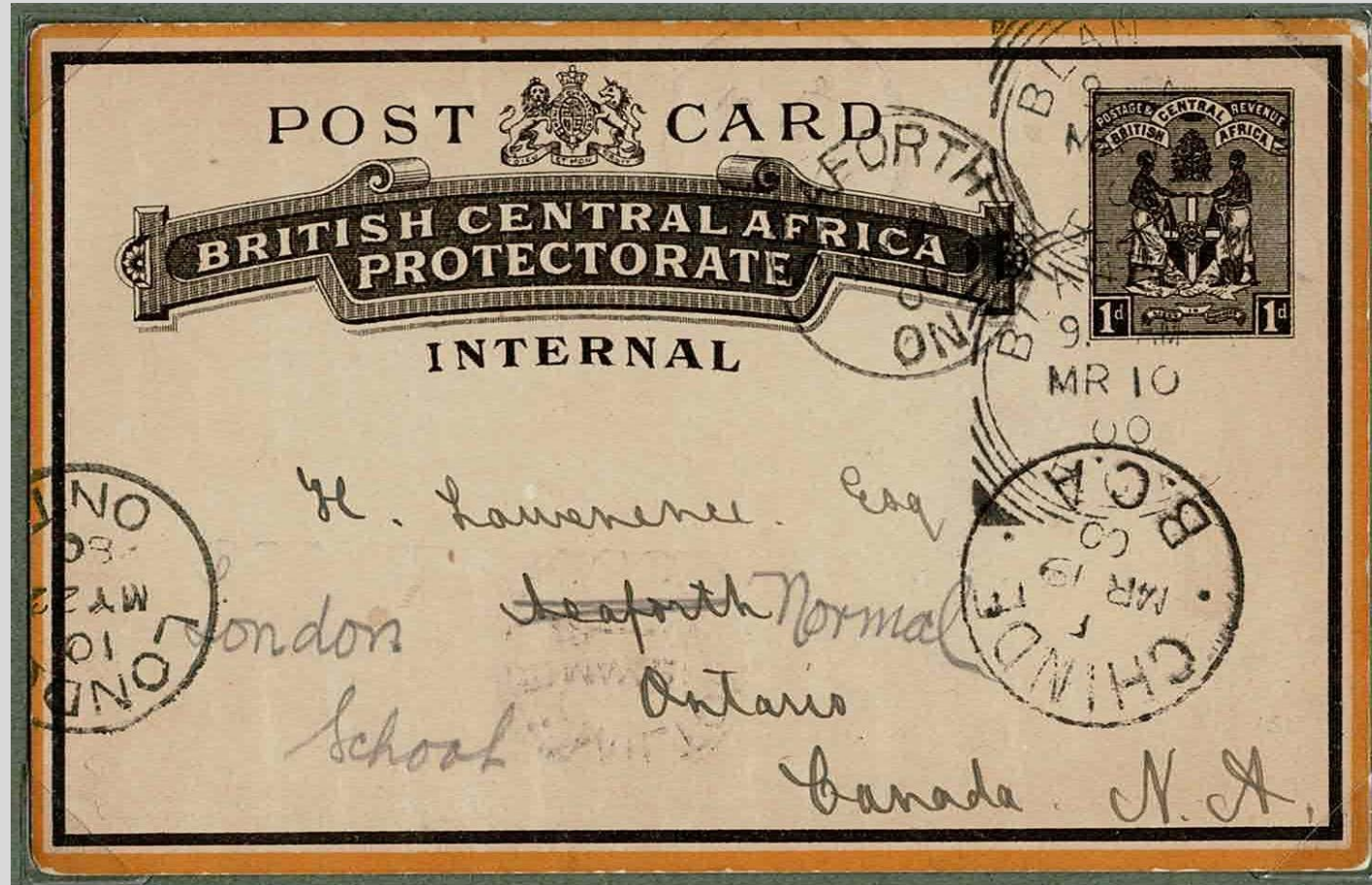
1898 Niger Coast



1899 Perak, Malaya



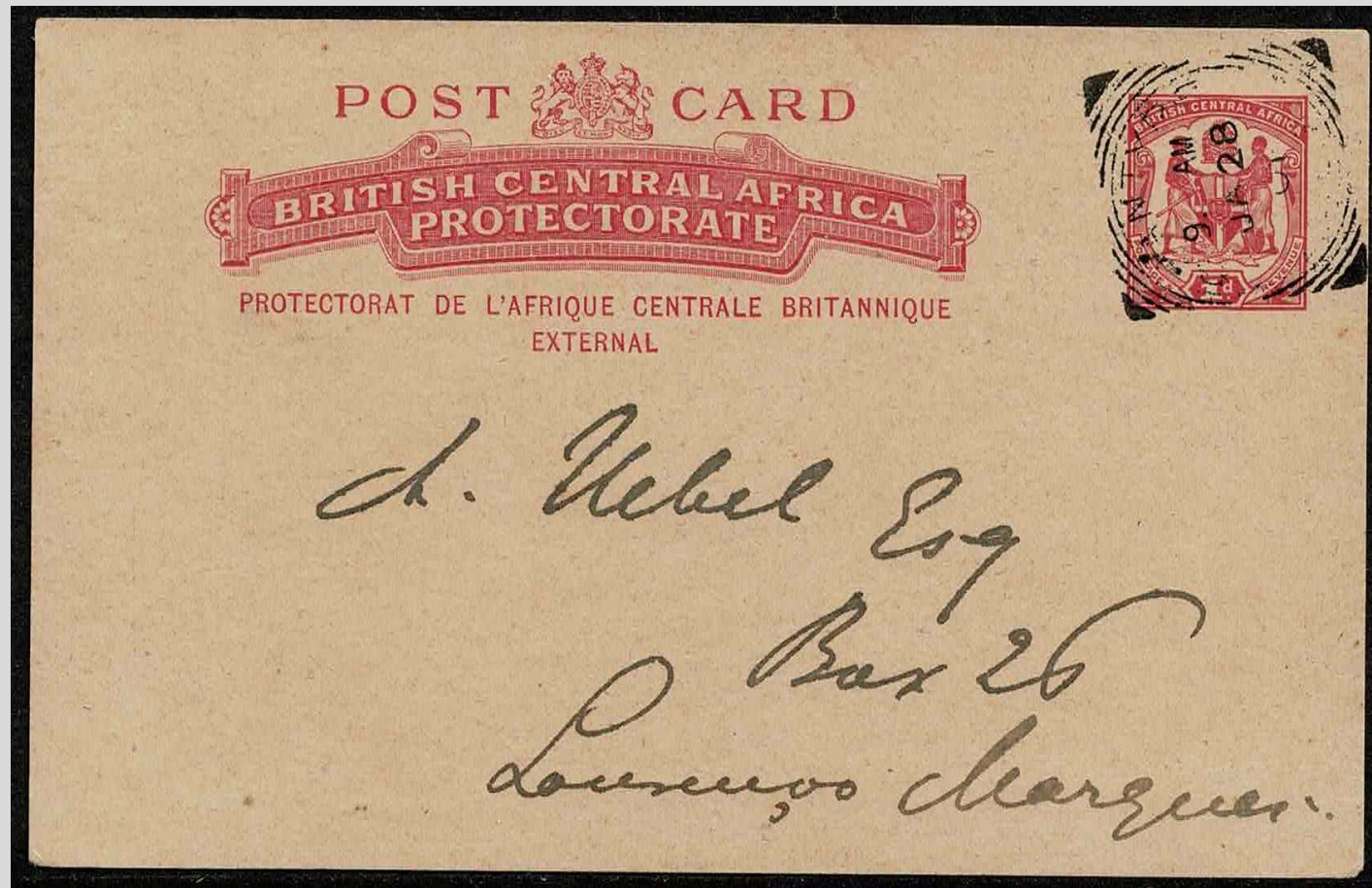
1900 Ontario, Canada



1900 German Nyasaland



1901 – Moçambique



1897 – New South Wales,
Australia



Enough !