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#### **News Here And There**

#### Jamaica -- Obliterators

Some very interesting obliterator numbers have been seen recently, among these have been A 70 type H on the 2d, 3d and 4d Pine, also the 4d CC. A 74 on 2d pine and 1/- CC A 66 on the 4d pine, A 80 on the 4d CA, A 83 on the 4d and 6d CC and F 3.

#### Jamaica – Brompton / Old Mountain Postal Agency

Brompton Postal Agencies name has now been changed to Old Mountain as from the 1st August. No other new Temporary Rubber Date Marks have been issued for the past few months for Jamaica.

#### LONDON:

Reports from London indicate that there is a possibility of an International Philatelic Exhibition being held there in 1960.

#### Bahamas - 1957 TRDs

Two new Temporary Rubber Date stamps have just been seen. A double line oblong of 47 X 36 mm. for Moores Island dated the 21st March, 1957. The date being of a small type hand-stamp. All in black, in block letters 4 mm. high, while the second mark is again a double line oblong with heavy wavy lines on the side, reading United Estates dated the 25th March, 1957. Again a small type of date stamp with Bahamas in black as usual.

#### Bahamas - Grand Harbour Shipyard

It is interesting to see that the large shipyard now being built at Grand Harbour, has brought in a tremendous amount of Japanese labour.

#### Turks Island - 1957 QEII Issue

The new Queen Elizabeth stamps should be on sale in the Turks Island by October, with the following values:-

- 1d Portrait of Her Majesty in blue grey and carmine
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- 3d Albacore-Greenish Blue and Lilac
- 4d Mutton Snapper in maroon and slate grey
- 5d Permit-in blue green and brown
- 6d Conch-in pink and ultra-marine
- 8d Flamingoes-in red and black
- 1/- Spanish Mackerel-Deep blue and black
- 1/6d Salt Cay-Sepia and blue
- 2/- Caicos Sloop in blue and brown
- 5/- Cable Office in grey and carmine
- 10/-The Dependency badge black and purple.

#### Montserrat - 1957 48c

The new 48¢ value has been ordered from the Crown Agents and are in the hands of Messrs. Bradbury Wilkinson and Co. The design will be the same as the \$1:20 now on sale.

#### **Commonwealth News Letter**

By J. E. Metcalfe

We were told that most of the countries in the Commonwealth had their Queen Elizabeth sets, some time ago, and ever since we have been busier than ever. Even the Crown Agents, that very excellent Stamp Bureau, take some time to fill orders, which speaks for itself.

The Great Britain overprinted for Morocco Agents and the Persian Gulf, provided a lot of excitement, for some of the stamps were no sooner issued than they were withdrawn. It was obvious that some would be scarce, though how scarce one or two are will surprise those who get a copy of the forthcoming Commonwealth Catalogue, where the numbers overprinted are given. These were of course obtained direct from official sources, so I know they are correct, small as are some of the figures.

Next in the line for providing excitement are the new issues for the Malayan States, which are appearing bit by bit as these lines are being written. I well remember the time when Malayan stamps were very moderate sellers, but there has been a distinct change in this respect ever since it was realized by collectors, what fun there was in the many new printings, of the sets now being replaced. Really fine shades galore, and none of them costing (as yet) more than a shilling or so. Most of them as a matter of fact, only a few coppers.

But I would warn collectors, who are short of any of the shads listed in the Commonwealth Catalogue, to fill up blanks with as little delay as possible, for stocks in dealers' hands are low indeed. That is when there are any at all. I tried to buy, and had a deuce of a job.

Anyhow the new sets will apparently produce a different kind of fun. It will be perforations which will provide it for of the very values already out, whilst there is as yet, only one perforation for each stamp, they differ with the values, for no apparent reason at all. This may account for the ready sale which the new Malayans are enjoying. Another set to be watched is that for Zanzibar. I have seen advance copies, and again, as in the case of Malaya, there are several different perforations, and subsequent printings should be closely watched. Changes are likely.

The Commonwealth stamps of the West Indies are by far the most popular with both American and British collectors. That is amongst those who go in for our new Commonwealth issues, and many are

wondering what will happen when Federation takes place. It has been comforting to those who want the separate countries to continue with their own sets, to note what happened in Malaya, and I have good reason to believe that the same procedure will be adopted by the West Indies, so all will be happy, not least of all the various Colonies themselves, which do very nicely out of their stamps.

There are still repercussions about the Trinidad 1 c "Provisional" and people have a pretty shrewd idea who was behind it all, and who did so well out of it. Let's hope there are no more issues of the same character. This one did Commonwealth Stamps plenty of harm.

It has not been only the Colonies which have been providing the fun. New Zealand has been in the limelight also. It will be remembered that there was a change in the lettering of the 3/6 on 3/6 stamp. A New Zealand dealer wrote me and asked if I could supply a copy. This surprised me, so I made enquiries and found that not only was the stamp obsolete, but only 40,000 copies had been printed in the first place, and of these a number had been withdrawn. Scarce stamp number one. Then the 1/3d stamp (also the "Arms" type) came out with blue lettering, and whilst getting on for four hundred thousand copies were printed, such is the big demand for uses other than postal, that the stamps were sold out in a month or two and most British dealers were apparently too late. So here is scarce stamp number two. In the case of this stamp don't be. misled by the big number printed. As I have said, many are used fiscally and the stamps seem really scarce.

Our own "Jamboree" stamps have not proved very popular, for the designs are the same old heavy uninspired designs. The mixture as before, is how one writer has put it. Dealers were put to a great inconvenience also, for whilst we had been told that the stamps would be overprinted for Kuwait, at the very end news came that the issue was withdrawn. Such is life.

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## SHANAHAN'S STAMP AUCTIONS

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#### The Bahamas Temporary Rubber Date Marks

The Bahamas Temporary Rubber Date marks have certainly been very interesting in compiling, as so many have been turning up and I must acknowledge my grateful thanks to Mr. G. J. Raymond, Mr. Wm. M. McFarlan, who has an outstanding collection of these, and Mr. S. G. Hoey.

A revised listing of these marks has been done, and very shortly will be printed in pamphlets.

Certainly one of the most interesting marks must be Cat Cay which has four distinct strikes, and consider that the Cat on the Cay must be the scarcest of these, followed closely by the actual word Cat Cay, across the stamp. '

Any reader who can possibly assist and help with the dates, colour of ink, I will be only too pleased to hear from them.

It will be noted that this list does not 'tie in with the first listing through this magazine, as there has been several new types turning up.

#### **Re Listing Of The Bahamas Temporary Rubber Date Marks**

In Manuscript Cancellation usually across the stamp but can be found below or above the stamp. In different colour inks.

THE GATE ORIGIN Unknown.

ACKLIN ISLAND C.C. not Cat Cay.

V. B. S.

MOSS TOWN EX. in use 13 Aug. 1951. LOWER DEADMAN'S CAY in use 18 Dec. 1953.

BT 1.



A triple ring of 37 mm. The name of the Post Office is at the top of the Circle with or without "BAHAMAS" found in different colour inks. Dated in the middle.

Name of P.O.	Island	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Colour of ink
Millville		1930		
Pine Ridge		Feb. 12, 1950		Black
Pine Ridge G.B.		June 26, 1947		Black
Little Bay	Elcu. Bahamas	1942	Late 1947	Purple
Lower Bogue	Harbour Isl.	1928		
True Blue	Crooked Isl.	May 1950	May 15, 1951	Black also known
Man-of-War Cay	Abaco	30 April 1949	April 13, 1953	Black
Orange Creek	Cat Isl.	Mar. 23, 1951	Apr. 2, 1955	Violet also black
Fairfield	Crooked Isl.	June 1951	Apr. 29, 1955	Violet and blue
Sandy Point	Abaco	June 23, 1947		
Bennetts Harbour	Cat Isl.	30 Apr. 1949	Feb. 1956	Blue
Snug Corner	Acklins	Sept. 8, 1947	Blue	
Man-of-War Cay	Abaco	16 Ju-	Black	

NOTE: Dateline for FAIRFIELD was replaced with the word PAID.

Man-of-War Cay second type is in small type letters.

BT 1A

Similar to BT 1 except that the outside ring is solid.

Name of P.O.	Island	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Colour of ink
Pirate Wells		Feb. 19, 1940		Violet

BT 2



One of the rarest types which is illustrated on the full stamp.

B.T.D. 2 One of the rarest types, these are fully illustrated on the stamp.

Name Of P.O.	Island	In Use	Colour Of Ink	
CAT CAY	Bimini	1939	black	illustrating cat on cay
CAT CAY	Bimini	1941		illustrating Marlin Head

**BT 3** 



Large double Circle of 48 mm. with the name of the Post Office around the top and the word "BAHAMAS" at the bottom. Dating in one line in small type.

Name Of P.O.	Island	In Use	Colour Of Ink
Alice Town	Eleuthera	Jan. 7, 1940	In purple
Name of P.O.	Island	In use	Colour of ink.
Alice Town	Eleuthera	Jan. 7, 1940	Violet.

BT 4.

Double ring of 36 rnm. with the name of the Post Office around the top of the ring, and the word "BAHAMAS" around the bottom of the ring with a straight date line in the middle. Found in different colour inks.

Name of P.O.	Island	In use	Colour of ink.
Fresh Creek	Andros	May 1952	Violet
Lower Deadman's Cay	Long Island	July 1951-1953	Violet
Cedar Harbour	Abaco	Oct. 1955	Red
Sweeting Cay	Grand Bah.	Mar 21 1951 -Mar 23 1952	Violet
High Rock	Grand Bah.	Jan. '54- Mar 1955	Violet
Pleasant Bay	Andros Isl.	Apr. 1, '53 to	Black or in blue Mar. 26, 1966
Walters Cay	Abaco	Jan. '55 to Jun 18 1956	Red
Bennetts Harbour	Cat Harbour	Feb. '50 to	Blue
		Sept. '55	Red
Lovely Bay	Acklins	Apr. 1, 1953 to Sep. 1956	
Pompey Bay	Acklins	Dec. 1950 to Mar 4, '51.	Blue
Crossings Rocks	Abaco		
Barraterre	Exuma	March 20, 1953	Blue
Black Point	Exuma		
Ship Mail	Nassau	1952-Nov. 1955	Violet
Salt Pond		May 1954	Violet
Mortimers	Long Island	March 26, 1953	Purple
Gravs L.I.	Long Island	Sept. 13, 1947	Purple
Man-of-War Cay	Abaco	May 14, 1952	Black
Colonial Secretary's Office	Nassau	April 1, 1942	Black

**BT 4A** 

Similar to Type 4 except it differs in style while the word "BAHAMAS" is in a lower case.

Name of P.O.	Island	In use	Colour of Ink
Moss Town	Exuma	June 21, 1947	Purple
Mount Thompson		June 21, 1947	Purple
Black Point	Exuma	March 19, 1951- May 24, 1952	Blue

NOTE. Mount Thompson and Black Point have block letters.

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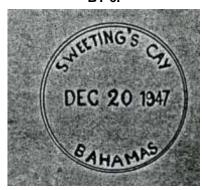
A single ring Circle of 32-35 mm. The name of the Post Office is at the top of the circle, while the word "BAHAMAS" is at the bottom of the circle. Dating as usual in one line.

Different colour inks.

Name of P.O.	Island	In use	Colour of Ink.
Knowles	Cat Island	1924-1929	
South Palmetto Point	Eleuthera	1941	Red
Devils Point	Cat Island	1946	
Landrail Point	Crooked Island	June 30, 1941-1950	
Sandy Point	Abaco	June 23, 1947	Black
Long Bay Cays	Andros	June 30, 1941-Feb. 19, 1945	Violet
Deep Creek(see Note)	Eleuthera	Sept. 23, 1947- Apr. 16, 1952	Violet
Gambier N.P.		1947	
Little Bay	Eleuthera		
Green Castle	Eleuthera	Sept. 8, 1947- Apr. 16, 1950	Black or green.
Cat Cay	Bimini	14 Oct. 1936	Black and red.
Colonel Hill	Crooked Isl.	May 4, 1940 - Sept. 8, 1941	Violet
Cornwall		March 10, 1940	Black
San Salvador		July 4, 1927	Black

NO'T'E. The hand-stamped date tin: can be found inverted on Deep Creek May 1949.

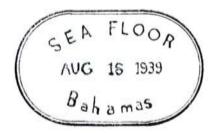
BT 6.



Double Ringe Circle of 38 mm. with the name of the Post Office around the top of the circle and the word "BAHAMAS" at the bottom. Date in one line in the middle. The wording of the small block type letters of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 mm. high. Colour of ink blue.

Name of P.O.	Island	Date in use	Ink used
Sweeting Cay	Grand Bahamas	Dec. 1947	Blue
Upper Bogue	Harbour Island	Apr. 25, 1955-Sept. 1956	Blue

#### BT 7



A double lined oval of 48 mm. with the name of the Post Office around the top and the word "BAHAMAS" at the bottom and the date in the middle. This mark is only known for this Post Office-SEA FLOOR-found in black, blue and purple inks. NOTE. This first underwater P.O. in history, was established on the sea floor of the Bahamas on Wednesday, August 16. 1939. This enterprise was part of the Bahamas Government sponsored expedition being conducted by John Ernest. The actual size of the Post Office was 6 X 10.

Name of P.O.	Island	Date in use	Colour of inks	
Sea Floor	N. P.	August	1939	Blue-Black-Violet.

#### **BT 7A**

Large Single line oval of between 45-48 nun. This mark has been made up of odd stamps to form part of this mark.

Letter left Phil. Oct. 16, 1926-Nassau Oct. 30, 1926 and AIR MAIL returned to the US. again, dated Nov. 17, 1926.

#### BT 8.

Single line oval of 48-50 mm. with the name of the Post Office at the top of the oval while the word "BAHAMAS"/or the name of the island at the bottom. Dating as usual in the middle.

Name of P.O.	Island	Date	Ink used
Cat Island	Bimini	Nov. 18, 1940	Black

#### BT 9.

Small double oval 38-42 mm, with the name of the Post Office around the top and the word "BAHAMAS" at the bottom. The date line is in the middle.

Name of P.O.	Island	Date	Ink used
Williams Town	Exuma	June 21, 1947- April 15, 1950	Black
Lower Bogue	Harbour Isl.	1947	
Chester	Acklins	July 11, 1947- April 27, 1950	Black
Industrious Hill	Cat Island	June 24, 1947	Black
Dundas Town	Abaco	July 7, 1947	Black
Simms		1947	Black
Farmers Cay		June 21, 1947	
Mortimers		March 26, 1953	Black

NOTE. Chester 1950 has been penned in.

BT 10.



Double line oval 47 to 50 mm. The name of the Post Office is at the top and the name of the island/or Bahamas below. Dating as usual in the middle.

Name of P.O.	Island	Date	Ink Used
Abraham Bay	Lond Island	1956	Black
West End	Grand Bahamas	19-53-1956	Black
Commissioners Office	Mayuguana	May 1955	
The Development Board	Nassau, Bahamas	May 8, 1947	

BT 11

An oblong of 50 X 25 mm. with the name of the Post Office at the top and the word "BAHAMAS" at the bottom in large block letters. Date as usual in the middle.

Name of P.O.	Island	Date	Ink used
Sweetings Cay		June 18, 19,40	Black







A straight line hand stamp of the name of the Post Office in large block of letters 6 mm. high -by 37 mm. long.

Cat Cay	Bimini	Registered cover 24 Aug. '42 to California USA. in black.
P. A. A. Paquebot	Air Mail	Nassau 1940 blue

NOTE. When the air port was opened PAQUEBOT was handled only at the GPO but as a last-minute privilege P.A.A. were allowed to use an AIR MAIL PAQUEBOT for a very short period. This was withdrawn by the request of the censorship. "The word PAQUEBOT is 36 mm. long by 4½ mm. high.

#### BT 13.

An oblong 45 X 28 mm. with heavy block letters 4½ mm. high only known for one P.O.

Deep Creek A	Andros	Sept. 13, 1956- Feb. 2. 1957	in blue.
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#### **BT 14**

A double line oblong of 47 X 36 with heavy block letters for the name of Post Office and the word BAHAMAS-the date line is in very small type-Found in black ink.

Name of P.O. Island	Date	Ink used.
Moore's Island	Mar. 21, 1957	Black

#### **BT 14a**

Similar to the above except for wavy lines on the side. Black letters of 6 mm. with very small type date stamp.

Name of P.O.	Island	Date	Ink used.
United Estates		25 Apr. 1957	Black

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Lot 27.	Issue 1899 5/- SG 75 used a fine copy lightly Pmkd. Cat. £.4.	£2. 2/
Lot 28.	Edward 1902 thd. to 3d 1904/11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, $\frac{2}{2}$ d, 6d and 2/ Total 10 stamps only one used. Cat. £.5.	£2. 10/-
Lot 29.	Issue 1907 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 3d unused. 1909 1d to I/- and 1909/11 issue mint and used to 6d value 17 stamps 2 being used. Cat. £6. 10/- plus	£3. 3/-
Lot 30.	George V set 1913/14 ½d to £1 V.F. lot with many shades mainly used. Total 16 stamps 3 being used. Cat. £9. plus.	£4. 10/
Lot 31.	Pair one penny ovpt. in 1/- SG 120 a few WARS 1921/32 set '/2d to F £1 mainly unused. 30 stamps 8 being used. Cat. £ 11.	£5. 5/-
Lot 32.	Jubilee set mint Coronation mint and used and 1938 set to £ 1 used all well pmkd. Also Peace set mint 32, stamps being unused. Cat. £6. plus.	£3. 10/
Lot 33.	1949/52 set with colour changes till fine used 1¢ to \$4:80 face 43/2 also University FDC and pair mint and mint and used New Constitution. Total 60 stamps all fine used except for 11 mint. Cat. £4. 10/- plus	£3. 10/
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Lot 34.	1879 issue 1d, 3d and 6d unused the 6d being a very fine copy 3 stamps. Cat. £6. 10/	£3.
Lot 35.	Issue 1880 $1/2$ d, 1d and 4d yellow green also 1/- four stamps unused. Cat. £.9. 10/	£4. 10/
Lot 36.	Issue 1882/84 $\frac{1}{2}$ d 1d, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d (2) and 4d yellow green a well centred copy-5 stamps unused. Cat. £13.	£6. 10/
Lot 37.	Issue 1885/94 ½d, 1d used, 4d, 6d, and 1/- 1886 ½d, on 2½d. ½d on	£2. 10/

6d, 2½ on 4d, ½d on 4d used 1/- orange brown and ½ d postage on 4d A fine useful lot of 1 1 stamps 2 being used. Cat. £5. 15/-.

#### **TRINIDAD**

- Lot 38. Issue Queen Victoria 1863/75 1d, 4d, 6d and 1/- used the 1/- has the top £3. 3/- perf. edge cut slightly off. Cat. £8. plus
- Lot 39. 1876 issue 1 (2) 4d and 1/- ovpts. ½d lilac one penny carmine, and \$\frac{\poldage}{2}\$ 1/- surcharge 1d by hand on 6d stamp in red. All used except for 2 stamps. Total 7 stamps. Cat. 45/-
- Lot 40. 1883/4 issue '/2d to I/- used 1896/1900 ½ d to I/- used except 4d both type £ 1. 10/- in the 1d also mint 6d and I/- and mint and used Columbus 19 stamps 4 being unused. Cat. 75/-
- Lot. 41. 1901/3 set 1d 2½d (2) 4d and 1/- few odd values in the 1904/5 set 1906/9 £ 1. 1d, 2'/2d, 4d and 1/- and the 1909 '/2d and 1d Total 15 stamps 6 being unused Cat. 49/-
- Lot 42. A fine lot the 1913/19 ½d to 1/- with shades 192½2 ½d to 5/- with a selection of WARS (24) and Red Cross stamps (3) and 1885 Postage Due set 1d to 8d used 1905/6 1d, 2d, 3d, used and 5d unused-3 official and O.S. ½d, dull green a useful lot 68 stamps-43 stamps being mint. Cat. £8.
- Lot 43. 1922/28 set the 1922/8 4d and 1/- MCA on Script Wmk. '/2d to 5/- 1935/37 to 480 and Jubilee set Mint mainly used total 41 stamps 17 stamps being mint. Cat. £9.

#### Jamaica - Urwick Auction Sale

The Auction sale of May 29th held in London by Messrs. Robson Lowe and Co. disposed of Dr. Urwicks Jamaica collection, which was extremely strong in the pre stamp covers. Throughout the bidding these were very heavily sought after particularly from the American market. Ships letters were also well in demand, and brought good prices. But it was surprising to see that the British Stamps used in Jamaica did not fetch quite as much as was expected. Some of the individual prices realized were as follows:-

Pre Adhesive covers Alexandria 1837 entire sold for £9 10/-While Flint River 1816 cover to London along with another copy sold for £12. Lacovia cover of 1783 showing a very fine strike of the Bishop mark was sold for £20. While two covers from May Hill fetched £10. An entire letter from St. Arms addressed to Scotland sold for Ell. 10/- While Salt Spring an entire letter dated 1790 addressed to London was sold for £28. This is an extremely fine item.

Circular stamps 34 entire letters showing the circular date stamps of most of the main towns along with a map was sold for £45. Ship letters from London to Jamaica with packet letter Jamaica was sold for £22. While an entire from Liverpool-Kingston then to Morant Bay dated 1834 with Morant Bay ship letter was sold for £20. This is a very rare item. While a very fine copy of a letter from Kingston-Scotland showing the unframed commercial rooms Kingston Jamaica was sold for £14. While another cover of 1826 from Kingston-New York with Commercial Rooms in serif capitals was sold for £8. 10/-

In the Great Britain used in Jamaica some of the better items were Grange Hill A 45 1/- green off paper with an RPS certificate realised £29. While a 4d rose A 47 High Gate fetched £.17. A very fine cover of A 48 Hope Bay went for £21.

In the regular issue stamps for Jamaica the 1860 pine apple issue block four mint 1d pale blue was sold for EII, while on piece bisected cancelled A 75 went for R-10. An extremely interesting cover was the bisect on the 2d Tied to a A 30. This was sold for £25. The dollar error in the pine apple sold for £14. A mint set of single CC on the 5/- CA was sold for £15. The Llandovery Falls 1d die proof ultramarine and black went for £26. while the slavery stamp with both wmks. went for £44. A collection of T.R.D. Handstamps from Queen Victoria to the modern George VI varieties was sold for £34.

#### **Reviews**

#### **Specialized Price Catalogue Of Indian Stamps**

Compiled by Jal Cooper, F.R.G.S.

This Handbook has just come to hand of 74 pages on fine white paper and gives an extremely thorough description of all issues along with the prices, which have been mostly from public auctions. This Catalogue also contains the listing of the Hand-struck stamps as well as the China Expeditionary Forces, also the Meter stamps. Any collector or specialist interested in the stamps of India will find this publication of great interest and value. Write to Cleary Bros., 44 Chaffee Ave., New York 65, New York, or to the editor for a copy.

#### **Trinidad Philatelic Review**

This has just been received, and contains 28 pages, with articles on the 1 ¢ Provisional stamps, Royal Tours, the Development of the Post in Trinidad (1851-1953).

This article is interesting, but unfortunately the first part is to be found in the 1953 edition.

Printed on news print, the publication can be obtained by writing to tire Secretary of the Trinidad Philatelic Society, Mr. F. S. Schuler, PO Box 596, Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.

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The Commonwealth Catalogue of Queen Elizabeth stamps 1958, this new edition has the detail listing of all the Queens stamps even for Turks Island, which has not as yet been released, and deals with details on booklets, and varieties. For the specialist this Catalogue is certainly essential. Printed on good art paper, and containing 88 pages. Price is 8/6 plus postage.

#### **Stanley Gibbons Part I British Commonwealth.**

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