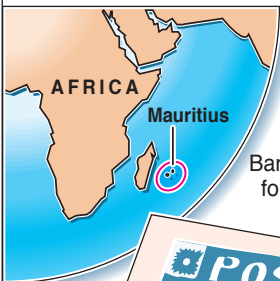


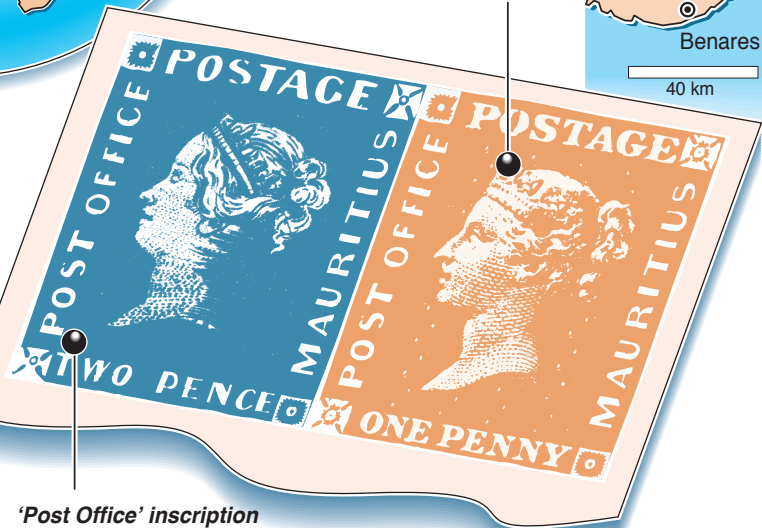
# 'Crown-jewel' stamps fetch record price

The 'Kanai Mauritius' stamp collection – the 'crown-jewel of philately' – was auctioned in Zurich on Wednesday. The world's only unused One Penny Red and Two Pence Blue sold for just under \$2m. The star item, a 'cover' bearing both stamps which was posted to Bordeaux in 1847, fetched a record \$3.3m



## *One Penny Red and Two Pence Blue Mauritius 'Post Office'*

Engraved by James Barnard in 1847 on the back of a copper plate previously used for a visiting card. Barnard was paid 10 guineas (£10.50) for printing 500 copies of each stamp.



### *'Post Office' inscription*

Believed to be an error on Barnard's part. Having forgotten the exact inscription Barnard was reminded by the façade of the post office in Port Louis. The inscription was later corrected to 'POST PAID'