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**BRITISH WEST INDIES**

We are pleased to offer the attractive collections of Bahamas and Bermuda formed by Russell Stern from Sydney.

**Ex Lot 553**

**553** \* A B1 **BAHAMAS:** 1902 KEVII Keyplates MCA 1d to £1 plus 4d & 1/- shades, lightly mounted, Cat £375. (9)

250

**Ex Lot 559**

**559** \*\*/O **BERMUDA:** The mostly mint balance of *Russell Stern's* collection with ranges from all periods to 1970 including KGV Keyplates 2/- x8, 2/6d x6, 4/- & 5/- x4 (one used, with 'PARCEL POST/BERMUDA' cds), KGV Keyplates 2/- x8, 2/6d x10 (one with *Plate Number '1'*, used), 5/- x5, 10/- x2 & 12/6d x3 plus a used selection to 10/-, some 'SPECIMEN' stamps including KGV £1 (creased), 1921 Tercentenary (Second Issue) set & KGV Pictorials five values to 1/- etc, condition variable. (100s)

500

**Ex Lot 563**

**563** \*O - 1918-37 KGV Issues mostly mint including MCA 2/- to £1 plus extra 2/6d 4/- & 5/- x2 and a few minor Keyplate varieties, Tercentenary x2 sets of both issues, Jubilee \*&U, Pictorials mint x2 sets plus 2d & 6d both shades *Imprint Blocks* of 4 and a used set, generally fine to very fine, Cat £1700+. (120 approx)

750

**Ex Lot 564**

**564** \* A B1 - 1918-22 MCA KGV Keyplates 2/- to £1 SG 51b-55, well centred & very fresh, Cat £600. (6)

350

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**Ex Lot 565**

**565** \* A- - 1918-22 MCA KGV Keyplates 2/- & 4/- both with *Broken Crown & Scroll* SG 51bb & 52bb, minor hinge remainders, Cat £525. (2) 300

**Ex Lot 566**

**566** \* A- - 1918-22 MCA KGV Keyplates 2/- to £1 SG 51b-55 overprinted 'SPECIMEN', variable centring & minor hinge remainders, Cat £900. (6) 500

**Ex Lot 567**

**567** \* A- - 1920-21 Tercentenary (First Issue) ¼d to 1/- SG 59-67 overprinted 'SPECIMEN', variable centring & minor hinge remainders, Cat £375. (9) 200

**Ex Lot 568**

**568** \* A/A- - 1924-32 Script KGV Keyplates 2/- x3, 2/6d x12 with a good range of shades, 10/- x5 & 12/6d x3 + perf 'SPECIMEN', and Postal Fiscal 12/6d SG F1 with *per favor* cds, Cat £2000+ (minimum) + SG F1 Cat £1500 with cds dated between February & April 1937. [For the 2/6d group, we recommend personal assessment of the shades] (22) 1,000



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**Ex Lot 571**

**571** \* - 1938-53 KGVI Keyplates annotated pages with 2/- x19 including SG 116 x2, *Line Perf* SG 116b & SG 116f marginal block of 4; 2/6d x12 including *Line Perf* SG 117a & one with *Plate Number '1'*; 5/- x10 including SG 118 118a & *Line Perf* SG 118b; 10/- x9 including SG 119 119a & *Line Perf* SG 119b; 12/6d x11 including SG 120a x2 & SG 120e with *Plate Number '1'*; and £1 x8 including SG 121 & SG 121e; etc, includes a few minor varieties, the earlier printings with some characteristic tropicalisation, generally well centred & very fine, many we checked are very lightly mounted & a few appear to be unmounted, Cat £6500+. A beautiful array of these vividly coloured stamps, that are among the most popular issues of the Reign. [For this & the following KGVI lots, the identifications are as per *Russell Stern's* annotated display pages. There are stamps here that don't obviously conform to the *Gibbons* listings so personal inspection is strongly recommended] (69) 3,000



**Ex Lot 572**

**572** F/V - the companion used group including 2/6d SG 117a x2, 10/- SG 119 on small piece, 12/6d Perf 13 x3, £1 SG 121 & 121e, etc, generally very fine, Cat £2400 (not including several with dubious cancels). (58) 1,000



**Ex Lot 573**

**573** \* A - 2/- x5, 2/6d x8, 5/- x9, 10/- x4, 12/6d x2 & £1 x4, some characteristic tropicalisation of the gum, mostly lightly to very lightly mounted, unidentified printings so Cat £1100++ as the cheapest variants but significantly better than that. Inspection guaranteed to be rewarded. (32) 400



**Ex Lot 574**

**574** \*\* A - another unidentified selection comprising 2/- x3, 5/- x2, 10/- x3 & £1 x2, six are marginal stamps, all unmounted, Cat £350++ as the cheapest variants. (10) 300

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**Ex Lot 575**

<b>575</b>	**	A/B	- 1938 Perf 14 Original Issue 2/- to £1 SG 116-121 perf 'SPECIMEN', the 5/- with rounded lower-right corner, some characteristic tropicalisation of the gum, unmounted, Cat £2000 (for the set of 16, including the Pictorial low values SG 110-115). (6)	750
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**Lot 576**

<b>576</b>	**	A C1	- Ordinary Paper 2/- purple & deep blue/bright blue SG 116d Plate Number '1' pair from the lower-right of the sheet [59-60], the first unit with <i>Upper-Right Scroll Retouched</i> , the second unit with <i>Gash in Chin</i> SG 116de, unmounted, Cat £850++. <i>RPSofL Certificate</i> (1999).	600
577	**	A B1	- Perf 14 5/- pale bluish green & carmine-red/pale yellow SG 118d lower-left corner block of 4, unmounted, Cat £400+.	300

**Lot 578**

<b>578</b>	*	A B1	- Perf 14 10/- green & deep lake/pale emerald SG 119, well centred, minor characteristic tropicalisation of the gum, lightly mounted, Cat £450.	250
579	**	A+ B1	- Perf 13 10/- green & vermilion/green SG 119e lower-right corner block of 4 with <i>Plate Number '1'</i> , unmounted, Cat £200+-. Superb!	250



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**Lot 580**

**580** \* A-C1 - Perf 14 12/6d deep grey & brownish orange SG 120 lower-left corner example, characteristic tropicalisation of the gum, the margins partly separated & rejoined, Cat £550. 240



**Lot 581**

**581** \*\* A C1 - Perf 14 12/6d grey & pale orange SG 120b with *Gash in Chin* SG 120bcf, unmounted, Cat £2500. 1,500



**Ex Lot 582**

**582** \*\*/V A - selection of minor varieties - mostly plated - including 2/- with *Broken Lower-Right Scroll* SG 116ce, 5/- x2, 10/- x2, 12/6d x3 (one with hinge remainder) & one used, & £1 x2, a few are unmounted & a few are used, Cat £1000 approximately. (22) 500

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**Ex Lot 583****583** C/CL

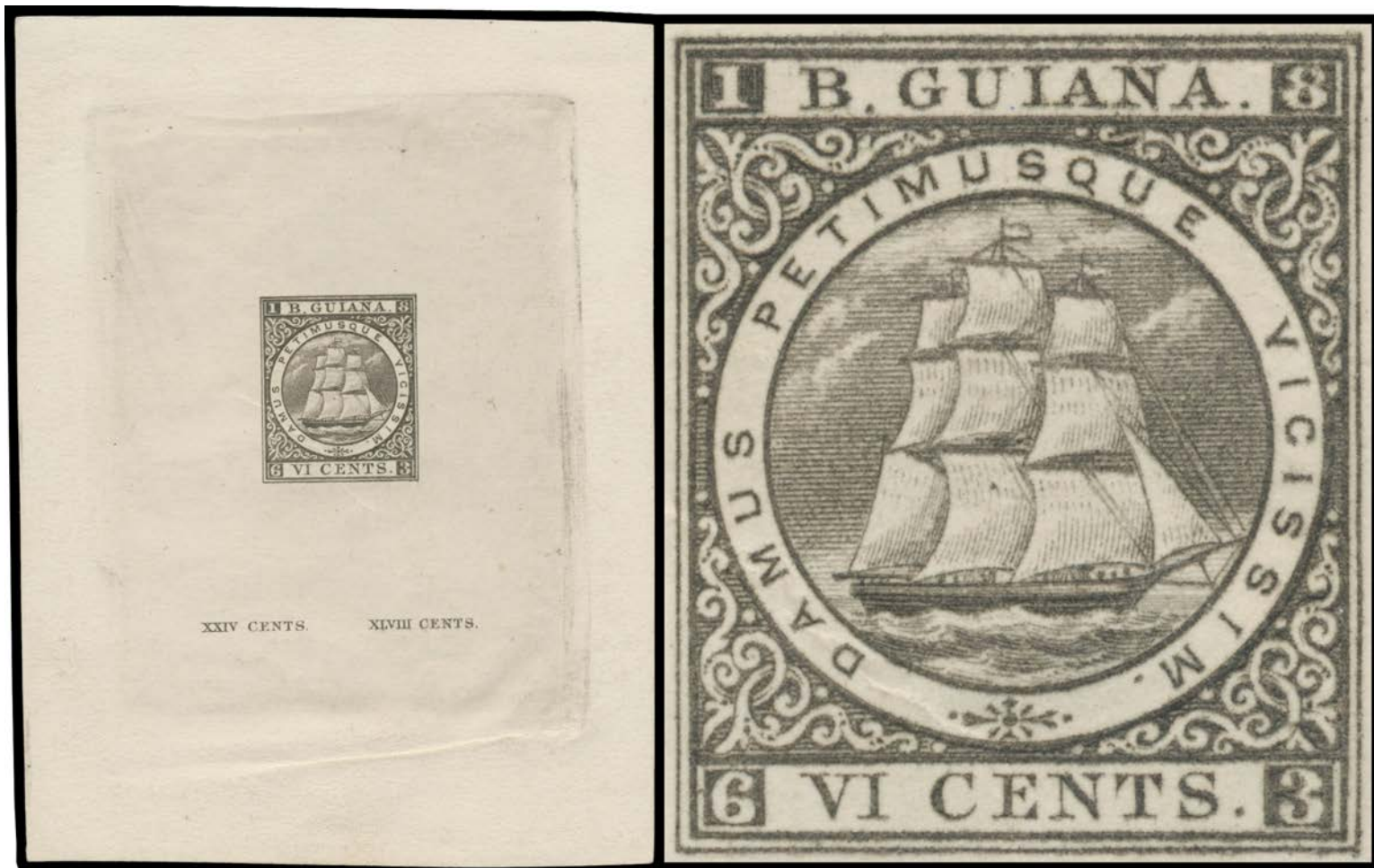
- **POSTAL HISTORY:** A useful range of mostly commercial covers including 1903 PPC to GB with 'ONE/FARTHING' on 1/- grey x4, 1924 usage of US 3c Envelope uprated with 8c Franklin + Bermuda ½d & 2½d x3 and private 'SPECIAL DELIVERY' label, postage due covers including 1938 local cover from 'SOUTHAMPTON EAST' redirected to GB & taxed, 1944 large parcel piece to GB with 'PERMIT FILED' & 'LETTER RATE' handstamps, WWII with 'PASSED BY CENSOR/ 4 /BERMUDA' h/s or similar #8 19 & a superb 20, airmails including 1942-43 four covers to "Punta Arenas/Chile" at the 4/- rate (including registration) & 1942 registered to "Whitfield King & Co/care of British Philatelic Assn" with KGVI Keyplates 12/6d, 1951 to NSW twice returned for additional postage!, etc, also nine PPCs including five *Ethel Tucker* paintings, condition variable but generally fine to very fine. **(49 items)**

600

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**Lot 586**

586 P A

**BRITISH GUIANA:** 1863 New Design 6c 'VI CENTS' die proof in black on thick wove paper (84x112mm) with tablets for the two highest denominations 24c 'XXIV CENTS' & 48c 'XLVIII CENTS' below & exhibiting the outer dimensions of the die. Very fine, unique and of great philatelic importance. *Ex Earl of Crawford and Christies* (London, 24th May 1995). *RPSofL Certificate* (1995) states "creased", which is a ridiculous assertion: the paper has a minor wrinkle below the outer base of the die impression that is wholly incidental to the impression being made and that in no way detracts from the delightful appearance of this wonderful and unique item.

*Townsend & Howe* at page 55 refer to *Sir Edward Bacon's* notations in the *Townsend Collection* regarding *Lord Crawford's* collection: "Die proof in black on stout white paper of 6 cents 1863 with value VI CENTS and below...are die proofs of the labels for the XXIV CENTS and XLVIII CENTS values", a direct reference to the proof offered here.

Excepting a few plate proofs, *John du Pont's* exceptional collection did not include any essays or proofs for the 1860-76 perforated issues. And the formidable British Guiana holdings in the *Royal Collection* lack any die proof for the 6c 12c or 24c in this series. Indeed, considering that this was clearly a "key plate" issue, it seems improbable that completed die proofs for the 24c & 48c were even created, and that the 6c die proof offered here was considered satisfactory for all three values.

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