

Local Rhodesia Cover with Added Zambia Stamp

Philatelic Cover

From Bulawayo, Rhodesia

Postmarked 7 June 1966

To Balla Balla, Rhodesia

Received date unknown

(Balla Balla is about 40 miles southwest of Bulawayo)

Cut Down Cover With Added Zambia Stamp - No Effect



While post office regulations in Rhodesia in 1966 required 3d postage for in-country mail, the sender has added a 4d Zambia definitive stamp from 1964. The envelope was machine cancelled with a slogan cancel "VISIT THE VICTORIA FALLS". The postal authorities thus could not find fault and processed this item as regular mail.

Two items should be noted. First, an airmail envelope was used but as the distance from Bulawayo to Balla Balla was only about 40 miles, it was sent by surface mail. Second, the Zambia stamp has no postal significance and can be treated as a "cinderella" - something pretty to look at. Only a philatelist would have created this. Perhaps he/she had no other use for the Zambia stamp and thus put it to use.

At some time later, someone cut off the left side of the envelope. Also, someone wrote in manuscript at the bottom "Two different countries / stamps on one envelope". Thus, we have this philatelic oddity.