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1858	<p>The only information in the Blue Book related with the post is the name of the 'Deputy Post Master', Mr. Hastings C. Huggins. He was also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker of the Assembly, Appointed 15 October 1858, no salary. • Coroner. Appointed 1 June 1841, salary of £ 12 • Notary Public. Appointed 29 September 1839, no salary • Queen's Counsel. Appointed 13 May 1853, no salary • Deputy Post Master. Date of first appointment 29 September 1839. From 22 November 1857 with an annual salary of £ 60 from Revenue collected. • Secretary to Loan Commission. With a salary of £ 20 • Justice of the Peace. With other 8 members one of them was John Maynard, no salary • Member of the Board of Health. No salary. • Member Asylum Commissioner. No salary. 	FB	Blue Book																					
	<p>We learn also that Hastings Huggins was absent from the island two months. Another Huggins was President of the 'Road Department Commissioners'. In the section 'Return of Offices' under 'Nature of Security' the names of his Sureties were John Arthurton and Rev. Walter Pemberton, 'in discharge the duties of his office faithfully', but no sureties are shown. [The list of officers is listed at p. 83, and the charges of Mr Hastings are described at p. 80, 104, 92, 102, 94 (Deputy Post Master), 122, 106, 124, 128.]</p>	FB	Blue Book (CO 187/32) 1858.																					
1859	Huggins was again Deputy Post Master (96). Appointed 23 (sic) November 1857 with an annual salary of £ 60 from Revenue collected. The Sureties are John Arthurton and Rev. Walter Pemberton with a Surety of £ 300.	FB	Blue Book (CO 187/33) 1859																					
1860	The 'Deputy Post Master' is now Joseph Liburd (also written Lubund) appointed 9 August 1860 under President A. Rumbold Brunet, with a annual salary of £60 from Colonial Treasury without Securities, " ... whether the Principal be allowed a House for his personal Residence; or what Allowance if any, for House rent or Quarters". Also £24 were allowed for rent of office and purchase of materials. Liburd was first appointed under Colonial Government in 1832.	FB																						

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1861			
	<p>... for the first time we have notice of postage stamps, that seem to have been ordered, as already known, under Mr. Musgrave, Administrator at Nevis in October 1860 till April 1861, when he has been appointed to St. Vincent. But at the end of 1861 there was no money to pay the stamps ordered to Nissen and Parker. No other information concerning stamps can be found in the 1861 files.</p> <p><i>[Musgrave, Sir Anthony (1828-1888), colonial administrator, son of Antonio M., M. D., of the island of Antigua. Was born in 1828. He acted as private secretary of Mr. Mackenzie when governor-in-chief of the Leeward Islands in 1850-51. In the latter year he entered as a student at the Inner Temple, but was never called to the bar. He was appointed treasury accountant at Antigua in 1852, and colonial secretary there in 1854, administrator at Nevis in October 1860 and at St. Vincent's in April 1861, (omissis). Afterward he etc. etc]</i></p>	FB	
	<p>In October at a meeting of the problem of the conveyance of mail is again discussed: 'Legislative Council held at the Court House on Thursday the 10th day of October 1861 are present George Webbe, Walter Maynard, George Webbe Daniell, Revd. S. H. Pemberton, George Sam Wattley. The minutes of the last day meeting were read and confirmed: Governor in Chief in the usual way. By Command Geo Saw W Wattley (?) - Col Sec, Clerk of Crown Council Chamber, Oct. 10 1861 - Signed by George Webb, Walter Maynard, J. H. Pemberton, William Scott A true copy - (signed C. Casins (?)) - Clerk of Assembly</p>	FB	
1863			
	<p>On the 1 April 1863 a reduction was made in the rates of postage on letters conveyed by private ships between the U. K. and the Colonies in the West Indies, the Cape of good Hope, Natal, St. Helena and Ascension. For all the West Indies the rate is reduced from 6d to 3d, and for the other destinations from 6d to 4d. Unfortunately for Nevis the reduction was useless. Actually it seems that very few private ships were bound to Nevis, never taking letters.</p>	FB	
1866			
	<p>In the list of public charges still appear Liburd as post master (page 80), but after his charge it is not written, as usually, the number of the page in which it appears. Actually in 1866 there is a new post master: as 'Deputy Post Master General' (page 92 and 93) is now John Beaujedo Brown, appointed by President Maynard with a salary of £ 84 paid by Colonial Treasury. It seems also that for a short time another post master, O'Daniel, was temporarily on charge. 'For the faithful performance of the duties of his Office' there is a 'Sureter', John Alexander Iles with a surety of £ 100 (Page 169).</p>	FB	
	Population in 1866 M 4734, F 5088	FB	<i>Blue Book</i>
1868			
	'the rates of postage are ordered by Imperial Statutes' and 'the Post Master is paid by the Colony'.	FB	

London, 19 April 2001. Exhibit at the Royal Philatelic Society

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	<p>(page 81) - Brown John B., was Barrister at Law, Post Master, and Clerk to Legislative Assembly.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="256 241 1161 309"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="256 241 571 271">Office</th> <th data-bbox="571 241 885 271">Name</th> <th data-bbox="885 241 1161 271">date of appointment</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="256 271 571 309">Postmaster</td> <td data-bbox="571 271 885 309">John Beaujedo Brown</td> <td data-bbox="885 271 1161 309">1866</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>annual salary £ 40. Remarks: the actual salary with allowances assigned to the Post Master is £ 84, but by reason of his subsequent appointment to the Clerkship of the Executive Council, on the Legislative Assembly the amount has been commuted to £ 40 0 0. The Surety is S. W. Washington, £ 300 (page 188)</p>	Office	Name	date of appointment	Postmaster	John Beaujedo Brown	1866	FB	
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	Brown J. B. has the charge of Executive Council and Legislative Assembly, and Post Master with a salary of £ 40 as Post Master and £ 100 as Clerk (page 60).	FB							
	In this year, for the first time, appear in the list of the public clerks the function of 'Mail Contractor between Nevis and St. Kitts', one R. Scarborough (appointed by McKenzie in 1867) with a salary of £ 30 paid by the Colonial Secretary. He was also 'Peer Keeper' wit a salary of £ 24.	FB							