

Early in the 1960's the Jamaica Post Office inaugurated an Inland Express Delivery Service whereby postal articles would be delivered by special messenger from post towns in the Kingston and St. Andrews corporate area, and from offices in Falmouth, Linstead, Mandeville, May Pen, Montego Bay, Old Harbour, Port Antonio, Port Maria, St. Ann's Bay, Savanna-La-Mar, and Spanish Town.

Applicable to both mail and parcel post, the charges were in addition to the regular inland post rates, and were based on the distances involved from the delivery post offices to the intended destinations, as indicated below:

Within one mile of delivery office:	Normal inland postage, plus fee of 6d.
Over one mile, but within two miles:	Normal inland postage, plus fee of 6d. for each mile involved.
Over three miles:	Normal inland postage, plus fee of 6d. plus 1/- for each mile from the delivery office.

Special labels with white lettering on a dark maroon background were originally provided reading:

POST OFFICE  
 E X P R E S S  
 DELIVERY

The labels were subsequently replaced by rubber handstamps with the single word "EXPRESS". It is apparent that the post towns were authorized to create their own special markings, judging from the quantity of types and letter configurations in existence.

In addition, the local business houses provided their own distinctive marks, in the absence of authorized labels or handstamps.

A summary of the types recorded to date follows. However, I believe that additional types were issued, because examples of the marks of several of the post towns authorized to use them still have not been reported. I am therefore appealing to the membership at large to review their material and to advise if any items not yet recorded are available; I would appreciate having complete details and illustrations of such marks.

As a matter of interest, this delivery service was originally well-received and patronized, but the world recession and the total collapse of the island's economy resulted in the withdrawal of the service in the late 1970's.

**EXP Type 1:**

Special maroon labels with white lettering reading POST OFFICE / E X P R E S S / DELIVERY.  
 EDK. 9 FEB 1965



Inland registered cover, Falmouth to Kingston, February 9th, 1965, with EXPRESS delivery label affixed. Franked with five 3d. definitives of 1964, and cancelled by Falmouth CDS of the noted date. Postage includes 3d. inland letter rate for first two ounces, 6d. registration fee, and the new 6d. fee for express delivery service.

**EXP Type 2:**

Straight line rubber handstamp word "EXPRESS", 10 mm by 30 mm, sans-serif capital letters, struck in black ink.

EDK: 15 JAN 1964



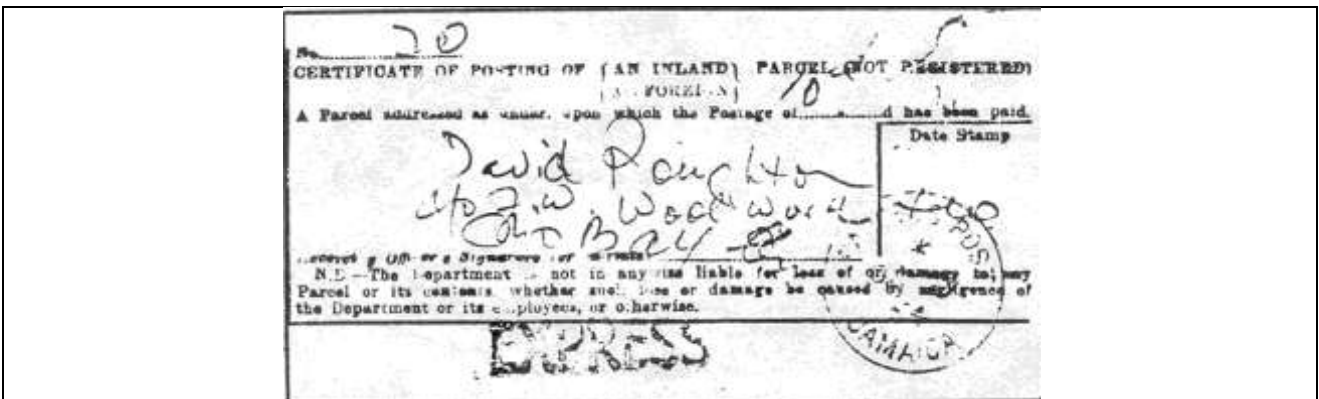
Inland Express Delivery cover, Montego Bay to Kingston, January 15th, 1964, bearing EXPRESS marking in black ink. Franked with 9d. in definitives, representing 3d. inland letter rate and 6d. express delivery fee, cancelled by Montego Bay CDS of the noted date.

**EXP Type 3:**

An unframed single straight line "EXPRESS" mark, 6½ mm by 29 mm, with sans-serif capital letters. Applied to Certificates of Posting of Unregistered Inland Parcels from Kingston. Known in both violet and black ink.

Violet ink: EDK: 27 AUG 1964 LDK: 20 OCT 1964

Black ink: EDK: 27 NOV 1964

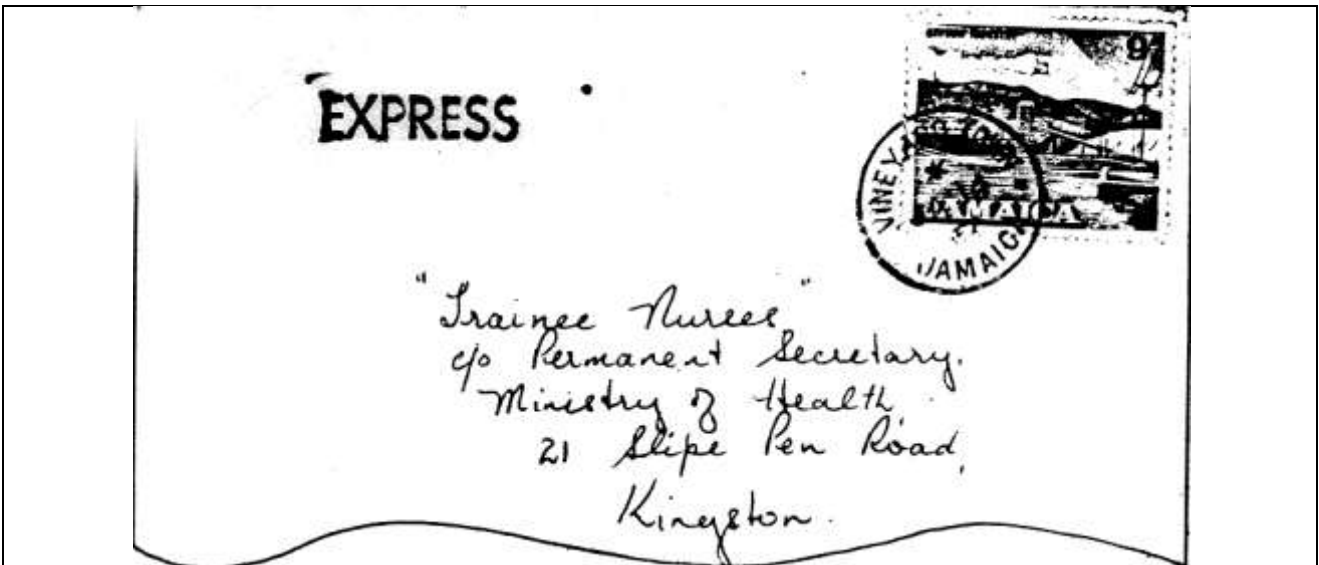


A Parcel Post Certificate of Posting of an Inland Parcel (not registered), Kingston to Montego Bay, handstamped with PARCELS POST/JAMAICA single ring CDS of October 20th. 1964. and special EXPRESS marking in violet ink.

**EXP Type 4**

An unframed single straight line "EXPRESS" mark, 6 mm by 26 mm, with sans-serif capital letters, in black ink.

EDK: 1 4 JAN I 1967

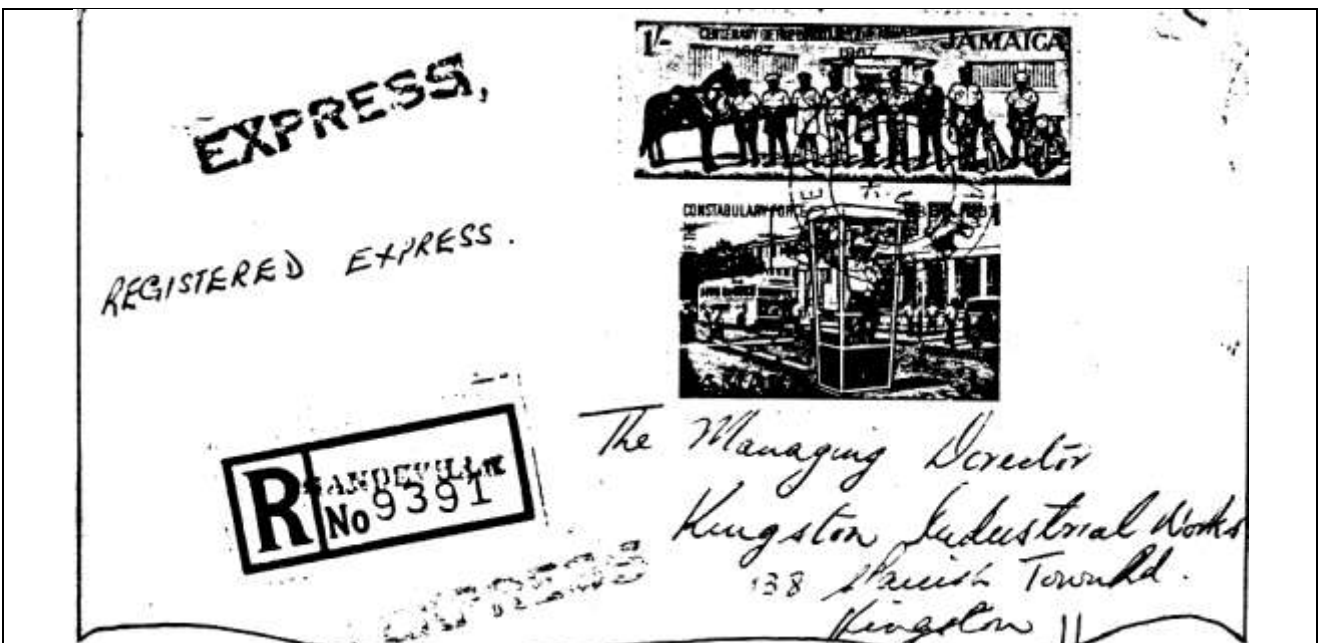


Inland Express Delivery cover, Vineyard Town to Kingston, January 14th, 1967, with 9d. Gypsum Industry stamp cancelled by Vineyard Town CDS of the noted date. Postage includes 3d. first class inland letter rate and 6d. express delivery fee. "EXPRESS" mark applied in black ink.

**EXP Type 5:**

An unframed single straight line "EXPRESS" rubber marking, 5 mm by 37 mm, with sans-serif capital letters, in violet ink.

EDK: 23 JAN 1968



Inland registered Express Delivery cover, Mandeville to Kingston, January 23rd, 1968, franked with one each 3d. and 1/- Constabulary Police stamps of 1967, cancelled by Mandeville Birmingham-type CDS of the noted date. Registration label Type RL4b, with rubber stamp MANDEVILLE applied in black ink on label. "EXPRESS" mark struck in violet. Postage includes 3d. inland first class letter rate, 6d. registration fee, and 6d. express delivery fee.

## Revised Inland Express Delivery Charges Coincident With The Adoption Of Decimal Currency On September 8th, 1969

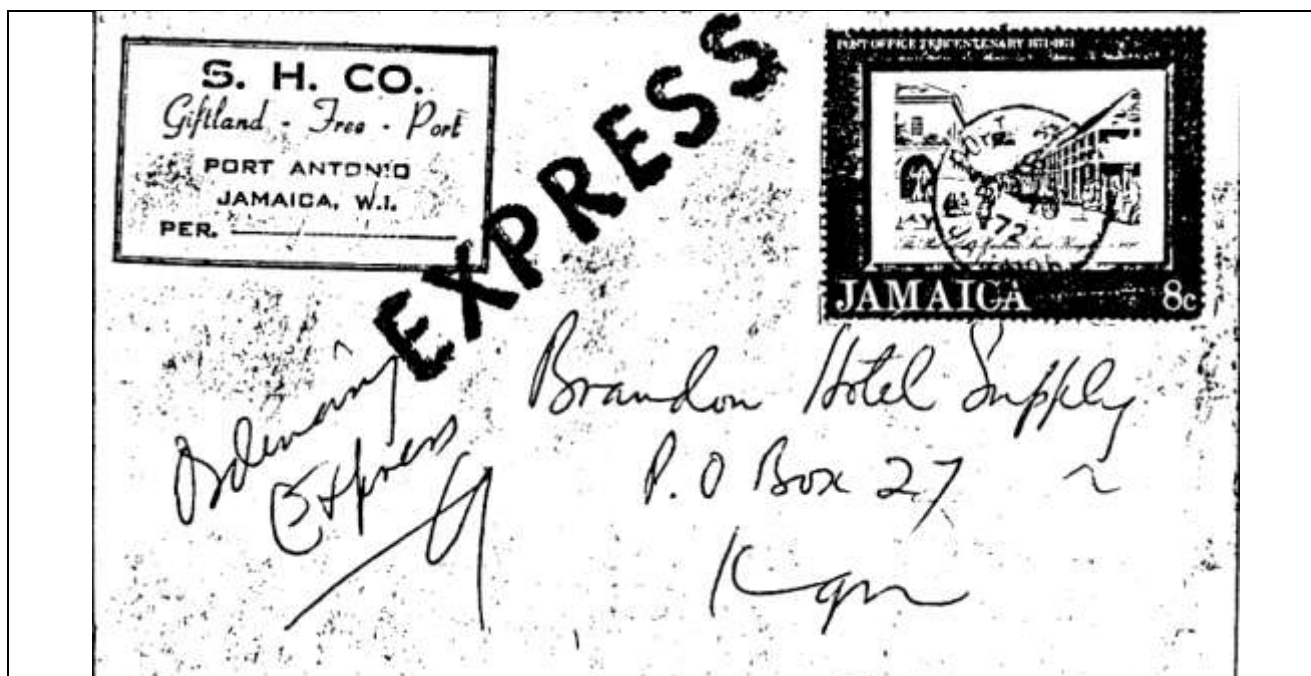
If addressee resides:

Within one mile of delivery office:	Normal inland postage, plus fee of 5c.
More than one mile, but less than three miles, from delivery office:	Normal inland postage, plus fee of 5c per mile beyond the first mile from delivery office.
More than three miles from delivery	Normal inland postage, plus fee of 5¢, office: plus 10c for each mile from delivery office.

EXP Type 6:

An unframed single straight line rubber stamp "EXPRESS" marking, measuring 11 mm by 63 mm, in heavy block capital letters. Black ink.

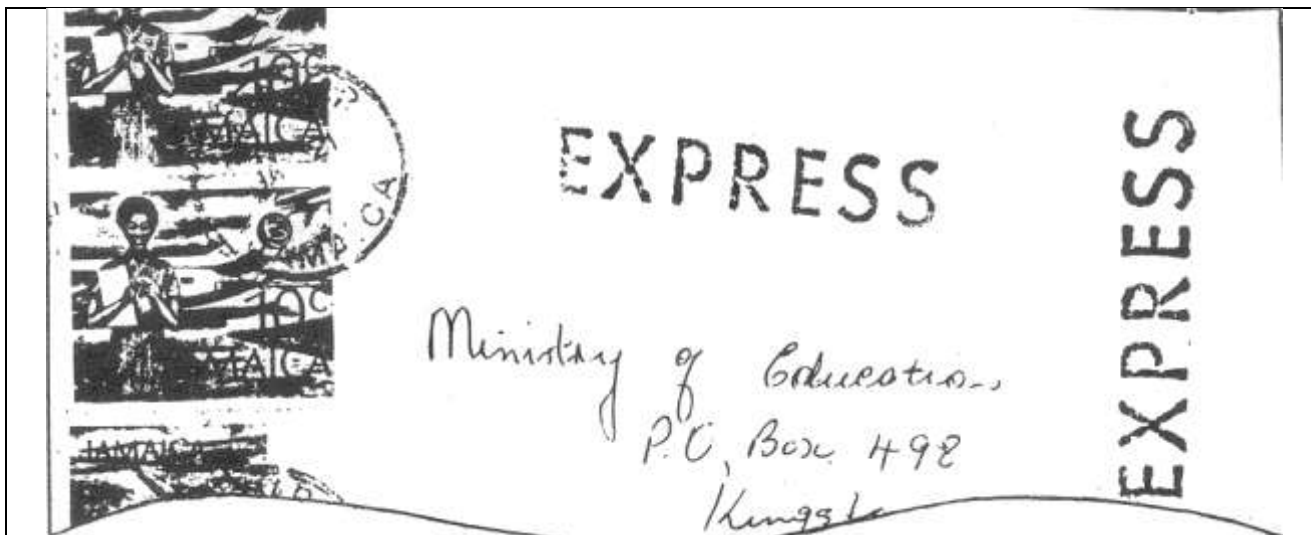
EDK: 10 SEP 1972



An Inland Express Delivery cover, Port Antonio to Kingston, September 10th, 1972, franked with 1969 Post Office Tercentenary 8¢ commemorative, tied with Port Antonio CDS of the noted date. EXPRESS handstamp applied in black. Postage includes U inland letter rate, plus 5¢ express delivery charge, both effective with change to decimal currency on September 8th, 1969.

**EXP Type 7:**

A rubber stamp unframed single straight line "EXPRESS" marking, 9 mm by 50 mm, with sans-serif capital letters. Black ink. EDK: 21 JAN 1974

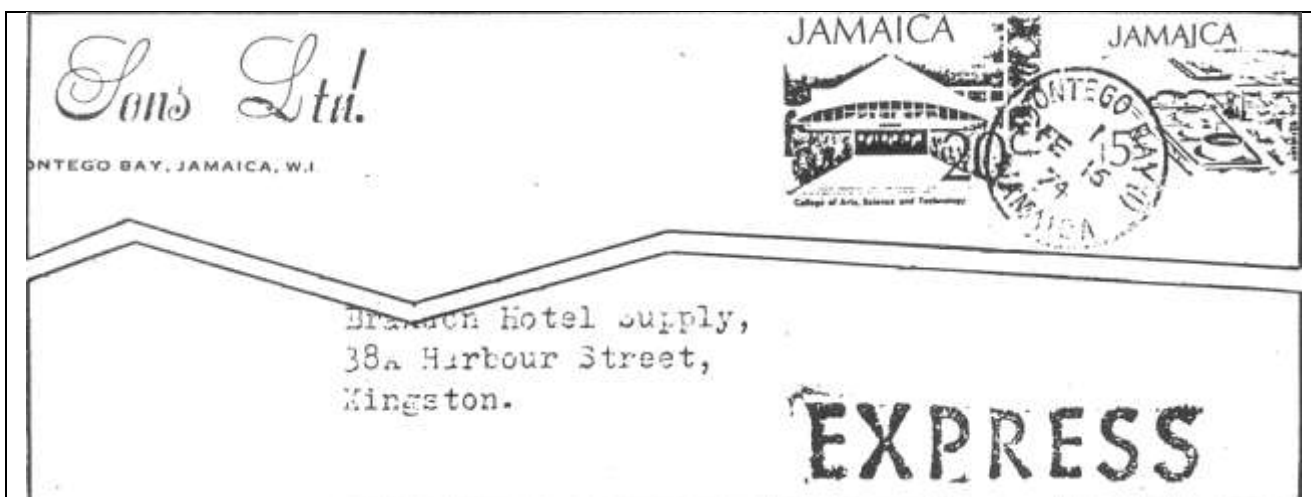


An Inland Express Delivery cover, Savanna-La-Mar to Kingston, January 21st, 1974, franked with 25c in 1972 definitives and tied with Savanna-La-Mar double ring CDS of the noted date. Handstamped twice with EXPRESS mark.

**EXP Type 8**

An unframed rubber stamp single straight line "EXPRESS" marking, measuring 9½ mm by 50 mm, in sans-serif block capital letters. Black ink.

EDK: 15 FEB 1974



Inland Express Delivery cover, Montego Bay to Kingston, February 15th, 1974, franked with 25¢ in 1972 definitives and tied with Montego Bay single-ring CDS of the noted date. Handstamped with EXPRESS mark. Postage represents 5c inland letter rate, plus 20¢ express delivery charge. (Inland letter rate was increased to 5c for first four ounces on October 1st, 1972.)

*EXP Type 9*

A business firm typewriter "EXPRESS" marking in red, also in blue pencil manuscript. EDK: 30 JAN 67



Inland Express Delivery cover, Montego Bay to Kingston, January 30th, 1967, and franked with a 9d. Gypsum Industry stamp of 1964. Tied with Montego Bay single-ring CDS of the date noted. Postage consists of 3d. for inland first class letter rate and 6d. for express delivery fee.