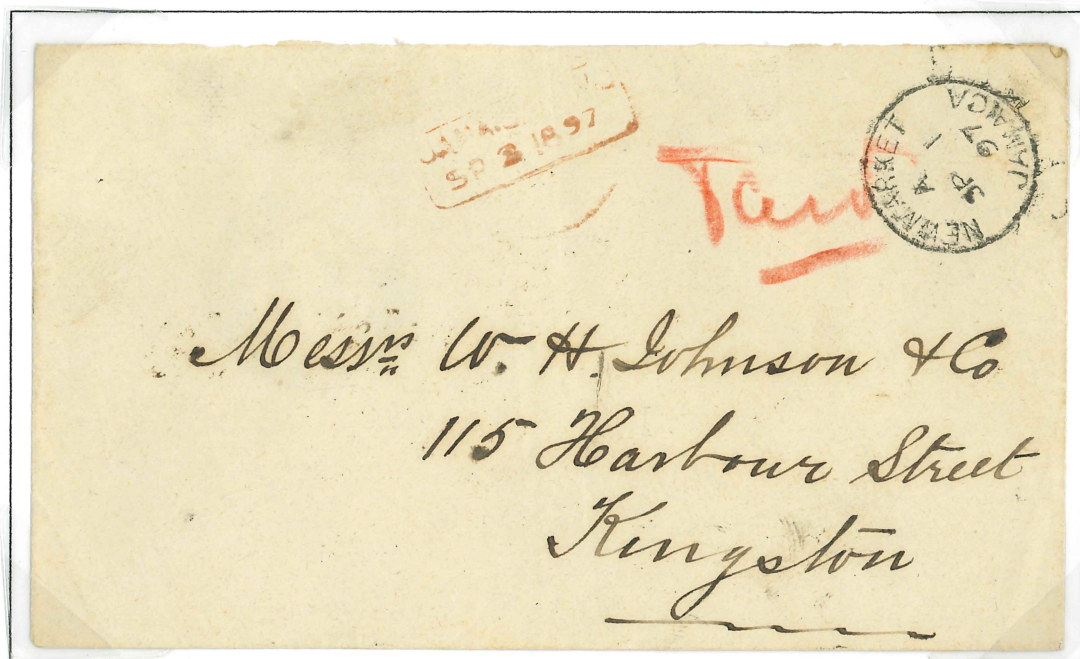


Paid handstamps

Adhesives in short supply At various times, supplies of stamps ran short in particular offices, and envelopes were endorsed to confirm prepayment. This sheet shows two examples of the use of such handstamps. The first is from Newmarket to Kingston in 1897. The second was submitted at Kingston for collection from a P.O. Box.



Newmarket Jamaica to Kingston, manuscript 'Paid' in red. Red boxed 'Jamaica paid / SP 2 1897' added at Kingston.



October 30th 1902 double-circle paid mark in red, with Kingston datestamp. This does not coincide with a known shortage. Given that the letter was submitted over the counter at Kingston for collection from a P.O. Box, it may indeed have been normal procedure to not waste an adhesive.