

Mail to Other Destinations and Inwards Mail

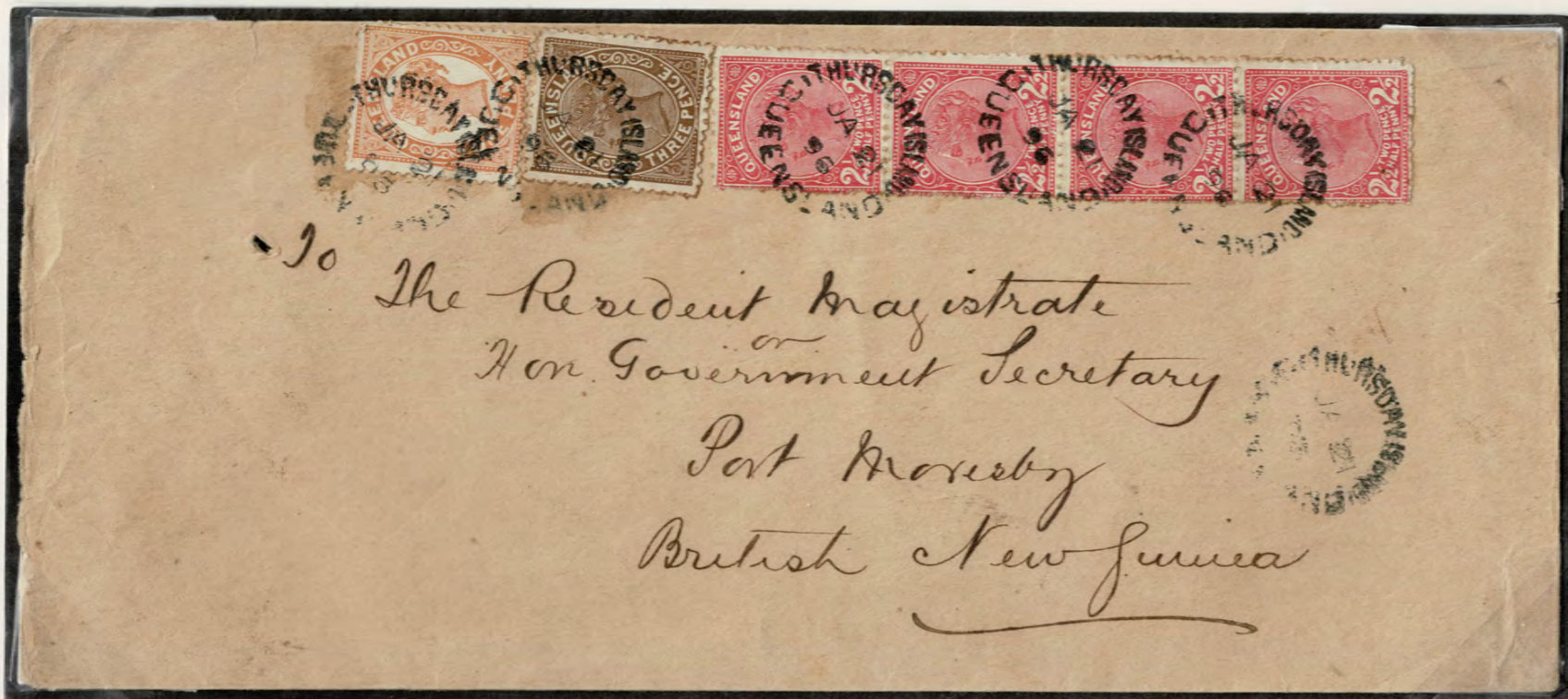


(E) 1898, May 10, Samarai to Lausanne, Switzerland, 2½d single letter rate. →  
 Backstamped Thursday Island 17.5.98 and Lausanne 7.7.98

Sir William MacGregor writing to his wife, whilst on patrol away from Port Moresby. British New Guinea Government House stationery has been used.

← (E) 1893, June 2, Port Moresby to Auburn, Nova Scotia, Canada, single 2½d letter rate. Backstamped Thursday Island 1.7.93, London 31.7.93, Halifax 12.8.93 and Auburn 14.8.93

This is the earliest recorded, of the three original intact Musgrave covers.



1896, January 21, Thursday Island to Port Moresby, seven times 2d letter rate for 3½ oz letter. Intact Red wax Lion seal on back of cover.



1898, July 17, Brisbane to Port Moresby, single 2d letter rate. Backstamped Cooktown 24.6.98 and Port Moresby 1.8.98

Government House Brisbane Crown imprint on cover flap.

QUEENSLAND ADMINISTRATION— Rates Period up to 1906

Surviving mail within the Territory of British New Guinea in this rates period is extremely scarce.

Mail within British New Guinea



(E) 1902, April 13, Samarai to Kumusi, single 2d letter rate. →  
Backstamped Samarai 13.4.02

The KUMUSI arrival date is incorrect  
and should read 3 May 1902 not 3 Mar 1902.

Kumusi Post Office was open from 27 December 1901 until 30 June 1905.

Only two covers are recorded  
with the KUMUSI-BRITISH NEW GUINEA handstamp.



← (E) 1900, February 10, Samarai to Tamata, double 2d letter rate.  
Backstamped Tamata 17.3.00

This is the only recorded local letter to the goldfields,  
in the Queensland period.

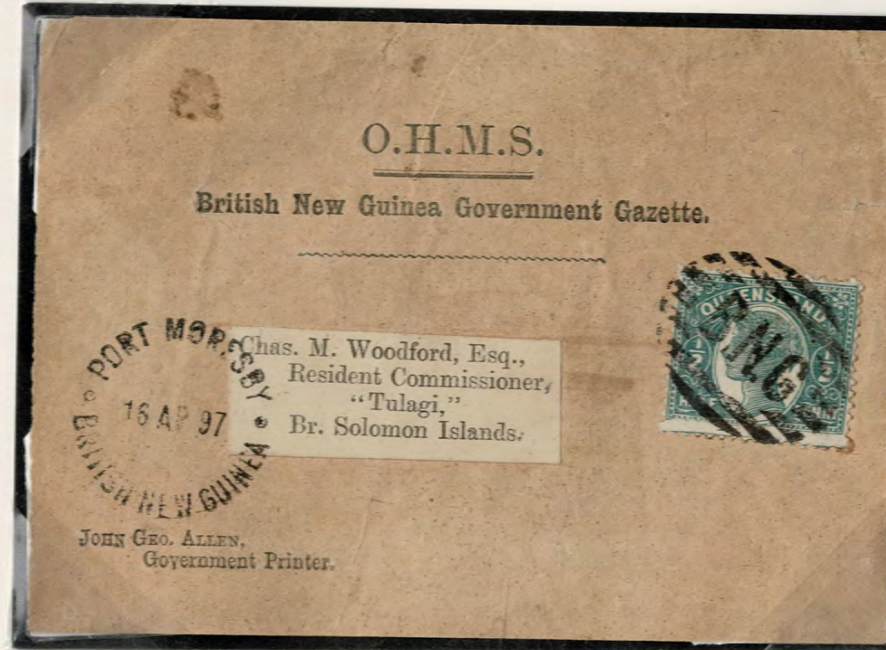
Rare use of the TAMATA B.N.G. cancel as backstamp.



1902, August 6, 1d postcard rate.

4558 cards issued, but very few were correctly used.

SAMARAI BRITISH NEW GUINEA canceller only in use from 2 September 1901 until July 1903.



1897, April 16, Port Moresby to Solomon Islands,  
Newspaper Wrapper front 1/2 d newspaper rate.

Newspaper rate changed to 1d in 1901.



1906, November 13, Tamata to Samarai, large part parcel tag,  
14 times single 2d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.  
Backstamped Samarai 26.11.

Only two surviving examples of commercial usage of the 2/6d adhesive are recorded.

QUEENSLAND ADMINISTRATION – Rates Period up to 1906

Mail to Non British Empire



1906, October 2, Samarai to Washington DC, USA, single 2½d letter rate.  
Backstamped Sydney 22.10.06, Seattle, Wash. 24.11.06, and Washington DC 29.11.06.

Scarce SAMARAI BRITISH NEW GUINEA handstamp only in use February 1906 to October 1906



← 1902, July 2, Port Moresby to Springfield, Mass., USA, double 2½d letter rate + 3d Registration fee (1d overpaid)  
Redirected from Springfield to Boston.  
Backstamped Cooktown 4.8.02, Brisbane 12.8.02, Tecoma Washington 4.09.02, Springfield, Mass. 11.09.02 and Boston, Mass. 11.09.02.



1901, November 7, Port Moresby to Cleveland, Ohio, USA, single 2½d letter rate.  
Backstamped Thursday Island 21.11.01, Brisbane 1.12.01, Vancouver 25.12.01 and Cleveland 30.12.01

Scarce DARU B.N.G. transit handstamp used December 1899 to December 1906



(75% scan of Reverse)  
24 ore of Norwegian postage due stamps



1901, July 12, Woodlark to Solor, Norway, 2½d letter rate (1½d underpaid, probably due to lack of stamps at this small Post Office)  
Backstamped Samarai 18.7.01, Cooktown 22.7.01, Brisbane 9.8.01 and Christiania (Oslo) 10.9.01

15/CTMS/T handstamp indicating only the 1½d underpaid postage (applied at Samarai)  
24 ore (3d equivalent) indicating double deficiency as per UPU Regulations (applied in Norway)

This is the only cover recorded from British New Guinea to Norway



1903, April 24, Samarai to Sydney,  
single 2d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.  
Backstamped Cooktown 30.4.03

Early use of REGISTERED/SAMARAI B.N.G. handstamp

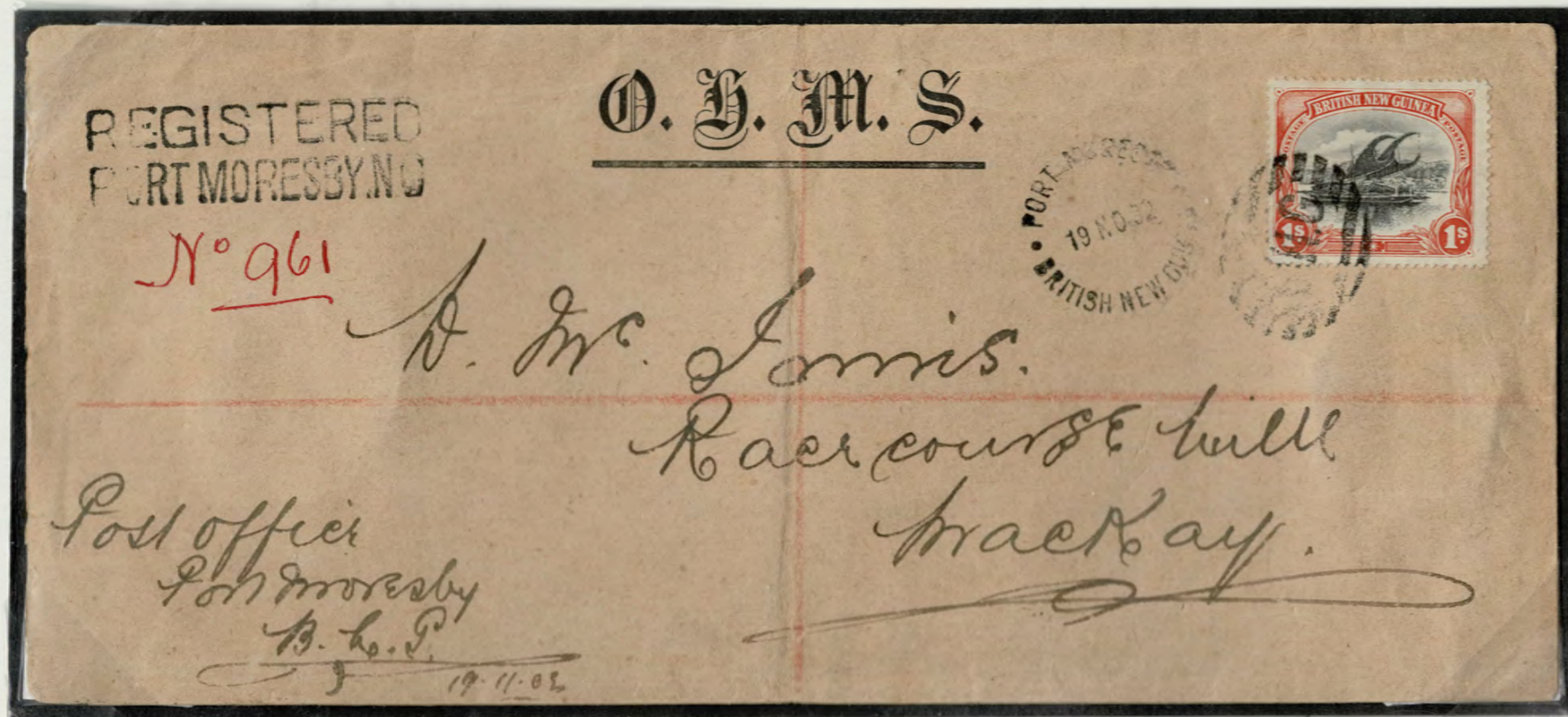
The addressee, Sir Robert Bear was a well known  
purveyor of pornographic material at the time.

← (E) 1902, February 26, Tamata to Sydney,  
double 2d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.  
Backstamped Samarai 12.3.02 and Sydney 24.3.02

Unrecorded wax seal on reverse.  
Crown/MAMBARE/BRITISH NEW GUINEA

This is the earliest recorded cover with the handstamp  
REGISTERED/TAMATA B.N.G.

The postmarking ink is characteristically light  
because of water being added to it.



(E) 1902, November 19, Port Moresby to Mackay, sextuple single 2d letter rate, with no Registration fee payable on official Post Office mail.  
Backstamped Thursday Island 9.12.02, Townsville 16.12.02 and Mackay 19.12.02

Two wax POST OFFICE/crown/GRANVILLE B.N.G. seals



(E) 1901, September 20, Woodlarks to Charters Towers, single 2d letter rate.  
Backstamped Samarai 24.9.01, Cooktown 1.10.01,  
Townsville 6.10.01 and Charters Towers 7.10.01

Contrary to regulation, but possibly due to a temporary stamp shortage,  
the 4d Lakatoi has been bisected to achieve the single 2d letter rate to Australia.  
Incredibly, the other half of the bisect has survived on cover also.

Only six examples of the WOODLARKS B.N.G. handstamp are recorded on cover.

QUEENSLAND ADMINISTRATION – Rates Period up to 1906

Mail to Australia



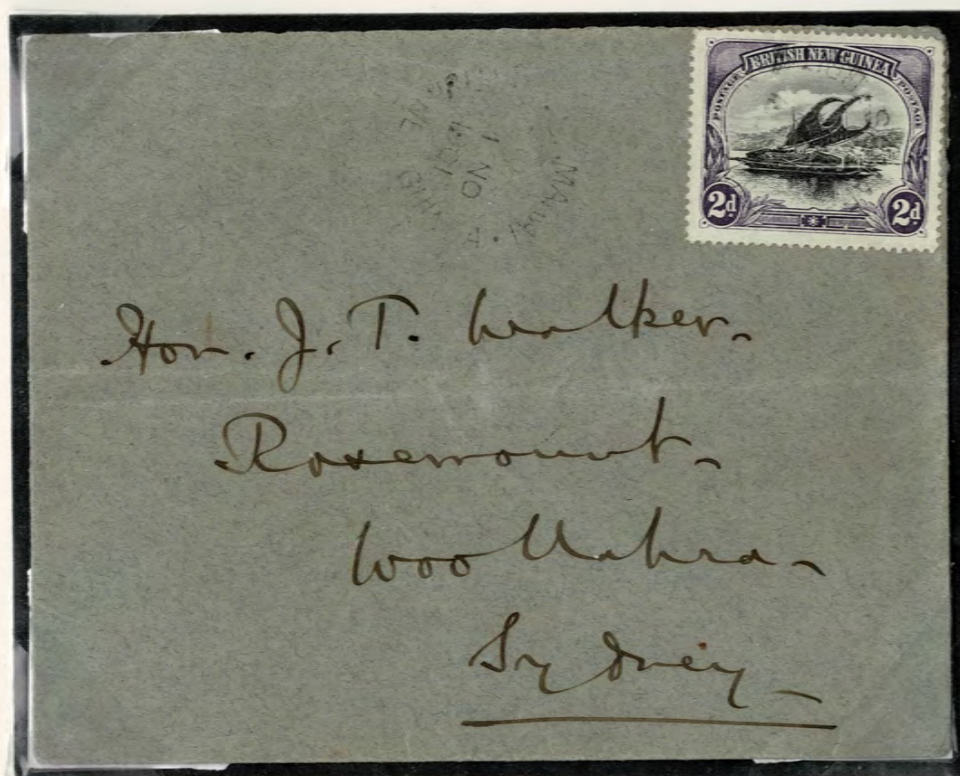
(E) 1903, February 4, Woodlarks to Sydney, New South Wales, single 2d letter rate. →  
Backstamped Samarai 8.2.03, Cooktown 12.2.03 and Sydney 20.2.03

Of the six recorded WOODLARKS BNG cancels, this is the only one with the date stamp inverted.

← 1905, October 2, Port Moresby to Adelaide, South Australia, 1d postcard rate.



SIR ROBERT BEAR,  
PUBLISHER & IMPORTER,  
16 PARK STREET,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.



1901, November 1, Samarai to Sydney, New South Wales, single 2d letter rate.  
Backstamped Cooktown 5.11.01 and Sydney 15.11.01



1906, June 14, Port Moresby to Hawksburn, Victoria, single 2d letter rate.  
Backstamped Cairns 22.6.06 and South Yarra 30.6.06



1901, August 6, Samarai to Collie, Western Australia, single 2d letter rate.  
Backstamped Cooktown 12.8.02, Brisbane 19.8.02, Perth 1.9.02 and Collie Fields 2.9.02

Mail to Non British Empire



1904, December 9, Port Moresby to Wilmersdorf, Germany, 5 times single 2½d letter rate + 3d Registration fee.  
Backstamped Sydney 21.12.04 and Wilmersdorf 25.1.05



1903, September 12, Port Moresby to Polten, Austria, double 2½d letter rate.  
Backstamped Cooktown 17.9.03, Brisbane 24.9.03, Napoli 30.10.03 and Polten 1.11.03

This letter was not Registered at Port Moresby, but may have contained coin, and was therefore Registered at Brisbane, though it then should have been taxed.



(E) 1906, September 6, Samarai to Sollingen, Germany, 1½d overseas postcard rate.

SAMARAI – BRITISH NEW GUINEA canceller was only in use February 1906 to October 1906.



(E) 1906, April 17, Port Moresby to Berne, Switzerland, quadruple single 2½d letter rate.

QUEENSLAND ADMINISTRATION – Rates Period up to 1906

Due to confusion with postal rates, Overpaid and Underpaid mail (usually not taxed) was common in this period

Mail to British Empire



(E) 1906, Port Moresby to Birmingham, England, single 2½d letter rate (overpaid ½d) + 3d Registration fee. →  
Backstamped Cairns 13.7.06, Brisbane 19.7.06, London 25.7.06 and Birmingham 28.8.06



← 1904, June 20, Samarai to Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada, single 2½d letter rate (overpaid ½d)  
Backstamped Cooktown 23.6.04, Brisbane 30.6.04, Vancouver 4.8.04 and Dawson 15.8.04

SAMARAI B.N.G. cancel in use August 1903 until early 1906



(E) 1906, July 10, Samarai to London, single 2½d letter rate.  
Backstamped Sydney 31.7.06 and West Brompton 25.8.06



1905, Tamata to Blandford, England, triple 2½d letter rate (½d overpaid, probably due to the lack of stamps at this small Post Office)  
Backstamped Samarai 19.6.05, Thursday Island 8.7.05, Brisbane 20.7.05 and Blandford 27.8.05

Rare TAMATA B.N.G. handstamp used December 1899 to July 1905.

Mail to British Empire



(E) 1905, January 17, Kalamadau to Dawson City, Yukon Territory, Canada, 1½d overseas postcard rate, (overpaid ½d), (probably due to unavailability of stamps at this small Post Office)  
Samarai 21.1.05, San Francisco 7.3.05 and Victoria BC, Canada 4.4.05 handstamps on face of card.

**R.P.RITHET & CO. LTD, Victoria BC, Canada**  
Forwarding Agent handstamp on face of card.

**Rare KULUMADAU – BRITISH NEW GUINEA**  
handstamp only in use November 1903 to 1 July 1905.



(E) 1902, April 30, Samarai to Spalding, England, single 2½d letter rate + 3d Registration fee (overpaid ½d)  
**REGISTERED SAMARAI B./N.G.** and **REGISTERED LONDON 22 JU 02** on face of postcard.  
Backstamped Cooktown 8.5.02, Brisbane 15.5.02, Peterborough 23.6.02 and Spalding 23.6.02

**SAMARAI – BRITISH NEW GUINEA**  
handstamp only in use September 1901 to July 1903.



1906, November 10, Port Moresby to Hereford, England, single 2½d letter rate.  
Backstamped Brisbane, Pontrilas 29.12.06 and Hereford 29.12.06.



(E) 1906, June 21, Samarai to Blandford, England, redirected to Northumberland, single 2½d letter rate + 3d Registration fee (½d underpaid)  
Backstamped Sydney 18.7.06, London 25.8.06, Blandford 26.8.06, Warminster Newton 26.8.06, Bath 27.8.06, Haselbury Bryan 27.8.06, Newcastle-on-Tyne 28.8.06, and Morpeth 28.8.06.

**Rare SAMARAI – BRITISH NEW GUINEA** handstamp only in use February 1906 to October 1906.  
Proving cover for Samarai as location of use of Oval R handstamp, and earliest date recorded.



1902, February 11, Samarai to Bengali North-West Railway, India, single 2½d letter rate.

Backstamped Cooktown 17.2.02, Brisbane 27.2.02, Tuticorin 20.3.02 and Dalaiugh-Sarai 24.3.02  
Addressed by the Anglican Bishop of Port Moresby, Montagu John Stone-Wigg