



GILBERT-AND-ELLICE-ISLANDS STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY

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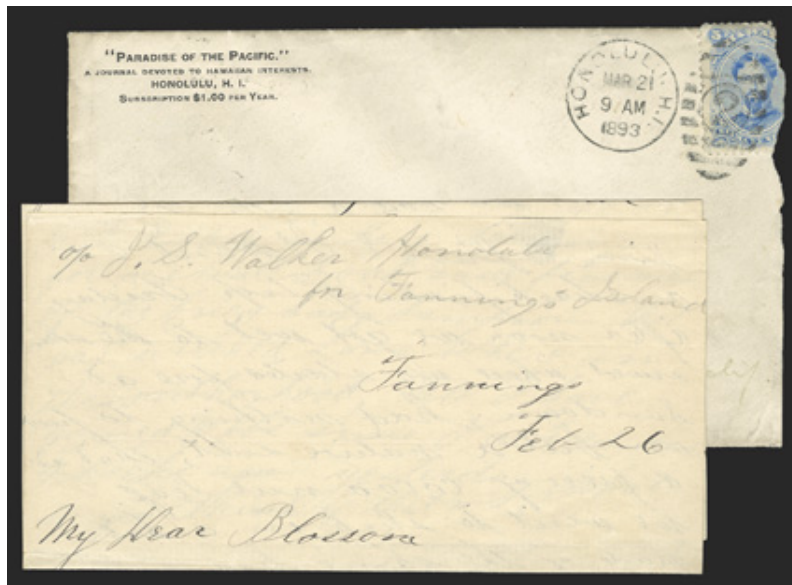


Figure 1: 1893 Fanning/Feb 26 date-line on two page letter to San Francisco mailed in a cover with Paradise of the Pacific corner card, entered the mails with Hawaii 1882 5c Ultramarine (Scott #39) tied by "Honolulu, H.I./Mar 21, 1893" duplex postmark, backstamped upon arrival in San Francisco, cover roughly opened at right damaging the stamp, otherwise fine; by far the earliest recorded letter from Fanning Island, the next earliest being dated 10 January, 1903. Est. \$300-400 SOLD for \$325.00, Spink Shreeves, March 12 Collector's Series.

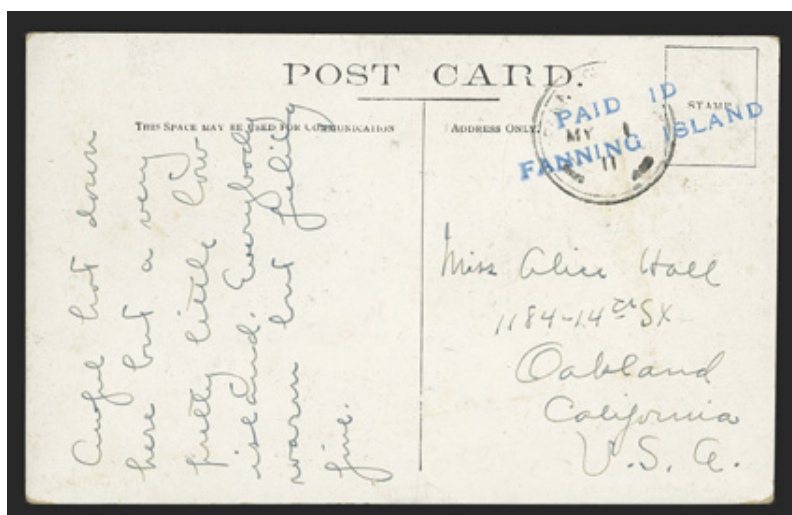


Figure 2: 1893 PAID 1D/FANNING ISLAND bold blue two-line handstamp on picture post card of English Harbour, Fanning Island with the Brig "Galilee" at the wharf, partial "Fanning Island/May 1, 11" postmark, very fine and scarce; in 1911 there was a shortage of New Zealand 1d stamps for the mails due out on 26th June, so this special handstamp was created and used on about 50 covers and cards. Est. \$400-500 SOLD for \$650.00 Spink Shreeves, March 12 Collector's Series.

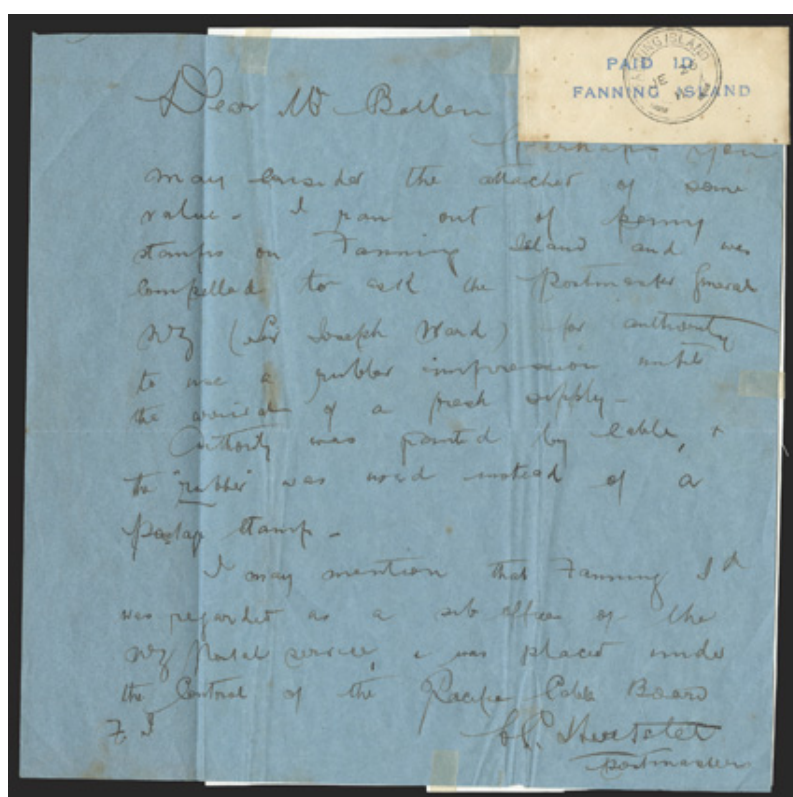


Figure 3: 1810 PAID 1D/FANNING ISLAND bold blue two-line handstamp on top right corner clipped from a cover and sent as an enclosure by the Fanning Island postmaster, accompanied by his letter to the recipient which reads: "Dear Mr. Bullen, Perhaps you may consider the attached of some value. I ran out of penny stamps on Fanning Island and was compelled to ask the Postmaster General N.Z. (Sir Joseph Ward) for authority to use a rubber impression until the arrival of a fresh supply. Authority was granted by cable & the "Rubber" was used instead of a postage stamp. I may mention that Fanning Id. was regarded as a sub office of the N.Z. postal service, & was placed under the Control of the Pacific Cable Board. F.I. C.P. Hertslett, Postmaster." Mr. Hertslett was Postmaster from 7 March, 1911 until 30 June, 1913 and again from 23 October, 1915 until 20 February, 1918. Est. \$400-500 SOLD for \$650.00. Spink Shreeves, March 12 Collector's Series.