



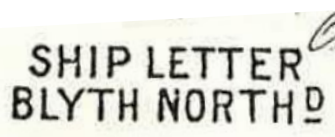
ISLANDS *Kontakt*

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Blyth is at the river Blyth 15 miles north of Newcastle Upon-Tyne on the east coast of England. Just south of the Scottish/English border.

1. Robertson (E.19) mention a round ship letter cancel (E.18/B s.2) and show the proof from the dispatch-book entry 17th November 1880, but his remarks is "Use at present unrecorded".
- 2.



Robertson (s.1) indicate the use 1903 to 1913 but Hoskin (9D¹) and Mike Dovey² indicate: "The Two Line Cancel: SHIP LETTER / BLYTH NORTH HD - 2 line cancellation from 1903 and, although it was rarely used, it lasted until 1920"³. Shilling indicate a use from 1901 until 1933. Mike Tuttle indicate 1903 until 1926 with an addition, that a part of the cancel is known at 25 aur airmail stamp from 1934⁴.

The "ordinary recorded use" must be between 1903 and 1922 (perhaps 1926) – but there can be later use.

3. "NORTHUMPERLAND" (NH)



Without time but "letter" – in 1903 until 1. May 1903?

¹ 4th edition by Mike Dovey & Keith Morris(2010)1903-1922

² <http://www.tpo-seapost.org.uk>

³ He show at tpo-seaport a letter from 1922 – so that i the correct year

⁴ Rapport # 167 - <http://www.islandssamlarna.se/Rapport%20167.pdf>

4. Shilling include (B 74):



Seen used in 1906 on mail from Iceland – see below – but it is in fact a part of a rather common duplex postmark⁵.



5. Also seen as a separate postmark in 1906 and 1911 – with time



6. Twin circle with a fat arc and a cross (MK), indicated used from 1908 until 1922 (+?).



⁵ See Dr J T Whitney: Collect British Postmark, Second edition 1980 from page 22 and the actual on page 31

Ship	departure	From	Arrival date and cancellation	To	Remarks
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1903

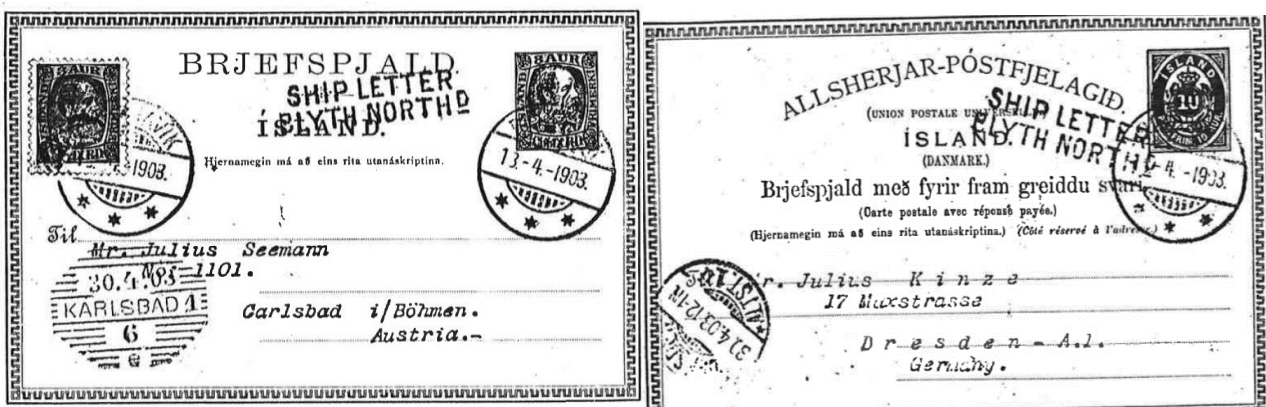
	13.04.1903	REYKJAVIK	No.2 1. May?	BLYTH	And to Nederland, Austria and Germany
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It is "a day" with many examples – and most of them are from the same campagne:



Two 1903 Ship Letter Blyth North D, from Reykjavik 13 April 1903 to "The Hauge". No text on the back.⁶

And the same type righter.



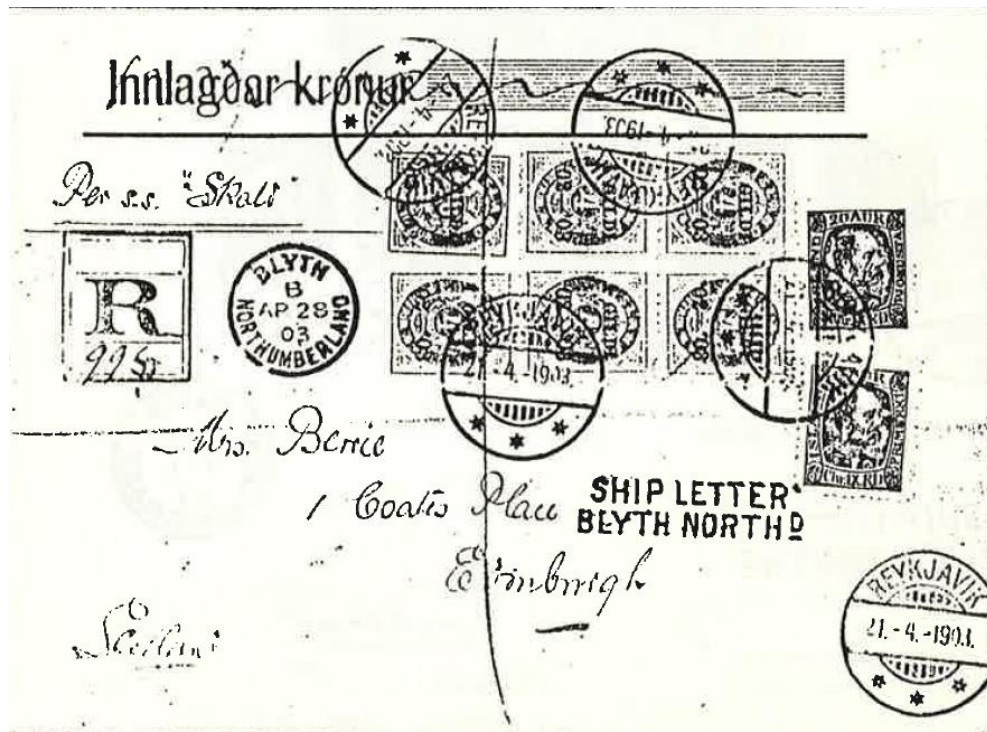
The next one is bad – but it is what I have:

⁶ The first one has been described as from 1908 – then the franking is insufficient – and it is 1903.



I cannot find any ship going from Iceland on 2 April or before the next ship "SKALD". SS SKALD came to Reykjavik 7 April: "Gufuskiðið Skald kom hingað frá Englandi A fimtudag með timbur og kol til B. Guðmundssonar"⁷. The departure is not mentioned.

SKALD	21.04.1903	REYKJAVIK	28.04.1903 No.2 and NH	BLYTH - Leith is indicated	5KR.
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⁷ "Steamship Skald came here from England on Thursday with wood and coal B. Gudmundsson"

SCHWEI- GAARD	01.05.1903 Maybe also 30.04.1903	REYKJAVIK		BLYTH	2KR
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"Gufuskiptið Schweigaard (hvalabátur) kom frá Patreksfirði á sunnudaginn og fór aftur vestur í gær."⁸ It was a transport ship for a whale station – not a whaleboat itself.



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⁸ "Steamship Schweigaard (whaleboat) came from Patreksfirði on Sunday and went back west yesterday."

⁹ Build 1883 – wreck on 5 November 1916.

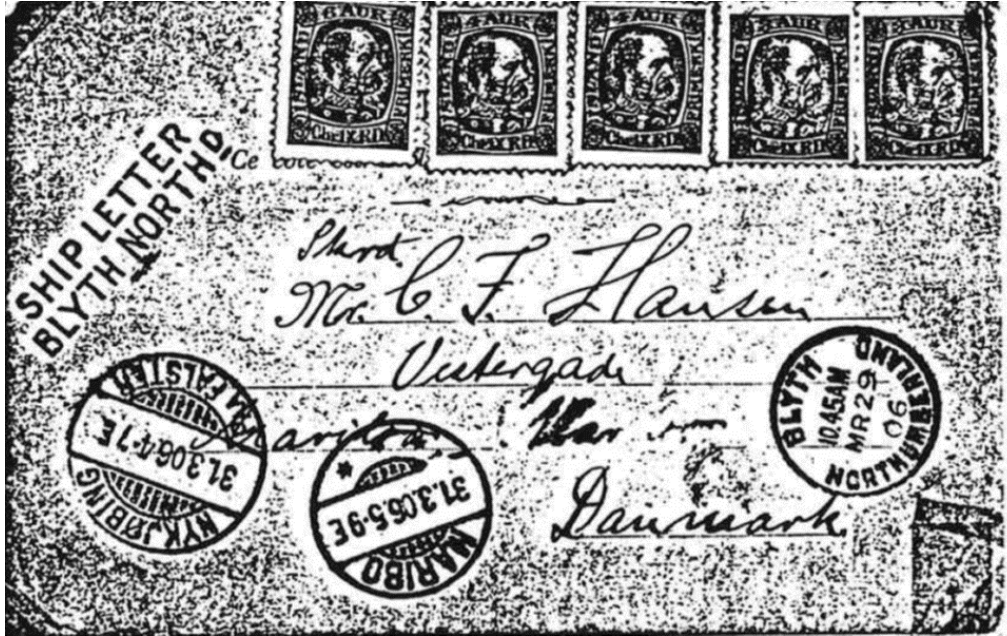
MINERVA ¹⁰	05.05.1903	REYKJAVIK	11.05.1903 No.2 and NH	BLYTH	1KR.
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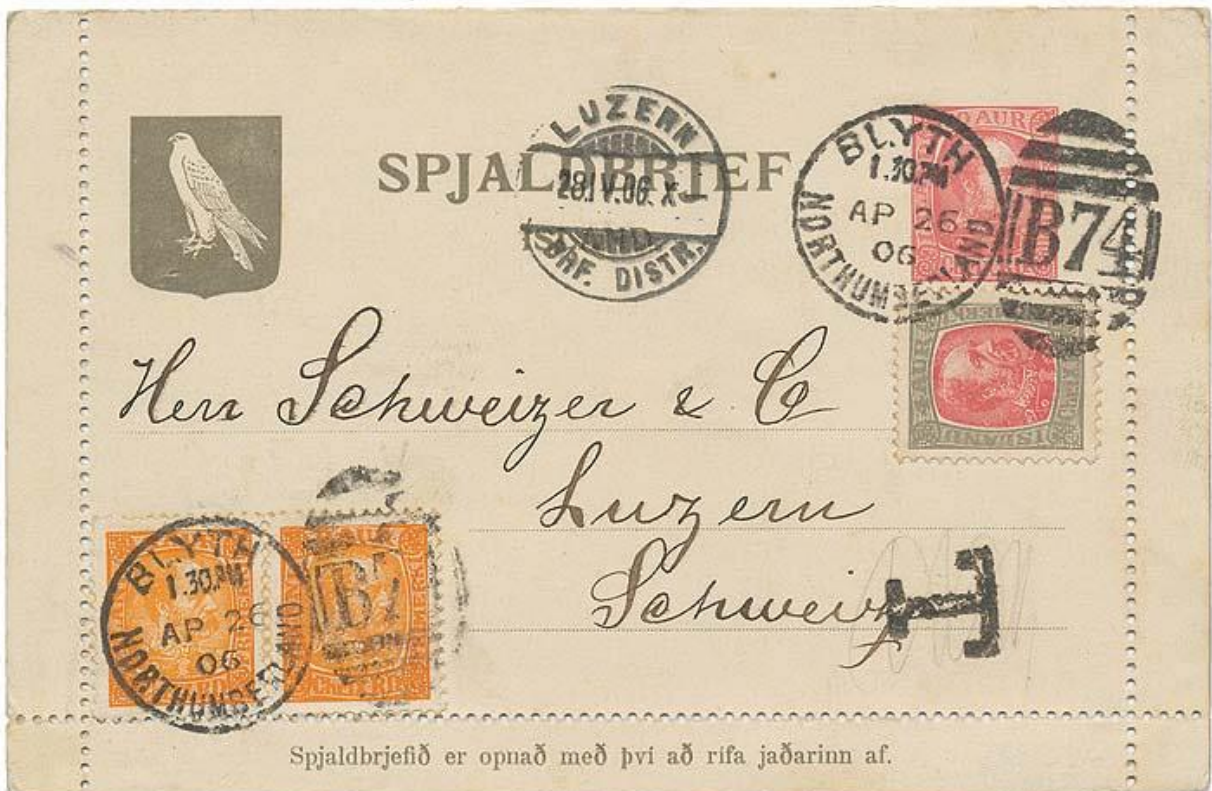
¹⁰ A whaleboat build 1894

1906

	unknown		29.03.1906 No.2 and NH	BLYTH	
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	21.04.06	Seydisfjord	26.4.1906		
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1907

RAGNHILD	16.03.1907	REYKJAVIK		BLYTH	2KR.
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1908

A 1908 ship letter from The Blyth North D, from Reykjavik 7th April 1908 to The Hague Holland via Blyth:

	07.04.2908	REYKJAVIK		BLYTH	.
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ITALIA		REYKJAVIK	25.05.2908	BLYTH	1KR.
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FIRDA	02.11.1908	REYKJAVIK		BLYTH	1KR.
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ITALIA	05.12.1908	REYKJAVIK		BLYTH	1KR.
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1909

FIRDA	28.01.1909	REYKJAVIK		BLYTH	15KR.
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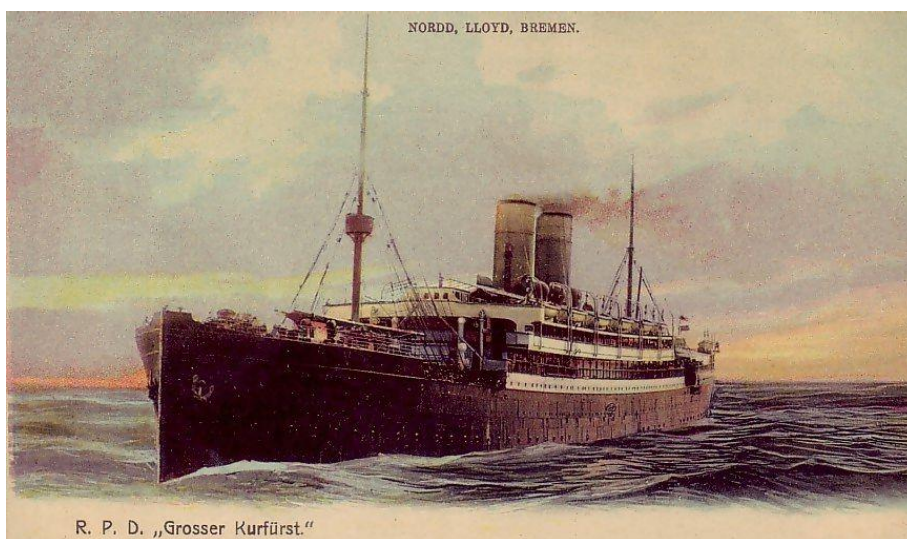
1910

RAYDTON DIXON	21.05.1910	REYKJAVIK		BLYTH	2KR. and to KBH.
ELFI	10.07.1910	REYKJAVIK	15.07.1910 (MK)	BLYTH	2KR.

On (or more) of the cards came from passengers onboard SMS Grosser Kurfürst:



Polarfahrt des Norddeutschen Lloyd, Bremen, mit dem Dampfer „Großer Kurfürst“ 25. Juni - 27. Juli 1910.





The passengers were sending quite a lot of mail:

Brjefasendingar

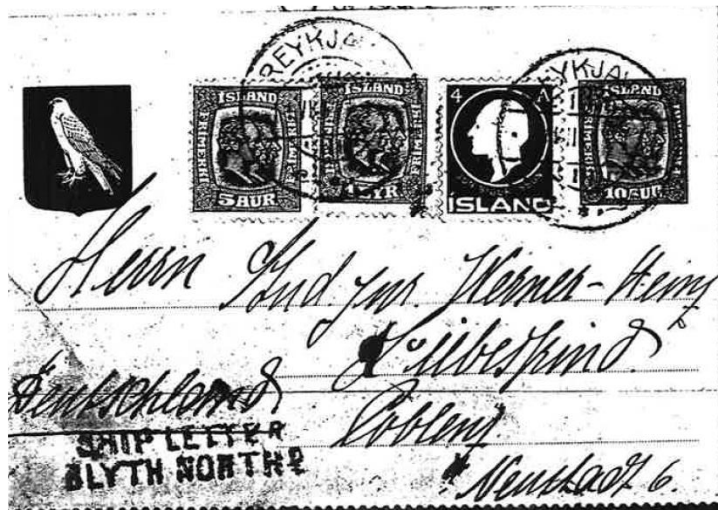
farþega á skemtiskipunum þýsku hafa verið frá pósthúsinu hjer, sem hjer segir:

Ár og dagur	Skipsnafn	Tala farþega	Brjef spjöld	Brjef	Samtals
1909 Júlí 11.	Oceana	350	2482	214	2696
— Ág. 8.	—«—	210	2150	90	2240
1910 Júlí 3.—4.	Grosser Kurfürst	330	4496	195	4691
— Júlí 12.	Oceana	270	2674	256	2930
— Ág. 11.	—«—	250	2962	276	3238
1911 Júlí 12.	Cinncinnati	340	5489	391	5880

TRYG	27.08.1910	REYKJAVIK		BLYTH	2KR.
BOSTAD	31.12.1910	REYKJAVIK		BLYTH	

1911

GEIRA	29.07.1911	REYKJAVIK		BLYTH	3KR.
ELIZABETH	11.08.1911	REYKJAVIK	16.08.1911	BLYTH	2KR.



On the back:



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			27.12.1911 (MK) + No.1		
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¹¹ Shilling

¹² Postiljonen # 187 lot 360

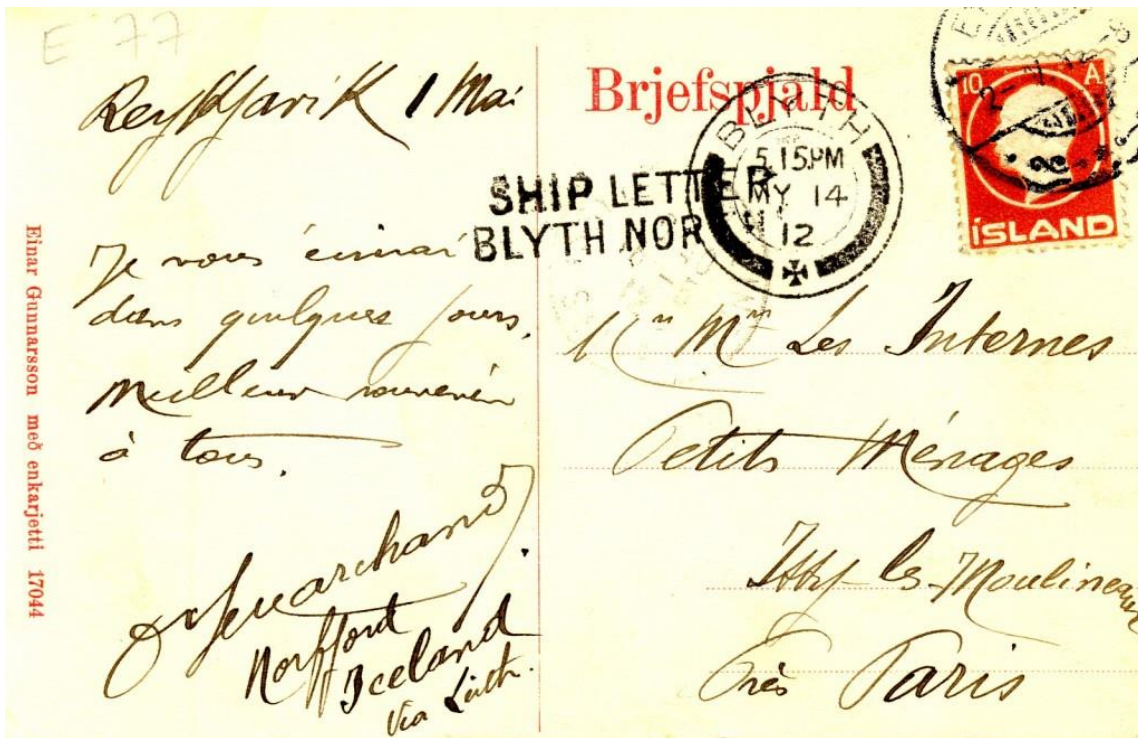
1912

	04.05.1912	REYKJAVIK	14.05.1912 No.2 (and (MK))	BLYTH	And to Edinburgh
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¹³ Hoskin Auction: "BLYTH (NORTHUMBERLAND) - UNIQUE (?) REGISTERED MAIL USAGE OF THE RARE SHIP MARK; Remarkable 4 May 1912 commercial env. (closed tear across address clear of stamps & SL mark; some slight stains) to Leith franked by Iceland Sigurdsson 4a Blue (4) + 6a Grey (5) all tied by partly fine "REYKJAVIK" 'Bridge' c.d.s.'s having a very fine matching boxed "ISLAND/R" mark (crossed by closed tear) on the front with a very fine and rare "SHIP LETTER/BLYTH NORTH D." (H9 - D - "Rare" - slight wrinkle) matching the Blyth backstamp. Exceptional usage of a Ship Letter mark on Registered mail! [Ex Robertson and Angus Parker. Cavendish Nov. 2009, lot 337; realised £253.]"



			19.06.1912 MK ¹⁴	BLYTH	
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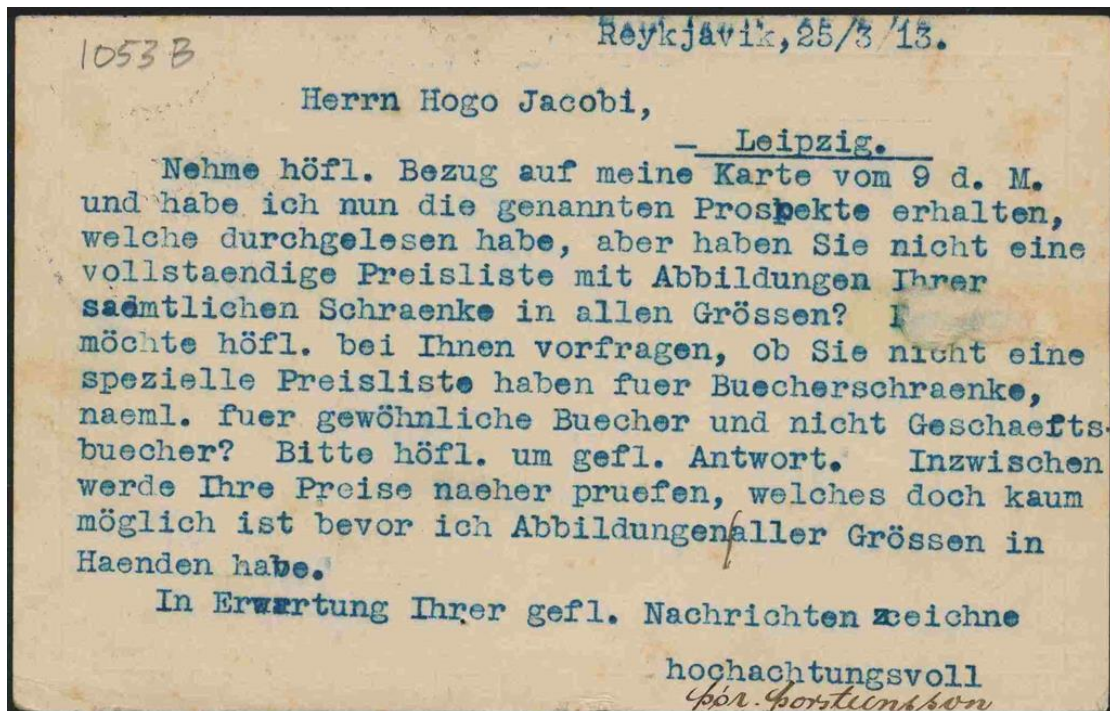
¹⁴ I have only recorded, that I have seen a copy!

1913

25.03.1913	REYKJAVIK	NO.2	BLYTH	
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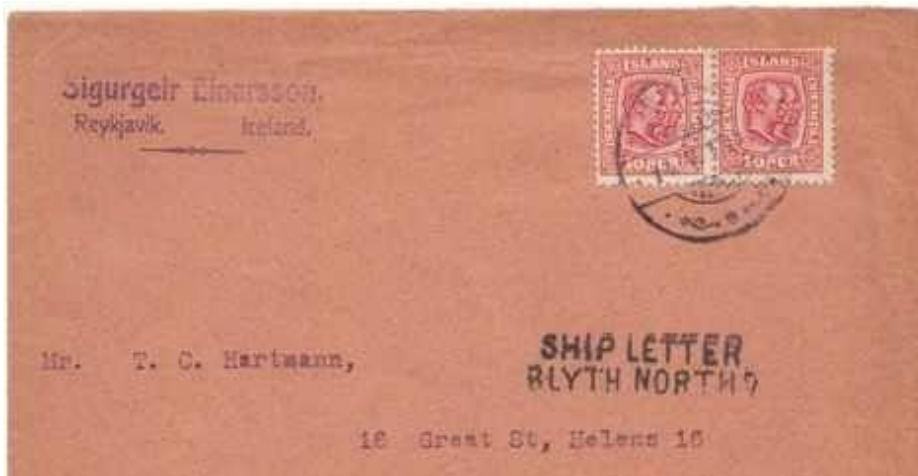


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¹⁵ "SHIP LETTER BLYTH NORTH D", on postal stationery card King Christian 10 a. from "REYKJAVIK 25.III.13" to Leipzig,

	10.05.1913	REYKJAVIK	21.05.1913 S.1 og MK	BLYTH	
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¹⁶ Described in Rapport No 167 August 2013: <http://www.islandssamlarna.se/Rapport%20167.pdf> by Mike Tuttle - May 21st, 2013 on the back.

1914

	24.04.1914	REYKJAVIK	30.04.1914 S.1	BLYTH	
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			21.05.1914 (MK)	BLYTH	
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I do not have a copy.

Auction text: "BLYTH - RARE "SHIP LETTER/BLYTH NORTH D." ON ICELAND CARD TO FRANCE, ETC.; 12/14 May 1914 PPC (of Reykjavik) to Paris franked by '2 Kings' 10a Red tied by a fine "REYKJAVIK" 'Bridge' c.d.s. but also unusually having a mainly very fine strike of the rare "SHIP LETTER/BLYTH NORTH D." mark (Rob. S1) alongside."

¹⁷ Hoskin Auction: "BLYTH (NORTHUMBERLAND) - THE RARE "SHIP LETTER/BLYTH NORTH D." ON ICELAND COVER; Fine 21 Apr. 1914 env. to Germany with Iceland Sigurdsson 20a Blue tied by partly fine "REYKJAVIK" 'Bridge' c.d.s. having a superb rare "SHIP LETTER/BLYTH NORTH D." (H9; D - "Rare" - slight wrinkle) matching the very fine Blyth backstamp."

1916

	unknown		8.8.1916 s.1	BLYTH	
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1922

	unknown		26.12.1922 s.1 og MK	BLYTH	
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