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Welcome to Newsletter #4, This time we are featuring postal rates from Fiji, Gambia and the British Virgin Islands. You'll also find published mail volume rates as published by the Universal Postal Union.

You can also have a sneak peek at a maritime photograph collection and some items from a recent acquisition of Western Australia Railway stamps .

Our biggest news - until now we have been adding mostly covers. With so many requests for revenue stamps, perfins, other back of the book material, and, well, stamps, the decision has been made to scan them in and add them to the website. For those who have visited Zirinskystamps, you know that 'it will take a village' to get them all on. So troops, visit us every couple of weeks to see what gets posted.

And, yes, requests will push your interests to the front of the queue.

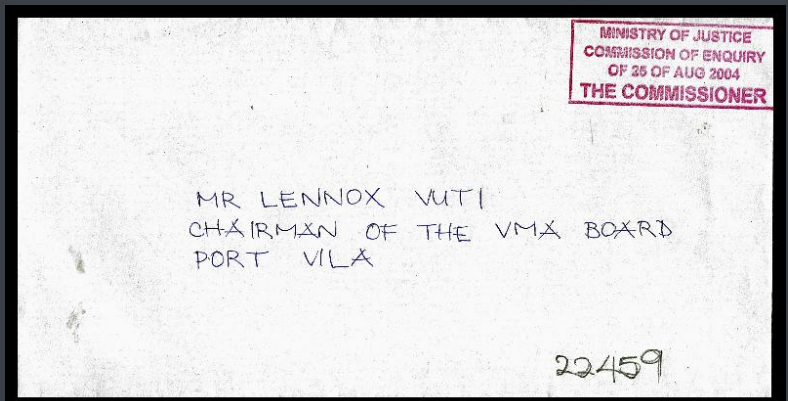
Finally, I've posted a link to my blog where you'll see discussion on unexpected postal current events- please add your comments and join the thread....or create a new one.



I look forward to your input.

Current Events in Today's Postal Markings-Vanuatu

Free Frank describing a political incident.



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Postal Rate Information-More Rates

We now have local and international rates for the [British Virgin Islands](#), [Gambia](#) , and [Vanuatu](#). plus more.

Postal Rate Information - Fiji

I am highlighting Fiji postal rates because getting current rates has been so hard to do. Some of this info looks as if it preliminary or a work in progress. But here it is any way.



This chart became available due to a domestic (not international)rate increase on 17 December 2012 from 20c to 40c. See [Fiji Postal Rates December 2012](#). This was the same day that Cyclone Evan hit with 290 KPH winds (gulp!). I dont think there were many covers posted on the day as everything was shuttered.

New Feature- Mail Volume Statistics

If you want to know the mail volume of a country for the past five years, we have now included that feature (courtesy of the UPU) in the "Studies, Articles and Monographs" section. [Cayman Islands](#), [Kiribati](#), [Papua New Guinea](#), [Samoa](#), [St. Lucia](#) and [Malawi](#) are just some of the countries included. [Check it out!](#)