

## Introduction

This research paper is intended to facilitate the expansion of published information concerning the Jamaican Embossed Policy Marine adhesives.

The stimulus for this work was the unearthing of correspondence between Byron Cameron and Thomas Foster from the early 1970s.

This information has been integrated with that published by Barefoot (Commonwealth Revenues 1996 edition) and the collection of Derek Sutcliffe. My thanks to Michael Hamilton for information regarding his proof sheet overprinted Specimen.

Please provide any further information and missing images to Steve Jarvis, [info@bwisc.org](mailto:info@bwisc.org)).

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## Byron Cameron Information.

### ***Letter***

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8 July 1972

To Thomas Foster

Dear Tom:

I started this study for you on the Policy Marines and the earliest dates which I had back last March, but when I heard that Robson Lowe was going to auction off the Thill collection of revenues, I waited just in case I got any Jamaica lots.

Thill probably had the largest revenue collection in existence, and I had traded Jamaica fiscals with him previously. So I figured he must have something I needed. So I placed three wild buy bids and got the three lots at a terribly high price.

Of the three lots, about ten stamps I could use. Price £98. I think I am about the only person who has so far tried to do very much with these Policy Marines, or for the entire field of Jamaica fiscals,

I have done some re-shuffling of issue dates due to the Thill batch. Also there will be other surprises for you. Note particularly the position of the stem of the Tudor rose on each stamp. You should be able to knock me out of the box with the material that the Crown Agents can provide for you, but at least here is a good start from my research.

I should add that I purchased a Stanley Gibbons stamp color key, so I have quit guessing at colors. All I mention are on the key. Note also that I did not use my former M numbers. They all just went to Hell with this study.

I have won a couple of Grand Awards at regional shows here and have been invited to participate in the A.P.S. Champion of Champions competition in New Haven this September. In addition to my stampless covers which take ten - sixteen page frames, I am going to exhibit these darn Policy Marines. I think it will be the first time that anyone has ever exhibited them. One frame will do the job, and we will see what happens.

Did I ever inform you that the BUFF BAY T3 cover had a date of 6 July 1808. You wanted this information.

As ever,

Byron

## **Cameron Listing**

Policy Marine Insurance Stamps of Jamaica

### **1899.**

Grey to light bluish grey, Perf. 12, Size approx. 38 x 45mm. Unwatermarked

Overprint JAMAICA seriffed capitals 4.5mm high by 30mm long placed at random over entire face of stamp.

		earliest date	R = Rare
3d	J	19/10/1899	
6d	EE	6/9/1899	
9d	D	25/9/1899	
1/-	R	17/2/1900	
1/-	T	21/10/1902	
2/-	A	30/5/1900	
3/-	I	6/9/1899	
4/-	F	30/6/1900	
4/-	E	27/2/1906	[R]
5/-	N	24/11/1899	
10/-	A	17/11/1899	
15/-	J	8/7/1901	
£1	F	10/3/1902	
£2	G	1/5/1916	
£5	I	14/12/1910	
£10	E	4/4/1904	
£50	D	12/12/1910	[R]

### **1902.**

As above except: Size approx. 35 x 35mm.

Overprint non seriffed capitals 3mm high by 22mm long.

The medallion has been redesigned and reduced in size.

Two die designations appear:

- a Tudor rose on the left with its stem in varying positions,
- and the die letter on the right.

3d	E	8/11/1912	
3d	F	7/4/1903	
6d	H	17/3/1903	
9d	B	20/10/1902	
1/-	H	16/3/1903	
2/-	G	8/8/1910	
2/-	I	6/3/1903	
3/-	A	11/1/1904	
4/-	2 roses	31/5/1907	
5/-	H	5/5/1903	
5/-	J	7/10/1904	
10/-	I	15/6/1903	
10/-	K	12/?/1910	
15/-	D	31/7/1907	[R]
£1	F	18/3/1904	
£10	C	31/3/1909	

### **1902 Special issue.**

As above except colour has been changed to grey brown.

These were issued for use between ports on the island, and are known as locals.

6d	H	14/1/1907	
3/-	A	17/12/1906	

### 1913

As above except several new denominations have been added and the colours vary widely between varying shades of azure, cobalt and violet blue.

3d	E	14/4/1917	
3d	F	15/3/1917	
6d	I	5/1/1921	
9d	A	10/10/1919	
1/-	H	13/1/1915	
2/-	I	12/7/1916	
3/-	A	24/7/1914	
4/-	2 roses	22/1/1913	
6/-	2 roses	14/6/1919	
10/-	K	12/7/1918	
15/-	D	12/5/1919	
£1	F	10/10/1917	
£2	F	30/8/1924	[L]
£2	G	23/12/1919	[L]
£4	D	17/7/1919	[L]

[L] indicates the large size with seriffed capitals.

### 1923

As above except the colours are uniform and have been changed to only slightly varying shades of new blue.

3d	F	31/7/1929	
6d	J	22/3/1928	
9d	A	20/10/1926	
1/-	K	27/7/1929	
5/-	H	9/3/1923	
5/-	K	2/3/1928	
7/6	F	2/9/1924	[R]
10/-	Y	31/?/1929	
15/-	U	10/10/1927	
£1	F	2/3/1928	
£1	T	21/10/1927	
£2	R	2/3/1928	

### 1926

This single stamp in new blue indicates that changes in design are being considered. The crown has been moved to the top of the stamp, a double die letter is used, and the small delta which forms part of the cross design of the crown has been removed.

6d AK 18/6/1926

### 1935

The colour has been changed to light blue, the 3d has design changes with the delta on the crown removed and the crown relocated to the top of the stamp, but most important, the JAMAICA overprint has been uniformly relocated to the bottom of the stamp so that it does not obliterate the crown.

3d	AD	3/11/1936	
2/-	J	11/10/1944	
4/-	A	29/2/1936	
15/-	AB	30/4/1935	

## 1941

Finally, the "new look" makes it debut. The colours are uniformly new blue on intense white paper; in every case the crown is at the top of the design; and the JAMAICA overprint is located in the lower quarter of the stamp to avoid obliterating either the crown, the head of Minerva on the higher denominations, or the value tablet.

This major redesign has flattened the cross on the crown on every denomination, leaving the small delta remaining on only the 9d, 1/6 and the 6/- denominations.

3d	AD	19/8/1953
6d	AS	?/6/1946
9d	B	28/3/1949
1/-	AC	17/7/1941
1/3	O	27/10/1950
1/6	C	17/3/1955
2/-	AS	8/10/1948
2/6	AE	6/6/1952
3/-	L	31/7/1950
4/-	N	24/8/1944
4/6	D	13/7/1949
5/-	AF	7/6/1949
6/-	A	8/7/1941
7/6	T	9/5/1941
10/-	AN	28/1/1942
15/-	Z	20/4/1948
£1	T	1/11/1946
£2	R	25/7/1949
£3	J	14/7/1952
£4	E	30/8/1951
£5	U	11/5/1948
£10	T	7/8/1950

From the examined dates of usage, 1955 was apparently the last year in which these fiscals were used.

## Barefoot / Cameron / Sutcliffe

This section cross-references information from these three sources.

Marine policy stamps were used by the Jamaican authorities, who used the United Kingdom type of embossed stamp overprinted 'JAMAICA' in heavy block serif type. Such stamps had 'Britannia's Head' in the centre, surrounded by an ornate frame which incorporated the various emblems of the United Kingdom. The value appears in a semi circular frame at the bottom, the design being embossed on white gummed perforated paper. Most stamps have a code letter or letters, and these are shown in brackets after the description of each item, but in some cases the "coding" is shown by an emblem.

Note: Barefoot lists all large designs under the 1899 heading and small designs under 1904 heading. Barefoot notes that the 1904 issue has 2 colours, grey-blue 1904-13 and blue 1914-31 (so there is some inconsistency with Cameron)

### **Large Format 1899**

Embossed blue stamps on white gummed paper, 38 x 45mm, overprinted "JAMAICA" and perforated 12.

		Barefoot code	Cameron
5	3d Blue	(J)	
6	6d Blue	(EE)	
7	9d Blue	(D)	
8	1/- Blue	(R)	plus T
9	1/6 Blue	(N, O)	not listed
10	2/- Blue	(A)	
11	2/6 Blue	(V)	not listed
12	3/- Blue	(I)	
13	4/- Blue	(F)	plus E
14	4/6 Blue	?	not listed
15	5/- Blue	(N)	
16	6/- Blue	(F, G)	not listed
17	7/6 Blue	(E, F)	not listed
18	10/- Blue	(A)	
19	15/- Blue	(J)	
20	£1 Blue	(F, G)	F only
21	£2 Blue	(G)	F, G
22	£4 Blue	(C, D)	D
23	£5 Blue	(I)	
24	£10 Blue	(E)	
25	£15 Blue	(C?)	not listed
26	£20 Blue	(D?)	not listed
27	£30 Blue	(?)	not listed
28	£50 Blue	(D)	
29	£100 Blue	(B?)	not listed
30	£300 Blue	(B?)	not listed

**Small Format 1902-1955.**

Embossed stamps on white gummed paper, 35 x 35mm, overprinted 'JAMAICA' and perf 12.  
See Cameron notes for more detail regarding the differences.

		Barefoot 1904	Cameron 1902	Cameron 1913	Cameron 1923	Cameron 1926-35	Cameron 1941
		grey-blue 1904-13 blue 1914-31	grey-blue	blue shades	new blue	new / light blue	new blue
31	3d Blue	(E, F)	E, F	E, F	F	AD	AD
32	6d Blue	(H, I, J)	H also brn	H (DS), I	J	AH (DS), AK	AS
33	9d Blue	(A, B)	B	A	A, B (DS)		B
34	1/- Blue	(G, H, J)	H	H	K		AC
	1/3	not listed					O
35	1/6 Blue	(B)					C
36	2/- Blue	(I)	C (DS), G, I	I		J	AS
	2/6	not listed					AE
37	3/- Blue	(A)	A also brn	A			L
38	4/- Blue	(Roses)	Roses	Roses		A	N
	4/6	not listed					D
39	5/- Blue	(H, J)	H, J		H, K		AF
40	6/- Blue	(Roses)		Roses			A, 2 roses (DS)
41	7/6 Blue	(F)			F		T
42	10/- Blue	(I, K)	I, K	K	Y		AN
43	15/- Blue	(C, D)	D	D	U	AB	Z
44	£1 Blue	(F, T)	F	F	F, T		T
	£2	not listed					R
	£3	not listed					J
	£4	not listed					E
	£5	not listed					U
45	£10 Blue	(C)	C		R		T

## Jarvis






This section provides a matrix of known values, colours and code letters (identifying position) with images.

Code BC = Byron Cameron; BF = Barefoot



### Large Format

#### 1899 blue-grey



Design size 38 x 45 mm JAMAICA 4.5 x 30 mm, Colour grey to light blue-grey

3d J (BC & BF) 11 o'clock 	6d EE (BC & BF) 11 o'clock 	9d D (BC & BF) 11 o'clock 	1/- R (BC & BF) 11 o'clock 	1/- T (BC)	1/6 NO (BF)
2/- A (BC & BF) 5 o'clock 	2/6 V (BF)	3/- I (BC & BF) 11 o'clock 	4/- E (BC)	4/- F (BC & BF) 11 o'clock 	4/6 ? (BF)
5/- N (BC & BF) 11 o'clock 	6/- FG (BF)	7/6 EF (BF)	10/- A (BC & BF) 11 o'clock 	15/- J (BC & BF) 11 o'clock 	£1 F (BC & BF) 11 o'clock 

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£1 G (BF) 11 o'clock	£2 G (BC & BF) 6 o'clock 	£4 C (BF)	£4 D (BF)	£5 I (BC & BF)	£10 E (BC & BF) 10 o'clock 
£15 C? (BF)	£20 D? (BF)	£30 ? (BF)	£50 D (BC & BF)	£100 B? (BF)	£300 B? (BF)











**1902 & later – blue**

£2 F (BC)	£2 G (BC) 6 o'clock 	£4 C (BC) 10 o'clock 
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**Small Format (images at 75%)**

	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
Design		size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm	as before	as before	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom		major redesign crown at top
Colour	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31	grey to light blue-grey	shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	new blue	new / light blue		new blue
3d	E	E	E				
3d	F	F 3 o'clock 	F 3 o'clock 	F			
3d					AD	AD 	AD 2 o'clock 
6d	H	H 3 o'clock 	H 3 o'clock 		1935		
6d	I	also H grey-brown	I 3 o'clock 				










Jamaican Embossed Marine Policy Adhesives.

Design	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
6d	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31 J	size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm grey to light blue-grey	as before shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	as before new blue J 3 o'clock 	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom new / light blue AK 1926 AH 2 o'clock 		major redesign crown at top new blue AS 2 o'clock 
6d						AH 	
9d	A		A 2 o'clock 	A 			
9d	B	B 2 o'clock 		B 2 o'clock 		B 	B 2 o'clock 







Jamaican Embossed Marine Policy Adhesives.

	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
Design		size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm	as before	as before	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom		major redesign crown at top
Colour	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31	grey to light blue-grey	shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	new blue	new / light blue		new blue
1/-	G			K			
1/-	H	H 3 o'clock 	H 3 o'clock 				
1/-	J					AC 	AC 2 o'clock 
1/3	not listed						O 2 o'clock 
1/6	B					C 	C 2 o'clock 







Jamaican Embossed Marine Policy Adhesives.

	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
Design		size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm	as before	as before	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom		major redesign crown at top
Colour	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31	grey to light blue-grey	shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	new blue	new / light blue		new blue
2/-		G				G 	
2/-	I	I 5 o'clock 	I 5 o'clock 	J	J 1935		AS 2 o'clock 
2/6	not listed						AE 2 o'clock 
3/-	A	A 2 o'clock  also A grey-brown	A 2 o'clock 			L 	L 2 o'clock 


Jamaican Embossed Marine Policy Adhesives.

Design	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
		size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm	as before	as before	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom		major redesign crown at top
Colour	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31	grey to light blue-grey	shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	new blue	new / light blue		new blue
4/-	Roses	2 roses 	2 roses 		A	A 	N 2 o'clock 
4/6	not listed				1935		D 2 o'clock 
5/-	H, J	H 5 o'clock 		H 5 o'clock 			
5/-		J 5 o'clock 		K 5 o'clock 		K 	AF 2 o'clock 









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	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
Design		size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm	as before	as before	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom		major redesign crown at top
Colour	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31	grey to light blue-grey	shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	new blue	new / light blue		new blue
6/-	Roses		2 roses 				2 roses 
6/-						A 	A
7s6d	F			F			
7s6d						T 	T 2 o'clock 
10/-	I,	1 3 o'clock 	K	Y			






Jamaican Embossed Marine Policy Adhesives.

Design	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
		size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm	as before	as before	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom new / light blue		major redesign crown at top
Colour	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31	grey to light blue-grey	shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	new blue			new blue
10/-	K	K	K 4 o'clock 			AF 	AN 2 o'clock 
15/-	C,	C 2 o'clock 		U			
15/-	D	D 2 o'clock 	D 2 o'clock 		AB  1935	AB 	Z 2 o'clock 
£1	F,	F 14 o'clock 	F 4 o'clock 	F			




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Design	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
		size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm	as before	as before	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom new / light blue		major redesign crown at top
Colour	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31	grey to light blue-grey	shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	new blue			new blue
£1	T			T 4 o'clock 		T 	T 3 o'clock 
£2	not listed			R		R 	R 3 o'clock 
£3	not listed						J 3 o'clock 
£4	not listed		D			E 	E 3 o'clock 

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Design	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
		size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm	as before	as before	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom		major redesign crown at top
Colour	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31	grey to light blue-grey	shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	new blue	new / light blue		new blue
£5	not listed					U 	U
£10	C	C 4 o'clock 				T 	T 4 o'clock 
£15						B 	

Jamaican Embossed Marine Policy Adhesives.

Design	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
£20	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31	size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm  grey to light blue-grey	as before  shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	as before  new blue	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom new / light blue	  C  	major redesign crown at top  new blue
£30						Roses  	
£50						E  	

Jamaican Embossed Marine Policy Adhesives.

	Barefoot	1902	1913	1923	1926 to 1935	Specimen	1941
Design		size 35 x 35 mm JAMAICA 3 x 22 mm	as before	as before	3d & 6d crown at top double die letters 'JAMAICA' at bottom		major redesign crown at top
Colour	blue-grey 1904-13 blue 1914-31	grey to light blue-grey	shades of azure, cobalt & violet-blue	new blue	new / light blue		new blue
£100						Roses 