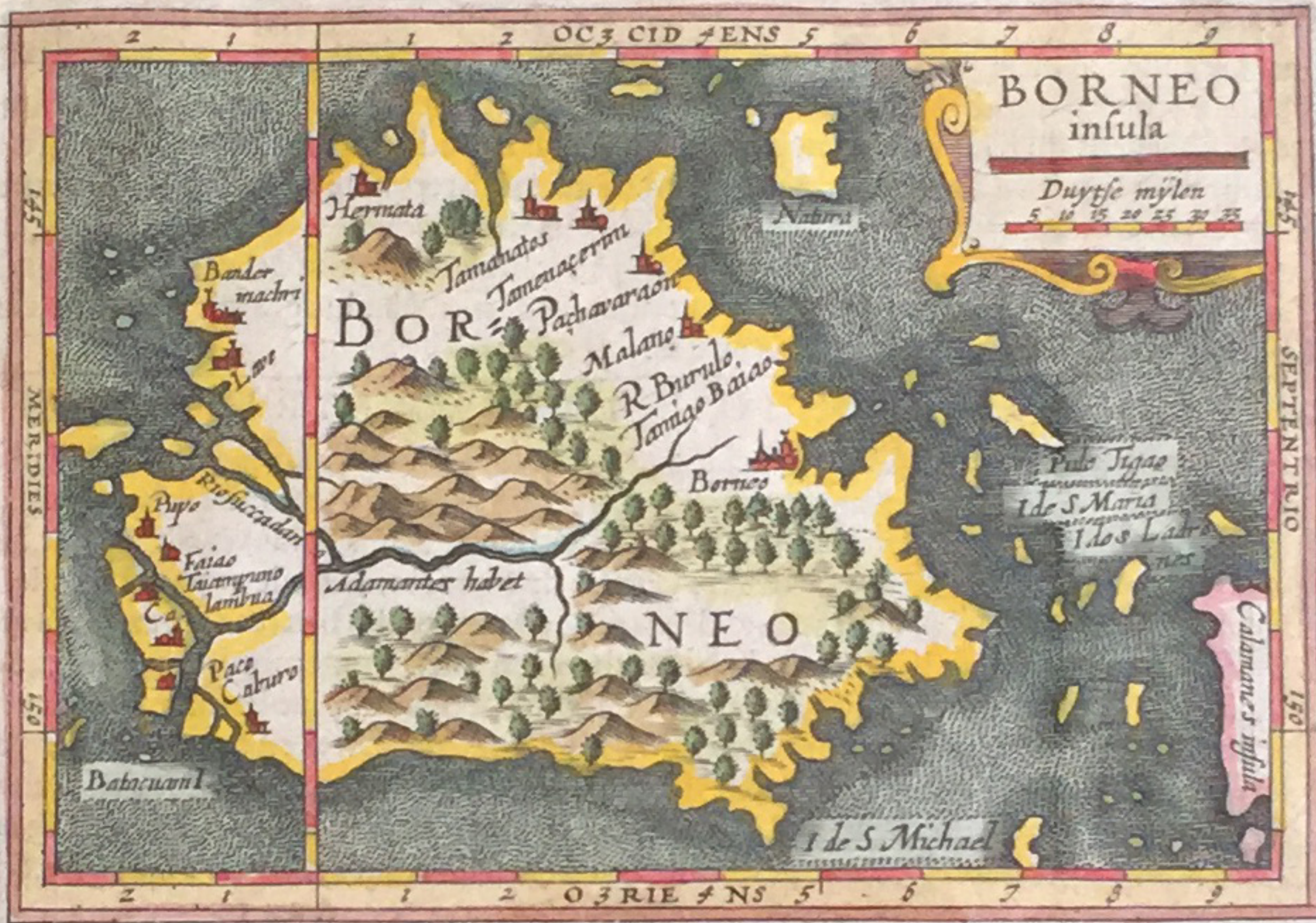


DESCRIPTION DE L'ISLE DE BORNEO.





Hill fort & Sun
C + H

Sultans Creek
Pittsboro - N.C.









1888-1892 HIGH VALUES

\$1 red.



Scarce imperforate block of 4.



ELOPURA.
22.1.84 - 18.4.85



Imperf block but 'Printer's waste'.



Printer's waste?



Lithographed : Blades, East & Blades
Engraved : T. Macdonald



1888-1892 'POSTAGE & REVENUE'

The British North Borneo Company had been losing money due to avoidance of Revenue Duties. In 1886 they authorised the use of postage stamps for the payment of revenue.

Up to this time the low values had borne only the inscription 'POSTAGE' while the high values were for 'Postage & Revenue'.

This new set was ordered with the inscription 'POSTAGE & REVENUE' on all values.



Scarce ELOPURA postmark.



GAYAH.

Usage: 4.3.98 – 8.11.99



GAYAH B.

Usage: 29.8.86 – 6.6.97



SANDAKAN.

14 bar K2 State 2.

Usage: 19.12.91 – 26.8.93

Miss-placed perfs & imperf to left.



SANDAKAN.

K2 State 2.

Usage: 19.12.91 – 26.8.93



SPECIMEN set of three.

*Lithographed: Blades, East & Blades
Perforations: 14 using a single line machine.
Engraved: Thomas. Macdonald*

1889 HIGH VALUES

The \$10 brown value.

Although available for postal use, their main usage was for revenue purposes.



Used SANDAKAN squared chop.



A scarce imperf pair.



Rare used imperf SANDAKAN.



A scarce corner block colour trial in orange.

*Lithographed : Blades, East & Blades
Perforations : 14 and 12 across centre
Engraved : T. Macdonald*

1891 6c on 10c PROVISIONAL

As from 24th June 1891, the ½oz letter rate was reduced to 6c for all mail to overseas countries, as was the registration rate.

There being no 6c value in the current issue, the demand for this value was immediate.



Pair with Sandakan 19 bars type K4.



Mail rate effective 1st July 1895 : 10c letters per ½oz + 8c for registered mail to foreign countries.

Total required for Germany : 18c. This cover was under-paid 2c.

Additional postage due at twice the under-paid amount – shown in green on reverse.

Cover posted : Sandakan 28th April 1896.

Arrival : Frankfurt, 13th June 1896.

SILAM POST-OFFICE CANCEL

On 1894 3c.

Silam, a small settlement on Darvel Bay on the East coast, was one of the first in what became British North Borneo. It was established in 1881 as the site of the Government experimental agricultural station about 10 miles north-west of Lahad Datu.

As Lahad Datu grew, so the importance of Silam diminished. In December 1895 the Post Office was moved from Silam to Lahad Datu.



Silam Lion

"SILAM POST OFFICE
B N BORNEO"

*Lahad Datu
K1 (27.5.97-
6.12.97)*



1886 1c blue



1894 8c black and
dull purple.



1895 10c provisional

This is possibly the largest block known like this.

No dated cancels were used, the top letter of each bundle of outgoing mail probably being cancelled with the Postmaster's official cancel.

Issued stamp : 1894 3c palm

1895 PROVISIONALS

PRINTER'S ESSAYS OF OVERPRINT

The 1894 pictorial 18c value was used to trial overprints to be used for the 1895 provisionals.

Although criticised, there was a genuine need for them.

The June 1895 provisionals were finally issued on the 1894 \$1 only.



1894 issued 18c



1894 issued \$1



1895 4c/\$1



1895 40c/\$1

The issued provisionals were a composite of the '4' from row 2, and the 'CENTS' from row '5'.

The issued values were: 4c, 10c, 20c, 30c and 40c.

1897 PICTORIALS USAGE

*Three of the scarcest postmarks of British North Borneo.
Only a few Labuk & Sugut postmarks are recorded, and only one cover.*



17 NO(V)



Type D2
18.1.00 – 8.8.00



17 MAY



6.5.03 – 2.11.07



15.2.02 – 19.10.09



Late letter.

1901 – 1905 BRITISH PROTECTORATE

USAGE OF 'BRITISH PROTECTORATE'

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MEMPAKUL POSTMARK USAGE

Mempakul was situated on the shore of Brunei Bay opposite Labuan.
Mail are known from 29 September 1896 to 6 February 1908.

*This item carries the earliest recorded example of this cancel (Type D3).
Recorded usage from 15.2.1902 - 6.2.1908.*



Postmark above is Type D2. Usage 29.9.1896 - 9.11.1900.



*Posted : Mempakul 15 February 1902. Transit : Labuan 18 February 1902
Arrival : New York 30 March 1902.*

*Posted from the Government Radio Operator at Mempakul to New York.
The Imperial mail rate effective 1 September 1895 was 10c per half oz. to UPU countries.
Stamps : Labuan 1900 4c North Borneo British Protectorate overprint 1901 2c.*

Stamped on reverse.

The Proprietor, Holden,

Box 8, Sta: N.,

New York. n.y.

United States, —

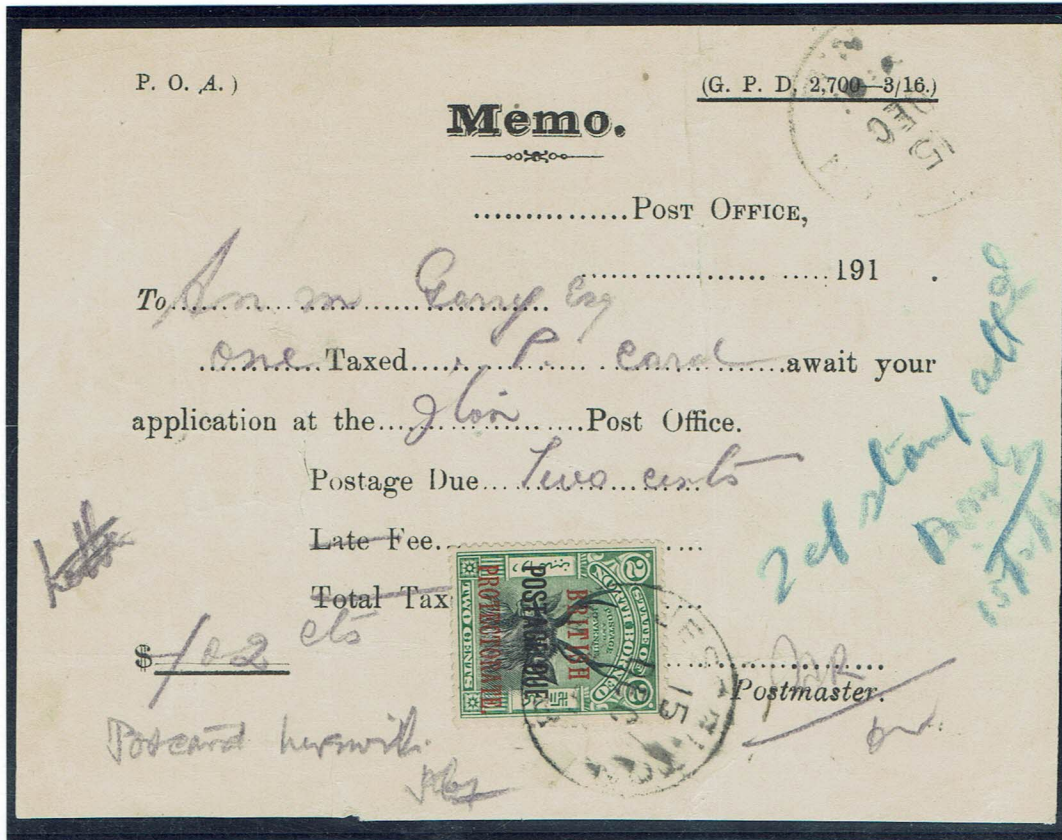
America.

POSTAGE DUE.

MEMO SLIP

A 1916 Postage Due 'Memo Slip' with a 2c Postage Due stamp fixed and tied with a Jesselton cds. The memo indicates that a taxed postcard had arrived at Jesselton Post Office for the addressee.

Other manuscript and initials state that the memo had had a Postage Due added and that the postcard had actually accompanied it. This is an extremely uncommon item.



Memo Slip : 15 December 1901.



Used copy of scarce POSTAGE DUE at top.



A block of the scarce 'POSTAGE DUE at top'.



Mint copy of normal POSTAGE DUE in middle.

THE POSTMARK - MEMPAKUL

Mempakul was situated on the shore of the Kaleas River which flows into Brunei Bay opposite the island of Labuan.



1889 1/2c magenta.



1892 1c orange.



1889 5c grey.



1894 1c. & 2c.



7 Bar cancel (type 2).
Usage: 3.8.97 - 8.3.98



1901 Brit. Prot. 1c & 2c.



1897 8c.



1887 8c.



1909 10c.



D2 (29.9.96 - 9.11.00).
Cut to right may indicate it is
from an imperf pair.



D3 (15.2.02 - 19.10.09).

7 Bar chop first acknowledged date: 3 Aug 1897.
Last date: 8 Mar 1898.
Mempakul later became Menumbok.