

*British Postal Agencies
In Puerto Rico
1844-1877
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A British Postal Agency at San Juan from 1844. On October 24, 1872 further offices were opened at Aguadilla, Arroyo, Mayaguez and Ponce. Naguabo was added three years later.

Great Britain stamps were used from 1865 to 1877. A small number of letters appear to have used the San Juan postal agency between 1866 and 1873 due to various natural disasters and the hostile attitude of the local authorities. All the British Agencies closed on May 1, 1877.



Did you Know?

The British Black Penny was first issued on May 6, 1840.
Sir Rowland Hill is credited for its creation.

The truth is, the mail carriage had problems.
Prior to 1840, letters were given to boat captains.
The receiver was expected to pay for the letters.
As a consequence mail was being refused or not picked up.
Captains were also refusing to deliver the mail.
To rectify the situation Sir Rowland Hill invented the use of
the postage stamp forcing the sender to pay for the letters to
be delivered.

Puerto Rico just as most of the important world ports, was
doing business with the British ships for years.
When the concept of postage stamps was created Puerto Rico
embraced the change



Did you Know?

No real international mail delivery system was available.

In 1844 the British Consular office in San Juan commence to use the system.

At this time Spain was not using any delivery system.

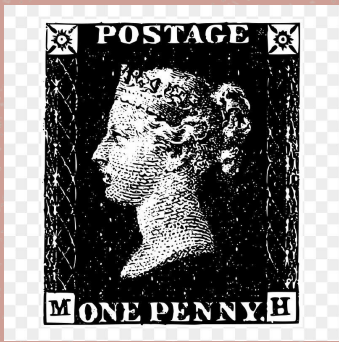
Spain issued its first Stamp in 1850.

Cuba, Philippines and Puerto Rico did not received stamps from Spain until 1856, and local post offices were created.

The British Offices Abroad were controlling the world postal services, After all they created the system that is used till this day.

Stanley Gibbons mention the problems that was promoted between Puerto Rico postal office and the British postal office.

The reality was that Spain was competing with the British and French fleet with no success.



Did you Know?

In late 1872 and early 1873 the british and the local Puertorican authorities negotiated a deal, based on Spain internal disputes. Great Britain recognized five Consular offices in Puerto Rico (Aguadilla, Arroyo, Mayaguez, Naguabo, and Ponce) as the local Puertorican government intent to become self- governing.



582	Noguabo, Porto Rico (since 1874).	A53	Mandreville, Jamaica	C35	Panama, Central America.
942	Larnaca, Cyprus.	A54	May Hill, "	C36	Arica, Peru.
969	Vikosia, "	A55	Mile Gully, "	C37	Caldera, Chili.
974	Baifo, "	A56	Mongeanne, "	C38	Callas, Peru.
975	Famagusta, "	A57	Montego Bay, "	C39	Cobija or Puerto-de-la-Mar, Bolivia.
981	Lamasol, "	A58	Montpelier, "	C40	Coquimbo, Chili.
982	Kyrenia, "	A59	Morant Bay, "	C41	Guayaquil, Ecuador.
998	Platres, "	A60	Ocho Rios, "	C42	Islay, Peru.
A01	Kingston, Jamaica.	A61	Old Harbour, "	C43	Payta, "
A02	Antigua.	A62	Plantain Gr. Riv., "	C51	St. Thomas, Danish West Indies.
A03	Demerara.	A63	Pear Tree Grove, "	C56	Carthage or (C65 error), Colombia.
A04	Herbice.	A64	Port Antonio, "	C57	Greytown or San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua.
A05	Bahamas.	A65	Port Morant, "	C58	Havana, Cuba.
A06	British Honduras.	A66	Port Maria, "	C59	Jacmel, "
A07	Dominica.	A67	Port Royal, "	C60	La Guaiqua, Venezuela.
A08	Montserrat.	A68	Porus, "	C61	San Juan, Porto Rico.
A09	Nevis.	A69	Ramble, "	C62	Santa Martha, Colombia.
A10	St. Vincent.	A70	Rio Bueno, "	C63	Tampico, Mexico.
A11	St. Lucia.	A71	Rodney Hall, "	C64	Vera Cruz, "
A12	St. Kitts.	A72	St. David, "	C79	Hong-Kong (before 1871).
A13	Tortola.	A73	St. Anne's Bay, "	C81	Bahia, Brazil.
A14	Tobago.	A74	Salt Gut, "	C82	Pernambuco, Brazil.
A15	Grenada.	A75	Savannah-la-Mar, "	C83	Rio de Janeiro, "
A18	English Harbour Antigua.	A76	Spanish Town, "	C86	Porto Plata, Dominican Rep.
A25	Malta.	A77	Stewart Town, "	C87	St. Domingo, "
A26	Gibraltar.	A78	Vere, "	C88	St. Jago de Cuba or Santiago, Cuba.
A27	Alexandria, Jamaica	A79	Naval Station till 1871.	D22	Ciudad Bolivar or Angostura, Venezuela.
A28	Annotte Bay, "	A80	" " "	D26	Spanish Mail Packet, St. Thomas.
A29	Bath, "	A81	" " "	D27	Amoy, China.
A30	Black River, "	A82	" " "	D28	Kiung Chow, China.
A31	Brown's Town, "	A83	" " "	D29	Hankow, "
A32	Buff Bay, "	A84	" " "	D30	Hio-go, Japan.
A33	Capelton, "	A85	" " "	D47	Polymedia, Cyprus.
A34	Claremont, "	A86	" " "	D48	Head Quarter's Camp, Cyprus.
A35	Clarendon, "	A87	" " "	D74	Pisco, Peru.
A36	Dry Harbour, "	A88	" " "	D87	Iquique, Peru.
A37	Duncaus, "	A91	Virgin Island (in England after 1867).	E53	Port au Prince, Hayti.
A38	Ewarton, "	A92	Halifax, Nova Scotia.	E88	Colon or Aspinwall, Colombia.
A39	Falmouth, "	A99	Sydney, New South Wales.	F69	Savanilla, "
A40	Flint River, "	B01	Alexandria, Egypt.	F83	Arroys, Porto Rico.
A41	Gagle, "	B02	Suez.	F84	Aguadilla, "
A42	Golden Spring, "	B31	Free Town, Sierra Leone.	F85	Mayaguez, "
A43	Gordon Town, "	B32	Buenos Ayres.	F97	Smyrna, Levant.
A44	Goshen, "	B33	Mauritius.	F88	Ponce, Porto Rico.
A45	Grange Hill, "	B56	Hong-Kong.	G06	Beyrout, Levant.
A46	Green Island, "	B57	" " "	G	Gibraltar.
A47	Highgate, "	B62	" " "	M	Malta.
A48	Hope Bay, "	B64	Seychelles.	S	Stamboul, Constantinople.
A49	Lilliput, "	C	Constantinople.		
A50	Little River, "	C28	Montevideo, Uruguay.		
A51	Lucia, "	C30	Valparaiso, Chili.		
A52	Manchioneal, "				

Questions

Question One:

- How Many stamps would there be in a whole sheet of 1D (Penny) black or red rose?
- Why?



Questions

Question One:

- 240 stamps per sheet.
- 240 Penny's equal one pound



Questions

Question Two:

- What other Country besides Great Britain operated Post Offices in Puerto Rico?
- What cities?



Questions

Question Two:

- France
- San Juan and Mayaguez from 1865-1879



Cancellations used in Puerto Rico

By

British Consular Post Offices From 1844-1876



Questions

Question Three:

- What Postal Service System did Sir Rowland Hill created?
- What system was it copy from?



Questions

Question Three:

- The Great Britain current system in 1840
- It was base on the Roman system establish at that time.



SAN JUAN

CROWNED-CIRCLE HANDSTAMPS

CC1 CC1 SAN JUAN PORTO RICO (R. or Black) (25.5.1844) Price on cover

£650

No. CC1 may be found on cover, used in conjunction with Spanish colonial adhesive stamps paying the local postage.

Stamps of GREAT BRITAIN cancelled 'C61' as in Types 4, 8, 12, 14A or 16.

1865-77.

Z82	1sd. rose-red (1870) (Plate Nos. 5, 10, 15) From	55-00
Z83	1d. rose-red (1857) From	45-00
Z84	1d. rose-red (1864-1879) From	45-00
	Plate Nos. 72, 73, 74, 81, 84, 90, 94, 100, 101, 102, 107, 117, 122, 124, 125, 127, 130, 137, 138, 139, 140, 145, 146, 149, 153, 156, 159, 160, 162, 163, 169, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 179, 180, 182, 186.	
Z85	11sd. lake-red (1870-1874) (Plate Nos. 1, 3) From	70-00
Z86	2d. blue (1858-1869) (Plate Nos. 9, 13, 14) From	60-00
Z87	3d. rose (1865) (Plate No. 4) From	90-00
Z88	3d. rose (1867-1873) From	60-00
	Plate Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.	
Z89	3d. rose (1873-1876) From	60-00
	Plate Nos. 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.	
Z90	4d. vermilion (1855-1873) From	50-00
	Plate Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.	
Z91	4d. vermilion (1876) (Plate No. 15) From	£300
Z92	6d. lilac (1855-1867) (Plate Nos. 5, 6) From	75-00
	Plate Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.	
Z93	6d. lilac (1867) (Plate No. 6) From	75-00
Z94	6d. violet (1867-1870) (Plate Nos. 6, 8, 9) From	70-00
Z95	6d. buff (1872-1873) (Plate Nos. 11, 12) From	75-00
Z96	6d. chestnut (1872) (Plate No. 11) From	50-00
Z97	6d. grey (1873) (Plate No. 12) From	50-00
Z98	6d. grey (1874-1876) (Plate Nos. 13, 14, 15) From	50-00
Z99	9d. straw (1862) From	£300
Z100	9d. straw (1865) From	£375
Z101	9d. straw (1867) From	£200
Z102	10d. red-brown (1867) From	£275
Z103	1s. green (1865) (Plate No. 4) From	£140
Z104	1s. green (1867-1873) (Plate Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7) From	50-00
Z105	1s. green (1873-1877) (Plate Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) From	65-00
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Z89	3d. rose (1873-1876) From	60-00
	Plate Nos. 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18.	
Z90	4d. vermilion (1855-1873) From	50-00
	Plate Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.	
Z91	4d. vermilion (1876) (Plate No. 15) From	£300
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C37 : Caldera (Chile)
 C38 : Callao (Peru)
 C39 : Cobija (Bolivia, since 1884 Chile)
 C40 : Coquimbo (Chile)
 C41 : Guayaquil (Ecuador)
 C42 : Islay (Peru)
 C43 : Paita (Peru)
 C51 : St. Thomas (Danish West-Indies)
 C56 : Carthagena (Colombia)
 C57 : Greytown (Nicaragua)
 C58 : Havana (Cuba)
 C59 : Jacmel (Haiti)
 C60 : La Guaria (Venezuela)
 C61 : San Juan (Porto Rico)
 C62 : Santa Marta (Colombia)
 C63 : Tampico (Mexico)
 C64 : Vera Cruz (Mexico)
 C81 : Bahia (Brasil)
 C82 : Pernambuco (Brasil)
 C83 : Rio de Janeiro (Brasil)
 C86 : Port Plate (Dominican Republic)
 C87 : St. Domingo (Dominican Republic)
 C88 : Santiago (Cuba)
 D14 : Singapore (Straits Settlements)
 D17 : Penang (now Malaysia)
 D22 : Ciudad Bolivar (Venezuela)
 D26 : St. Thomas (Spanish steamboat)
 D27,D28,D29 and D30 : China
 D30 : Hiogo (Japan)
 D74 : Pisco (Peru)
 D87 : Iquique (Chile)
 E53 : Port au Prince (Haiti)
 E88 : Colon (Columbia)
 F69 : Savanilla (Columbia)
 F83 : Arroyo (Porto Rico)
 F84 : Aquidilla (Porto Rico)
 F85 : Mayaguez (Porto Rico)
 F87 : Smyrna (Turkey)
 F88 : Ponce (Porto Rico)
 G06 : Beyrout

From 1858 to about 1865 some British ships carried number cancels; the cancels A79 to A99, B03, B12, B16 to B18, B27 to B30, B56 to B57, B61 and C79 seem to have been used for this purpose, examples: A79-A87; A88 (China), A92 (Halifax, Nova Scotia) and A39 (Sydney, New South Wales).

Other numeral cancels are: B31: Sierra Leone, B53: Mauritius, B54: Seychelles, British Naval Stations in Mauritius and Seychelles: B62 and B64, C29: Jarrow and F89: Savanilla (Colombia).

The cancel C43 was later used on Peruan stamps, I have seen it as late as 1900.

Several British post ams in China and Japan used stamps of Hongkong (see there).

Examples of stamps used abroad:

Stanley Gibbons

Great Britain

Volume 1

Queen Victoria



Specialised Stamp Catalogue



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**British Post Offices Abroad
Aguadilla, Puerto Rico F84
1S Green Plate 12 Z12
Long Cancelation**



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Arroyo





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**British Post Offices Abroad
Arroyo, Puerto Rico F83
4D Vermilion Plate 14 Z20
Long Cancelation**



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Arroyo, Puerto Rico F83
4D Vermilion Plate 14 Z20
1865**



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**British Post Offices Abroad
Arroyo, Puerto Rico F83
6D Grey Plate 14 Z24
Long Cancelation**



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Arroyo, Puerto Rico F83
1S Green Plate 12 Z29
Long Cancelation**



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Mayaguez



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**British Post Offices Abroad
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico F85
1D Red Rose Plate 185 Z33
Long Cancelation**



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**British Post Offices Abroad
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico F85
4D Vermillon Plate 12
1865 Z38**



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Mayaguez, Puerto Rico F85
4D Vermillon Plate 13 Z38
Long Cancelation**



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4D Vermillon Plate 12 Z38
1865**



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**British Post Offices Abroad
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico F85
10D Red Brown Plate 2 Z48
Long Cancelation**



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Mayaguez, Puerto Rico F85
25 Blue 1867 Z51
Long Cancelation



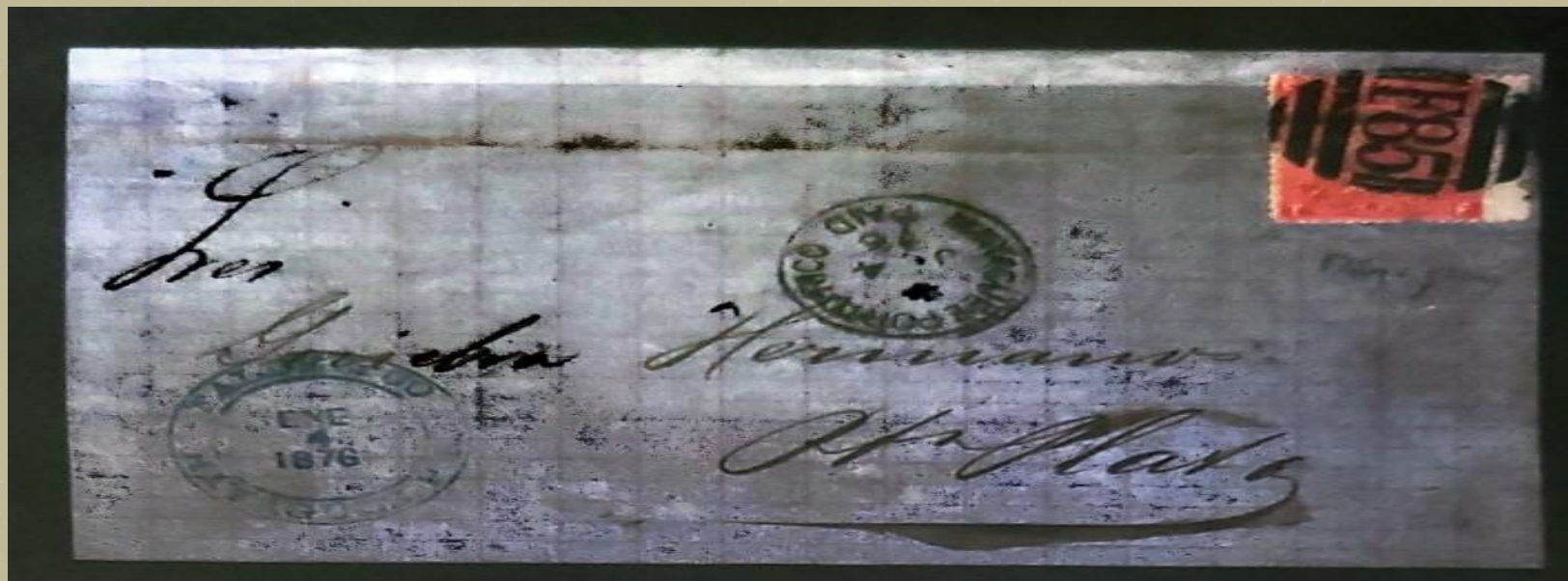
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Letter send from Mayaguez Puerto Rico
On 2/25/1876 to Madame Veune Galas
Chapelle Guillaume La Bazoché Gouet
Eure ET Loir France
Stamp Two 1D Z33 and One 3D Z37
Cancellations PD Postage Due Paid
London Mayaguez Porto Rico 2/25/76
ANGLAMB CELAIS 4/16/76



Letter send from Mayaguez Puerto Rico
On January 4, 1876 to Ginebrar Hermano
Puerto Plata
Stamp 4D Z38 PL. 14
Cancellations Falbe & Co Mayaguez, PR
Cancellation Mayaguez PR January 4, 1876



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Ponce



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Ponce, Puerto Rico F88

Vermillon 4D Pl 12

1865 Z69



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Ponce, Puerto Rico F88
4D Vermillion Plate 14 Z6
Long Cancelation



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Ponce, Puerto Rico F88

1S Green Plate 5

1867 Z78



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**British Post Offices Abroad
San Juan, Puerto Rico C61
1D Red Rose Plate 107 Z84
Fat Cancelation**



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**British Post Offices Abroad
San Juan, Puerto Rico C61
4D Vermilion Plate 12 Z90
Strip of four Fat Cancellation**



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**British Post Offices Abroad
San Juan, Puerto Rico C61
4D Vermilion Plate 14 Z90
San Juan Cancelation**



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San Juan, Puerto Rico C61

4D Vermilion Plate 9 Z90

Fat Cancelation



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4D Vermilion Plate 11 Z90
Fat Cancelation**



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4D Vermilion Plate 11 Z90
Medium Cancelation



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4D Vermilion Plate 11 Z90
Long Cancelation



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San Juan, Puerto Rico C61

4D Vermilion Plate 12 Z90

Fat Cancellation



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San Juan, Puerto Rico C61
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Medium Cancelation



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4D Vermilion Plate 14 Z90
Fat Cancellation



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San Juan, Puerto Rico C61

6D Grey Plate 15 Z98

1873



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San Juan, Puerto Rico C61

10D Red Rose Z102 1867

Fat Cancelation



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San Juan, Puerto Rico C61

10D Red Rose Z102 Plate 1

Long Cancellation



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San Juan, Puerto Rico C61

1S Green Plate 4 Z103

Fat Cancellation



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British Post Offices Abroad

San Juan, Puerto Rico C61

1S Green Plate 4 Z103

Fat Cancellation

Two Stamps Dated Aug. 10, 1868



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