

## Jamaican Obliteration Numbers

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### JAMAICAN STAMPS USED ABROAD

Jamaican stamps can sometimes be found with English, Colonial or Foreign obliteration numbers.

The following; are known to me:-

- (1) The numbers '3', '5' or '12' in a circle, surrounded by vertical bars forming an upright oval. These are believed to be American ship marks, and are known used on the CC, the CA, and the Key-Plate Issues of Jamaica.
- (2) The numbers '43', '50' or '51' in a square-shaped diamond, surrounded by horizontal lines forming a circle. These were London marks and are known used on the Pine issue.
- (3) The numbers '63' or '77' in a circle, surrounded by short thick horizontal lines forming another circle. These were also London marks, and are known used on the 6d Pine.
- (4) The number '285' in a diamond-shaped obliterator composed of very thick horizontal bars. This was the town number of KILRUSH in County Clare, Ireland, and is known used on a 3d green Pine.
- (5) The number '723' in an obliterator (as Type D)  
This was Southampton's number, and is known used on early Pines. (6)  
The number '723' in an obliterator (as Type K) This was a later type of Southampton's number, and is known used on later Pines.
- (7) The letters 'B' or 'F' in a diamond, surrounded by very thick horizontal bars; forming an upright oval. These are probably used at Bristol and Falmouth respectively. They are known used on the Pine and CC issues.
- (8) The Obliterator 'B16' (as Type H)  
This was the number of the Plymouth and Bristol T.P.O. and is known used on the 6d Pine and 1s. C.C. stamps.
- (9) The Obliterator 'D65' in a large upright oval (as Type K)  
This is believed to have been used at a British Consular Office in Peru about 1865. It is known used in red ink on a 6d Pine, deep lilac.
- (10) The Obliterator 'TI' (as Type J)  
This was used in the Turks Islands, and is known on the 1d lilac, Key-Plate issue, used about 1898

The above are all scarce, some indeed being very rare, and are desirable items in any postmark collection.

No doubt others exist, but these are all that I have seen..

The reader is warned against a bogus obliteration mark often seen on early Jamaican stamps, especially the Postal Fiscals. This consists of an obliterator similar to TYPE K, but with a large letter "R" in the centre instead of A79. It is quite different to the "B" obliterator described in No. 7 above.