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PORTER LAGOS
N. NIGERIA
S. NIGERIA

Lagos---Cont.

THE POSTMARKS OF LAGOS.



Type 1.



Type 1a.

TYPE 1.

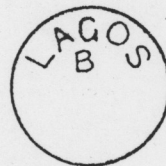
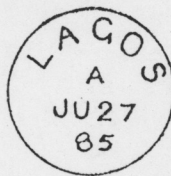
The first postmarker to be used was a single lined circle, 20 mm. diameter, with the name LAGOS in a straight line surmounted by letter B, the date, being in two lines below. *THE EARLIEST DATE SEEN IS Aug 6, 1867.*

Used at LAGOS. B.

TYPE 1a.

About 1873 a similar cancellation was used, this also was 20 mm. diameter and differed only from Type 1 in that the word LAGOS was arranged to conform to the upper radius of circle and the distinguishing letter A or B below.

Used at LAGOS. A. B.



TYPE 4.

About 1884 a circular date stamp was introduced measuring about 22 mm. diameter. It was similar to Type 1^a but of slightly larger circumference. Copies will be found without date in centre, as illustration above.

Used at LAGOS. A. and B.



TYPE 5

About 1887 another circular date stamp was used, this also measured 22 mm. diameter but varied from Type 4 in that the letters W. AFRICA appeared in the lower half of the circle.

Used at LAGOS. A. and B.



Type 2.



Type 3.

TYPE 2.

Another type of postmarker, which was used concurrently with above and found on the first issue as well as the succeeding one, consisted of a small circle approximately 12 mm. diameter, containing the letter L in large fancy type. The circle is surrounded by 7 thick radiating bars all in black.

TYPE 3.

A plain ellipse cancellation consisting of eight thick bars struck in black, the approximate size of the oval being 20 mm. wide by 27 mm. deep. This cancellation will be found on the 1876 issue and unfortunately continued in use for several years, being found as late as 1906. It is to be regretted that this type of postmark predominates in the various issues, and it can rightly be named a "blot" on the fair name of Lagos. Stamps bearing circular dating cancellations are decidedly in the minority in the Queen's head issues and are consequently more valuable than those with the bar canceller.



TYPE 6.

About 1896 a dating stamp similar to Type 5 was used by Lagos but measured 24½ mm. diameter, and in addition had two large dots placed one at each side. The year appeared in full (four figures). In 1899 an exactly similar canceller was introduced but measuring only 23½ mm. diameter. Illustrations of both cancellers shewn above. This type of canceller was used by other offices with slight variation in the wording around circle.

Lagos---Cont.

Used by—

ABEOKUTA. A. B. F.
 BADAGRY. LAGOS. W.D. A. B.
 LECKIE. LAGOS. E. D. "A." "B."
 EBUTE METTA. A. B. E.
 EPE. A.
 IBADAN. A. B.
 LAGOS.
 LAGOS. A. B.
 JEBU ODE. A.
 POST OFFICE. JEBU ODE. C.
 POST OFFICE. IBADAN. A.

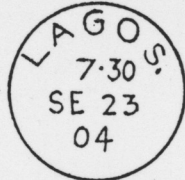


TYPE 9.

In 1905 a large single lined circle about 28½ mm. diameter was brought into use, similar to Type 8 but having the words POST OFFICE or BRANCH POST OFFICE at top, and LAGOS. W.C.A. at bottom.

Used by—

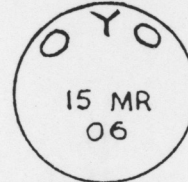
LAGOS. A. C. E. F.
 BRANCH POST OFFICE. LAGOS. A. C. F.



TYPE 7.

About 1904 Lagos office used a canceller shewing the time of posting above the date in place of the letter A or B. It was a single lined circle similar to Type 1a, but measuring 24 mm. diameter.

Used at LAGOS.

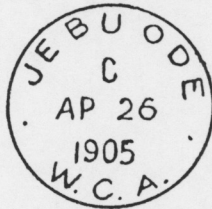


TYPE 10.

About 1906. A single lined circle varying from 24 mm. diameter exactly as Type 7 but without the time of posting above the date.

Used by—

ISEYIN.
 OGBOMOSHO.
 OYO. OSHOGBO.
 And SAKI ? (probably SAKI).



TYPE 8.

About 1905 another type of dating stamp was introduced. This consisted of a single lined circle approximately 28 mm. diameter with the name of the post office at top and the letters W.C.A. at the base. The year was shewn in full in two lines across the centre of circle and surmounted by distinguishing letter.

Used by—

ABEOKUTA. A. B. D. E. F.
 BADAGRY. B. C. D.
 CALABAR. A. B.
 EBUTE METTA. B. C. D. E. F.
 EPE. B.
 ERUWA. LAGOS. E.
 IBADAN. A. B. C. D. E. F.
 IKORODU. D. E. IFC LAGOS. W. AFRICA
 JEBU ODE. A. B. C. E. ITORI
 ODE. ONDO. A.
 OLOKEMEJI (LAGOS) W. AFRICA. "A."
 SAKI. F.
 SHAGAMU. C. D.
 SHAKI WCA D



TYPE 11.

"For the parcels post mail a large single lined circle about 28 mm. diameter was used about 1905. This was similar to Type 9, but the words PARCEL POST appear at the top in place of POST OFFICE.

Used at LAGOS. A. C. E. F.

(To be continued).

Lagos

(A COLLECTOR'S STUDY OF)

By "RETPOR."



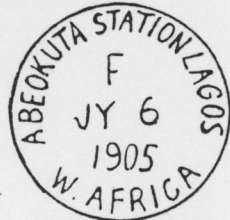
Type 12

For registered mail a large single lined circle about 28 mm. diameter was used. This is exactly similar to Types 9 and 11, but the word REGISTERED appears at the top.

Used by—

ABEOKUTA.

LAGOS. A. B. C. D. F.



Type 13.

A large single lined circle approximately 29 mm. diameter, lettered ABEOKUTA STATION LAGOS, at top and W. AFRICA below. The date is in centre in two lines surmounted by letter F.

Used by ABEOKUTA.



Type 14.

A single lined circle as illustrated above, and used for official correspondence. Lagos W.C.A. at top with OFFICIAL PAID in two lines across centre and date in the lower part of circle.

Used at LAGOS.

The following postmarks will also be found on the stamps of Lagos. Strictly they belong to the Southern Nigerian Administration, but as Lagos allowed its stock of stamps to be used up by all Southern Nigerian offices until exhausted, they are interesting. For illustrations of postmarks see types shewn under the following headings:—



Type 1 (Niger Coast).

Niger Coast. Type 1.—A single lined circle about 21-22 mm. diameter. Used at—

FORCADOS RIVER. A.

OLD CALABAR.

OPOBO RIVER. A.

QUA-IBOE RIVER. A.

Southern Nigeria. Type 2.—A single lined circle about 23½ mm. diameter. Used at—

AKASSA. A.

ASABA. A.

IDA. A.



Type 2.

Southern Nigeria. Type 4.—A single lined circle about 24 mm. diameter with a small Maltese Cross at base. Used at—

BENIN CITY. A.

BONNY. A.

CALABAR. A.

DEGEMA. A.

OLD CALABAR. A.

NIGER TRAVELLING POST OFFICE. A.

Southern Nigeria. Type 5.—A single lined circle about 24 mm. diameter with large letters and Maltese Cross at bottom. Used at—

BENDE. A.

FORCADOS. A.

IFON. A.

ODE ONDO. A.

ONITSHA. A.

WARRI. A.

The larger canceller of WARRI (28 mm. diameter) will also be found on Lagos stamps.

Southern Nigeria. Type 5A.—A single lined circle about 26 mm. diameter with large sized letters. No Maltese Cross at base. Used at—

ABOH. D.

BAKANA. B.

BENIN. A.

BRASS. A.

EGWANGA. A. C.

SAPELE. A.

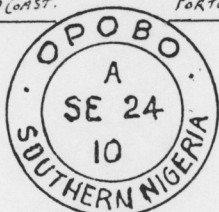
Lagos---Cont.



Type 7.

Southern Nigeria. Type 7.—A single lined circle with name of post office and SOUTHERN NIGERIA around the circumference. Used at—
 ABEOKUTA. ABOH.
 BONNY.
 CALABAR. "A."
 CREEK TOWN. "A."
 DEGEMA.
 LAGOS. A. B. D. E.
 WARRI.

Will also be found with postmark of FREETOWN "A," SIERRA LEONE and ACCRA. GOLD COAST, CAPE COAST, GOLD COAST.
 SEKONDI. GOLD COAST. PORTO NOVO. (DAHOMEY).



Type 8.

Southern Nigeria. Type 8.—A double ringed circle about 28 mm. diameter. Used by—
 LAGOS.
 OPOBO. A.



Type 10.

Southern Nigeria. Type 10.—A parcel post canceller about 29 mm. diameter. Used by—
 LAGOS. A. FORCADOS. A.
 CALABAR. A.



Type 1.

Nigeria. Type 1.—A double ringed circle. Used at LAGOS.



Type 4.

Nigeria. Type 4.—A large single lined circle about 29 mm. diameter. Used at—
 VICTORIA CAMEROONS.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA REGISTRATION CANCELLATIONS.



Types 2 and 3.

Types 2 and 3.—A single lined oval cancellation. Used by—
 AKASSA. D. ABOH. D.
 BENIN. C.
 BENIN CITY. F. BONNY. A. BRASS. A.
 CALABAR. A.
 DEGEMA. A.
 EGWANGA. A.
 FORCADOS. A.
 NIGER TRAVELLING POST OFFICE. A.
 OLD CALABAR. A.
 ONITSHA. A.
 SAPELE. A.
 WARRI. A.



Type 5.

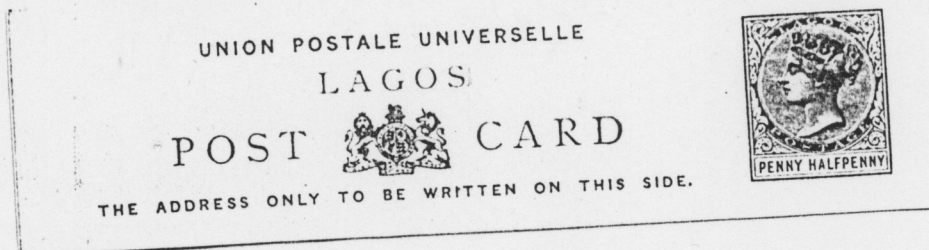
Type 5.—A single lined oval cancellation. Used at—

CALABAR. A.
 DUKE TOWN. A.
 LAGOS. A.

Type 5A.—A single lined oval cancellation. Used at LAGOS.

POSTAL STATIONERY.

POSTCARDS. The first postcard to be issued was in September 1879, the design being a portrait of Queen Victoria identical to the current postage stamps. It was printed in chestnut-brown on a yellow-buff card measuring approximately $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{3}{8}$ ". Printing was by Thos. de la Rue & Co. of London.



No.
P.C.1.

Sept 1879. Head of Queen Victoria.

PENNY HALFPENNY chestnut-brown.

The following notice appeared in the Government Gazette of Lagos
POST OFFICE.LAGOS. 10th May 1883.

"For general information, it is hereby notified that double or reply paid postcards, which have been received from England, will come into use. They will be issued to the Public at any time during business hours, at the rate of three halfpence (sic) each "

By order. signed W.E.Cole.
Postmaster.

It can therefore be generally accepted that both single and double postcards were on sale on the above date, although they were not described in Philatelic Journals until 1887

The size of the card was approximately $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and the colour light buff, otherwise identical to the first issue. The double card was the same in all respects to the single card, but had the additional words printed in the lower left hand corner in very small letters in two lines "THE ANNEXED CARD IS INTENDED FOR THE ANSWER". Underneath this was the same inscription but in French.

On the other half was the single word REPLY printed in Roman Capitals.

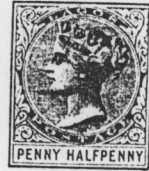
The value PENNY HALFPENNY was printed on both halves. There is a minor variety without the accent over the French inscription REPONSE (first E).

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE

LAGOS

POST  CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



THE ANNEXED CARD IS INTENDED
FOR THE ANSWER.
(LA CARTE CI-JOINTE EST DESTINÉE
À LA REPONSE.)

10th May 1883. Head of Queen Victoria.

P.C.2. PENNY HALFPENNY in chestnut-brown (single card)
do do (double card)

In 1892 both these cards were surcharged PENNY with the word half-penny deleted by a red bar. The single card was also surcharged 1d. in black without the cancellation of the "halfpenny".

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE

LAGOS

POST  CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



1892. Postcards of 1883 issue surcharged PENNY with the word HALFPENNY obliterated by red bar.

P.C.4. PENNY single card.

P.C.5. do double card.

P.C.6. SURCHARGED 1^d ONLY IN BLACK (SINGLE CARD)

UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE

LAGOS

POST  CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



Owing to the change in postal rates, a new postcard was put into circulation on September, 1892. It was printed in carmine on a light buff ground, the size of card being the same as last $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$. The head of Queen Victoria was printed on a solid circle of colour instead of the usual fine horizontal lines. Above the head was a solid tablet with the word LAGOS in sans-serif capitals and at the base a similar tablet with the words ONE PENNY. A double card was also issued identical to the single card with the additional inscriptions mentioned for the last issue.

	SEPT 1892.	HEAD OF QUEEN VICTORIA.	
P.C.7.	ONE PENNY	carmine.	single card.
P.C.8.	do	do	double card.

In 1902 postcards bearing the head of King Edward VII were issued. They were in carmine same as the 1892 cards and both single and reply-paid cards were in use - size $5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$

	1902.	HEAD OF KING EDWARD VII.	
P.C.9.	ONE PENNY	carmine	single card.
P.C.10.	do	do	double card.

PAQUEBOT, PORTS OF ENTRY AND OTHER INTERESTING CANCELLATIONS
 FOUND ON THE STAMPS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAGOS.

PAID
LIVERPOOL
SHIP
18MR
1873
B

In: Red.

PAID
LIVERPOOL
BR. PACKET
27 FE 72
3A

ALSO IN RED, ↗
Nos. 2B. 2D.
4 E.

PAID
LIVERPOOL
BR PACKET
27 NO 98
6-A

ALSO NUMBERS ↗
1B. 1C
7A. 7B.

1-B
LIVERPOOL
BR PACKET
9 MAY
95

LIVERPOOL
216
1 MY 15
95

LIVERPOOL
U
JU 30
04

LIVERPOOL
645 PM
JY 8
05
B

PAQUEBOT
11 AM
JY 1
05
LIVERPOOL

PAQUEBOT
8 PM
AP 14
07
LIVERPOOL

PAID
LIVERPOOL
US PACKET
29 MY 96
7 D

PAQUEBOT

PLYMOUTH
730 PM
MR 14
02

PAQUEBOT
10 AM
AP 23
05
PLYMOUTH

PAQUEBOT. PLYMOUTH
2 PM
JU 17
06
2

SHS. PLYMOUTH
X
DE 31
LETTERS

(620)

(Plymouth.)

PLYMOUTH
X
FE 13
98
SHIP LETTER

ALSO "SHIP LETTERS"

PLYMOUTH
11.15 PM
FE 14
03

SOUTHAMPTON
2.45 PM
19 NO
06
PACKET LETTER

LIMERICK
F
JY 10
77

MANCHESTER
630 AM
DE 16
98

ALSO WITH NUMBERS
AT BASE 2.3.4.5.6.

K
JU 22
MANCHESTER
1872
32

ALSO WITH LETTER D
AT TOP AND B BELOW
THE DATE.

FRANKFURT a. MAIN
1 A
86
6-TH

DEUTSCHE SEEPOST
LINIE
HAMBURG
WESTAFRIKA
27. 7. 06
XXX11

HAMBURG
30.4.07.56 11
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Schiffsbrief
paquebot
HAMBURG

"Schiffsbrief"
Über Hamburg

HAMBURG
12.12.04 10 AM
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LEIPZIG-EUTRITZSCH
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PAQUETOT, PORTS OF ENTRY AND OTHER INTERESTING CANCELLATIONS
FOUND ON THE STAMPS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAGOS.



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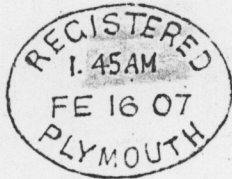
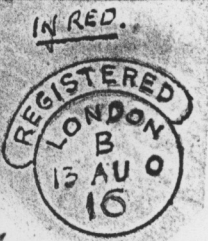
REGISTERED LETTER

LAGOS-GOVERNMENT
TELEGRAPHS



LATE FEE

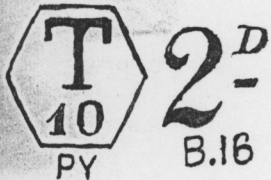
ALSO NUMBERED
UP TO 7.



ALSO WITH No 12
AT BOTTOM.

ALSO XD AT TOP
AND 21 AND 17.
AT TOP.

ALSO 28 ABOVE DATE.



PAQUETOT, PORTS OF ENTRY AND OTHER INTERESTING CANCELLATIONS
 FOUND ON THE STAMPS OR CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAGOS.



USED AT SAPELE.



USED AT LAGOS.



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LAGOS-GOVERNMENT
 TELEGRAPHS



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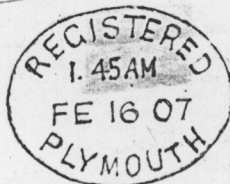
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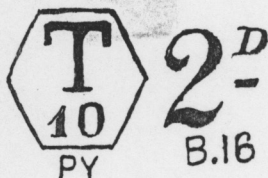
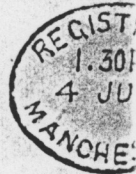
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ALSO XN AT TOP
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 AT TOP.



ALSO 28 ABOVE DATE.



WRECK COVERS.

On March 18th 1907 the S/S JEBBA ran aground in fog on the Devon Coast. At the time she was carrying mails from Lagos, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. The writer has 3 different types of the cachet applied to the letters after salvaging. These are:-

SALVED FROM
S S JEBBA

SALVED FROM
S S JEBBA

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S S JEBBA

MAP OF CALABAR EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY.

