

# Trinidad

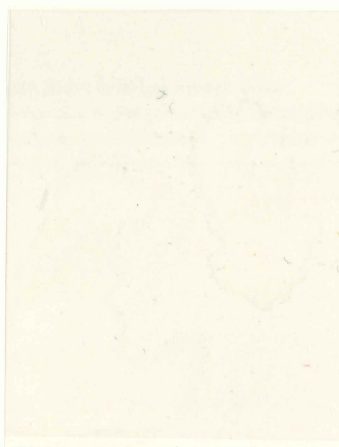
*1st issue. 21 December 1847. (invoiced)*

Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No value expressed, no watermark, imperforated, on sheets of 110 (11x10)



*Printing plate proof on stout card*



*Colour proof on thin wove paper*

# Trinidad

**14 August 1851, 1st issue, (inland post inaugurated)**

Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No value expressed, no watermark, imperforated, on blued paper, on sheets of 110 (11x10)

2 1d (2) [2] purple-brown

2nd consignment from P&B, 5.500 (50 sheets), issued 14 August 1851

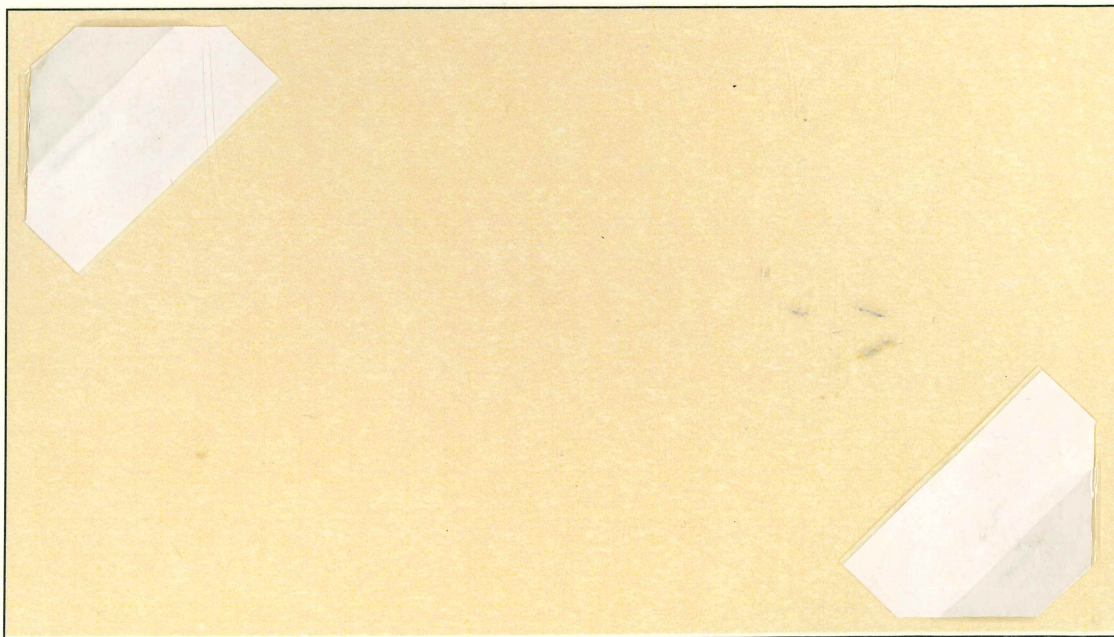
**THE 1D PURPLE-BROWN IS THE FIRST STAMP USED IN THE COLONY.  
RECORDED FROM 14 AUGUST 1851 TILL APRIL 1852**



*1d purple-brown (SG 2)*



*1d purple-brown (SG 2), strip of six on small piece, cancelled '7' (type 0.2) at Arima*



*27 December 1851, from Port of Spain to Barbados, delivered on 31 December 1851. 1d purple-brown for the local fee, charged on arrival 4d, the typical inter-island rate.*

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14 August 1851, 1st issue, (inland post inaugurated)

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2 1d (3) [4] blue

2nd consignment from P&B, 5.500 (50 sheets)

**THE 1D BLUE FROM THE 1850 CONSIGNMENT HAS BEEN USED FROM  
THE END OF DECEMBER 1851 TILL MARCH 1852**



1d blue (SG 3), cancelled '1' (type 0.1b) at Port of Spain



1d blue, (SG 3)



7 August 1852, to Greenock, arrived on 9 September. The entire has been charged on arrival 2 shillings being a double Packet rate.

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14 August 1851, *1st issue, (inland post inaugurated)*

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2 1d (5) [3] lilac (greenish grey) 1st consignment from P&B, 25.000 (227 sheets + 30 stamps)

**1D LILAC (GREENISH GREY), SALVAGED FROM THE FIRST CONSIGNMENT  
IS RECORDED FROM THE END OF DECEMBER 1851 TILL MARCH 1852**



1d 'lilac' (SG 5), now greenish grey



26 December 1851, from Port of Spain to San Fernando, addressed to Messrs Taylor & Co., paying the local rate of one penny.



# Trinidad

10 January 1852, 2nd issue, (invoiced, but never delivered)

Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No value expressed, no watermark, imperforated, on blued paper, on sheets of 110 (11x10)

1d (2) [6] brown 3rd consignment from P&B, 5,000 (45 sheets + 50 stamps), 10 January 1852

1d (3) [7] blue 3rd consignment from P&B, 5,000 (45 sheets + 50 stamps), 10 January 1852

It certainly seems that the 3rd consignment went astray and was never issued. Charlton Henry says, "The Government record shows that this consignment was shipped on the Mail Steamer Dee, January 16th, 1852, and there is nothing to show that, in the usual course of events, it did not reach its destination. However, as in the case of all other early shipments, no record can be ascertained of its arrival in Trinidad. Stranger things have happened in Government Agencies than the miscarriage of a box of postage stamps, and if through some misadventure this consignment found its way back to Perkins Bacon, it would certainly account for large quantities of the so-called 'remainder' stamps in brown and blue". (John Marriott, ... Trinidad, 1963, p. 25)



1d brown and blue, the so-called 'remainder' stamps. (SG 2 and 3)

# Trinidad

30 September 1852, 4th issue, (invoiced)

Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No value expressed, no watermark, imperforate, blued paper, on sheets of 110 (11x10)

1d (5, 6) grey, brownish grey consignment (4th from P&B), 16.390 (149 sheets), 30 September 1852  
*known used from November 1852 till July 1853*



1d grey, grey (SG 5)



1d brownish grey, (SG 6)

# Trinidad

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Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No value expressed, no watermark, imperforated, on blued paper, on sheets of 110 (11x10)

1d (5, 6) grey, brownish grey consignment (4th from P&B), 16.390 (149 sheets), 30 September 1852

THESE STAMPS ARE KNOWN USED FROM NOVEMBER 1852 TILL JULY 1853



1d grey, brownish gray, and on deeply blued paper (SG 5, 6)



25 March 1853, from Port of Spain to Greenock. An entire paying the local rate of one penny with a single 1d stamp, of a brownish shade, and rated 1 shilling paid in cash for the Packet rate. Arrived on 24 April.

# Trinidad

2 February 1853, 5th issue, (first invoicing)

Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No value expressed, no watermark, imperforate, blued paper, on sheets of 110 (11x10)

1d (4) [10] deep blue

5th consignment from P&B, 16.720 (152 sheets), 2 February 1853

10 covers recorded, from 4 March 1853 (used at La Brea) till 16 January 1854



1d blue, (SG 4). The shades are distinctive, with deep and bright colours, sometimes due to overinking. These stamps are easily recognisable from the earlier blue stamps of the first issue because they are cancelled by the numeral canceller, type 0.2, put in use in mid December 1852



16 January 1854, from St. Joseph's to Port of Spain (Port d'Espagne), addressed to Charles Fabien. A local letter franked with a single 1d deep blue stamp cancelled '3' in a square of bars. Backstamped with the large datestamp 'single line circle date' type 0.7. A very late usage in a village.

# Trinidad

**31 July 1854, 6th issue, (invoiced)**

Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No value expressed, no watermark, imperforate, white paper, on sheets of 110 (11x10)

1d (9, 10) [12] deep purple, grey

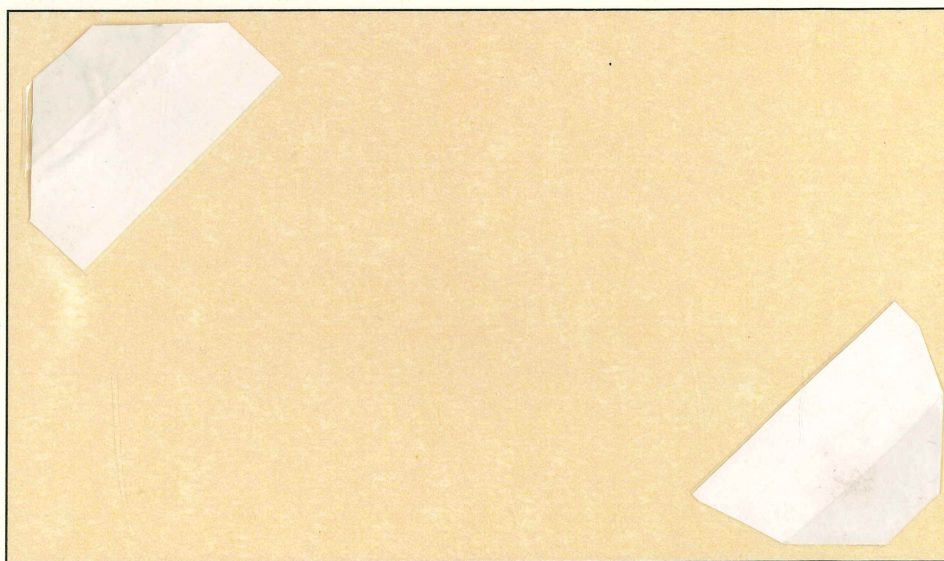
8th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 31 July 1854  
*25 covers recorded, mostly used from August 1854 and March 1855. A very late usage is recorded in December 1855*

These stamps were put on sale straight away on arrival (end of August), and are known used till March 1855. When this consignment was exhausted no other stamps arrived from London, and the second local 'provisional' had to be printed.

FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF STAMPS ON WHITE PAPER



1d deep purple, deep and pale grey. (SG 9 and 10)



16 December 1854, from Port of Spain to San Fernando. A local letter franked with a single 1d stamp cancelled '1' in a square of bars. Backstamped with the small 'single line circle date', type '07'. The small envelope also endorsed 'Per Steamer Lord Harris 15th Dec.'

# Trinidad

## 2 February 1853, 5th issue, (first invoicing)

Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No value expressed, no watermark, imperforate, blued paper, on sheets of 110 (11x10)

1d (7, 8) [11] brownish-red

5th consignment from P&B, 33.330 (303 sheets), 2 February 1853  
 6th consignment from P&B, 30.000 (272 sheets + 80 stamps), 16 September 1853  
 7th consignment from P&B, 30.000 (272 sheets + 80 stamps), 2 February 1854  
 The 8th consignment, invoiced on 31 July 1854, was made up by grey stamps  
 9th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 2 April 1855  
 10th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 31 December 1855  
 11th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 1 December 1856  
 79 covers recorded, most probably from December 1853 till June 1857



1d brownish-red, with a reddish tinge, (SG 7,8)



1d brownish-red, a dark shade, (SG 7,8)



1d brownish-red, a dark shade, (SG 7,8)



1d brownish-red, (SG 7,8)



1d brownish-red, a clear shade, (SG 7,8)

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7th consignment from P&B, 30.000 (272 sheets + 80 stamps), 2 February 1854

*The 8th consignment, invoiced on 31 July 1854, was made up by grey stamps*

9th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 2 April 1855

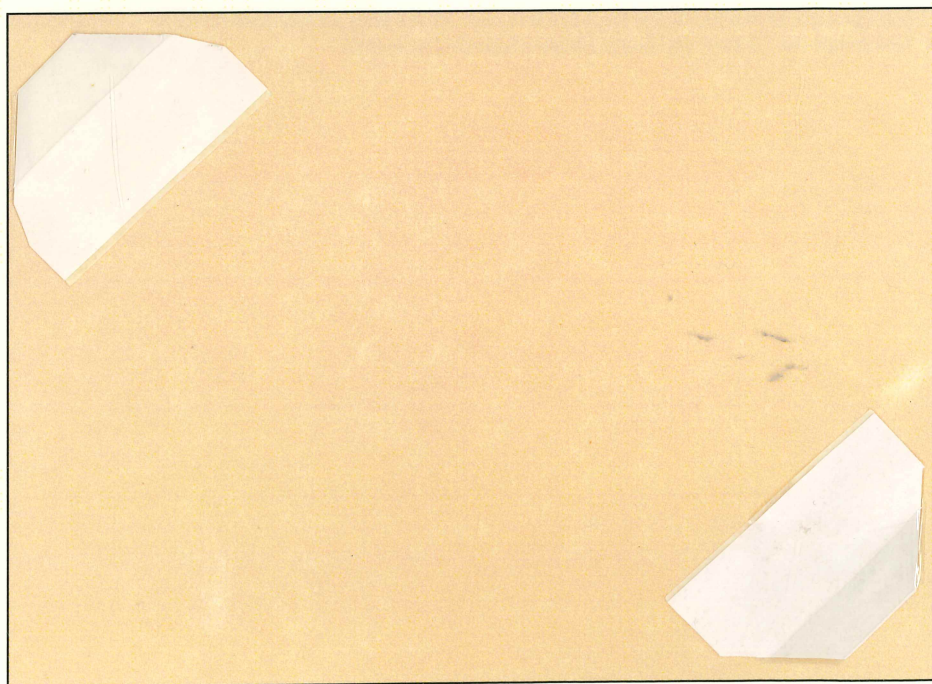
10th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 31 December 1855

11th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 1 December 1856

*79 covers recorded, most probably from December 1853 till June 1857*



1d brownish-red, (SG 7 and 8). There are many shades



9 July 1857, from Port of Spain to St. Lucia, addressed to James McFarlane, delivered the 13th. Franked 1 penny for local fee and charged on arrival 4 penny the typical inter-Antillean rate.

# Trinidad

31 July 1854, 6th issue, (invoiced)

Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No value expressed, no watermark, imperforated, on white paper, on sheets of 110 (11x10)

1d (9, 10) grey, dark grey consignment (8th from P&B), 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 31 July 1854

*known used from September 1854 till December 1854*

These stamps were put on sale straight away on arrival (end of August), and are known used till March 1855. When this consignment was exhausted no other stamps arrived from London, and the second local 'provisional' had to be printed.

FIRST CONSIGNMENT ON WHITE PAPER



1d grey, the used stamps are found only in the grey shades



1d grey, the 'remainder' brownish shades

# Trinidad

24 June 1857, 9th issue, (first invoicing)

Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No value expressed, no watermark, imperforate, white paper, on sheets of 110 (11x10)

1d (12) [15] rose-red

12th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 24 June 1857

13th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 17 February 1858

*in October 1858 has been printed the 4th lithographic provisional*

14th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 26 October 1858

15th consignment from P&B, 50.000 (454 sheets + 60 stamps), 14 April 1859

*this last consignment sent together with the 4d grey-lilac, 6d green and 1s indigo, forming the 11th issue, all invoiced on 14 April*

*62 covers recorded (5 bearing other stamps), from September 1857 till April 1860*

FIRST ISSUE ON 'WHITE' PAPER



1d rose-red, mint. (SG 12)



1d rose-red (shades), (SG 12)

# Trinidad

**14 April 1859, 11th issue, (invoiced).** Issued at Post Office on 9 May

Recess-printed by Perkins & Bacon

No watermark, imperforate, white paper

1d on sheets of 110 (11x10); 4d, 6d, 1s on sheets of 240 (2 panes of 10x12)

*Also 50,000 1d rose-red stamps were invoiced with this consignment*

4d	(25)	[17]	grey-lilac	15th consignment from P&B, 4,000 (16 sheets + 60 stamps), 14 April 1859 (invoiced) <i>4 covers recorded (only one with the stamp used alone), used in July and August 1859</i>
6d	(28)	[18]	green	15th consignment from P&B, 9,000 (37 sheets + 1/2 sheet), 14 April 1859 (invoiced) <i>13 covers recorded (9 with the stamp used alone), from 23 July 1859 till 6 April 1860</i>
1s	(29)	[19]	indigo	15th consignment from P&B, 7,000 (29 sheets + 40 stamps), 14 April 1859 (invoiced) <i>8 covers recorded (4 with the stamp used alone), from October 1859 and October 1860</i>

With the advent of compulsory prepayment for the mail to United Kingdom, adhesive stamps of higher denomination were required. The paper of the stamps from this consignment is pure white rather than a yellowish one of the previous issues. The shades of the penny stamp look to be rather darker. Reminders of the 4d (50 - 200 copies) and 1s (200 - 1000) values account for the mint copies normally seen. Only two mint 6d stamps are reported. The shades are very close to those of the issued stamps.



4d grey lilac, (SG 25); 6d green, (SG 28); 1s indigo, (SG 29)



July 1859, to Barbados, arrived the 12th. Fully prepaid 5 pence, franked with a single 1d stamp rose-red (SG 12) and a single 4d stamp grey-lilac (SG 25) both cancelled by large numeral '1' type 0,3. Front showing red crayon figure 4 deleted and manuscript '1' as a 1 penny charge for local delivery. A Crowned circle 'Paid' handstamp alongside is also struck in red.

# Trinidad

## Numeral cancellers. Marriott type 0,1b

Circular mark of external diameter about 24 mm made up of eleven heavy horizontal bars enclosing the figure '1'. Used only at Port of Spain from August 1851 till December 1852.

THIS TYPE IS ONLY KNOWN WITH NUMBER '1'



Port of Spain, type 0,1b with number '2'



26 April 1852 to Greenock, arrived on 24 March. The entire has been charged on arrival 1 shilling for the Packet rate.

# Trinidad

## *Numeral cancellers. Marriott type 0,1a*

Solid circle of external diameter about 23/25 mm and thickness 3/4 mm, punctured by about eight small holes enclosing numeral. The figures are '2' (for San Fernando post office, large and small), '3' (for St. Joseph, large and small), '7' (for Arima, large and small), '18' (for Savanna Grande), '20' (for La Brea) and '21' (for Cedros). This handstamp is known in use from August 1851 till September 1852.



*San Fernando, small and large number '2'*



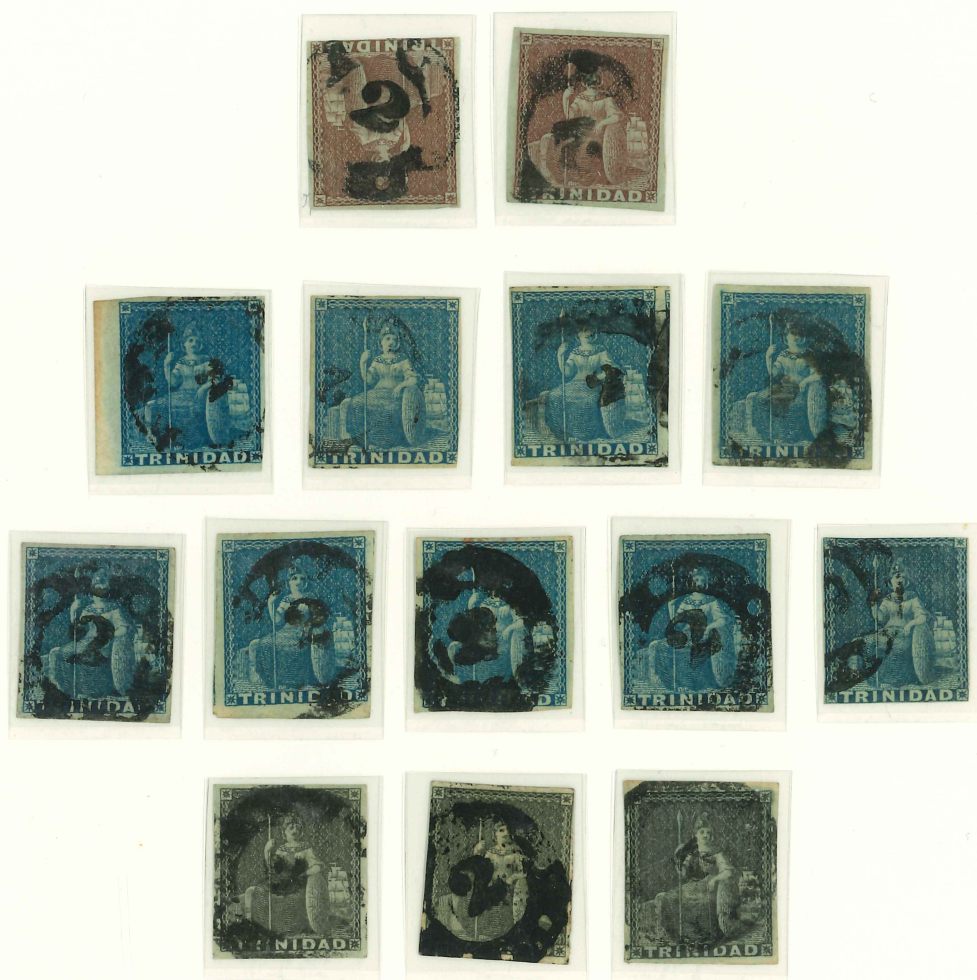
*4 September 1851 from San Fernando to Port of Spain. Franked with a single 1d stamp brown, the first issued stamp in Trinidad from the 2nd consignment of 4 December 1850. Backstamped with the datestamp sent in 1840 and used on covers with adhesives only for a month.*

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TYPE 0,1A WITH LARGE OR SMALL FIGURES HAVE BEEN USED AT  
SAN FERNANDO



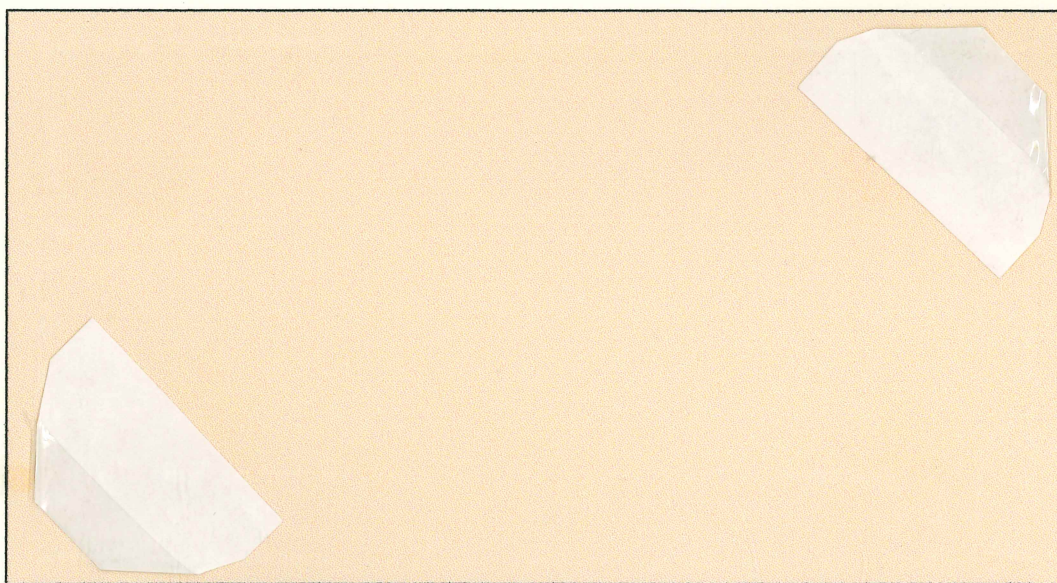
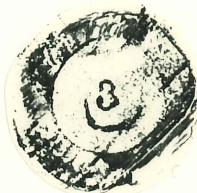
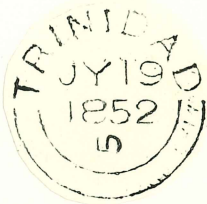
San Fernando, small and large number '2'

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ONLY FOUR COVERS ARE BELIEVED TO EXIST WITH STAMPS CANCELLED WITH TYPE 0,1A  
THREE WITH FIGURE '2' AND ONE WITH FIGURE '7'



17 July 1852 from Arima to Port of Spain, handstamp with number '7'. Franked with a single 1d stamp blue, from the 2nd consignment of 4 December 1850. Backstamped with the datestamp sent on 31 October 1851 (set with 5 under date), and in transit at St. Joseph with the handstamp type 0,1a with '3', small figures.



St. Joseph, large number '3'



Couva, small number '17'



La Brea, small number '20'