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(MARINE LIFE)

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(32) YE may wish to see
Mr Vaughan's letter about
the Marine life BAT Definitive
based on Dr Laws' suggestions
at (30)

~~24/9/79~~

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D.C.S.

Alfred, thank you.

 25/9


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28/2/80 (24)

D.C.S.,

The question of the new BAT Definitive is likely to become very active soon, particularly if it is to be the first issue in the 1982/83 season when we will require the stamps here towards the end of this year so that they can be shipped into Halley a year in advance.

Lewis and I have discussed and our comments are at (40).


PM
18.2.81

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BAT DEFINITIVE (MARINE LIFE)

Comments on Designs by Postmaster & Senior Clerk, Philatelic Bureau

1. The set should be reduced to 15 stamps in line with Colony and Dependencies as the same postage rates are applied to BAT.
2. The following values should be assigned to the stamps: 1p to 10p (inc), 20p, 25p, 50p, £1.00 & £3.00. We have no view on what values should be assigned to particular designs and suggest this be left to the BAT Stamp Advisory Committee in Britain.
3. The FDC design shows four stamps per cover - we suggest 3 FDCs each with 5 stamps, although the BAT Stamp Advisory Committee might wish to consider whether ~~x~~ four or five covers might be more desirable. This would give greater flexibility in assigning values to each cover and would reduce the cost of individual covers.
4. If the stamp presently given the value of £1.50 and showing the marine food chain is retained we feel some kind of caption might be desirable.
5. The FDC purporting to show the RRS Discovery III in fact shows the RRS John Biscoe!
6. Some of the creatures appear to be menacing Her Majesty; particularly Bovallia gigantea and to a lesser extent Tomopteris carpenteri, Corethron criophilum, Pareuchaeta antarctica & Parathemisto gaudichaudii!!

wae
18.2.81

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Draft telex rfc pl.

[Signature] 26/2/81

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~~CS~~

Y.E. The Postmaster feels that we should make a number of points to C.A.S. about the new B.A.T. definitive (pl. see mins. 3-5 above) and a draft telex is submitted for consideration at centre please.

[Signature] 26/2

C.S.

1. I have sent a telex to the Crown Agents as requested but I think you should point out to the Postmaster that production plans for this issue are probably well advanced by now and it may be impossible for the Crown Agents to implement the sensible suggestions he has made.

R M

R M Hunt

5 March 1981

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DCS. *[Signature]* 6/3/81
P.M. *[Signature]* 3.21
to see ? & F (41) pl.

FB 5/III.

9.

DCS *[Signature]* 42 - 44 pl. I am afraid my note on the G.H. meeting is not as full as it might have been but H.E. himself was taking notes for his reply to Mr. Smith.

2 We must K.I.V. to get a copy of H.E.'s reply for this file & also extract the relevant parts of it to the BAT Stamp Policy file. FB 26/III

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BU 3/4/81

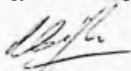
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Pl copy (46) to BAT Stamp Policy file
copied to BAT Stamp Policy file 8/4/81

DCS/CS

There appears to be a distinct lack of info on the production of this issue since Mrs Smiths letter of 5th March. If we are to release this issue in the Territory successfully at the commencement of the 82/83 summer we must have the material in our possession here no later than mid December 1981.

I have telexed Mrs Smith for an immediate sitrep.



BM

2.10.81

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE

SECRETARIAT ON MONDAY 24 JUNE 1978

13. BAT Definitive Issue: It was agreed preparations should shortly commence regarding a new BAT Definitive issue. At present there were no suggestions. Crown Agents should be asked for their views. The matter should also be brought to the attention of the High Commissioner for possible discussion while in London.

Done.
see PT/2/30

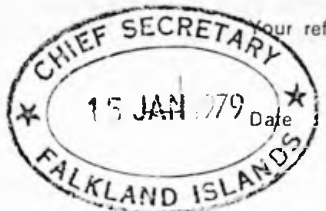


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High Commissioner BAT
Government House
Port Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Our ref PH1/BAT 4/34944



21 December 1978

Dear Sir

BAT DEFINITIVE STAMPS

Your present definitive stamp issue depicting famous explorers was released in February 1973, and we are rapidly approaching a time when replacement of this issue would be desirable. A number of suggestions for the theme of such an issue have been put forward over the years and some of these themes have been used for special issues, but the ones which remain available for use as a definitive issue are as follows:-

Marine Life

Under this heading we would include such things as starfish, anemones, sea spiders such as the twelve legged Dodecolopoda mawsoni, and some of the myriad forms of plankton and krill.

Gondwanaland and Fossils

This is not such a strong theme as it was previously, but the theory of tectonic development would still be of general interest especially when linked with fossils of the various geological periods.

Geological Features

Although difficult to portray on stamps, this could include the Piri Reis plus a selection of maps of BAT through the ages and possibly including minerals etc connected with specific geographical areas such as Deception Island and its volcanoes.

Molluscs

We have identified a fair number of mollusc - sufficient for a definitive issue devoted entirely to shell fish.

/Birds

From: THE CROWN AGENTS

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To High Commissioner BAT

Date 21 December 1978

Birds e g Wandering Albatross, Wilsons Petrel,
Diving Petrel, Sheath Bill, Great Skua,
McCormick Skua.

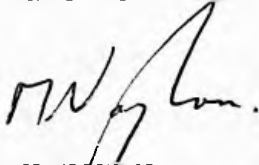
Fish

Snowflakes/Ice Crystals

There is no reason why your next definitive issue should not be based purely and simply on abstract designs inspired by specimens of snowflakes subjected to high magnification. It is conceivable that transparencies of real snowflakes subjected to neutral and coloured lights could be used to give an unusual effect. Certainly it would be possible to produce a very colourful issue, and one which would have a certain novelty value.

2 Whichever subject is settled upon for a new definitive issue, it is unlikely that we could consider releasing the stamps until sometime in 1980 - presumably the end of 1980 or early 1979, because of the restricted shipping opportunities. I would therefore suggest that a decision should be made now to proceed with one of the above suggestions and I should be grateful for your instructions regarding the choice of subject together with your permission for us to produce rough designs for your approval. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully


M VAUGHAN
Contracts Manager

MV/JMB

PH1/BAT 4/34944

17th January

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Mr. M. Vaughan,
Contracts Manager,
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 1EL.

Dear Mike,

BAT DEFINITIVE ISSUE

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Thank you for your letter of 21st December addressed to the High Commissioner, BAT.

I have been asked by the High Commissioner to get you to pass a copy of your letter to Dr. Laws of BAS, Cambridge, asking for his views on the subjects you mention.

It may be as well to point out at this stage that we could not cope with a BAT Definitive issue until after the release of the new South Georgia Definitive issue which is the subject of Brian Hawthorne's letter of 4th January on your file PH1Z/S. Georgia O/06777. I am not sure how long it will take to get the South Georgia new definitive ready for release, but if you could do it for the 1979/80 southern summer season, then the BAT definitive issue could be released in the 1980/81 southern summer. My letter to you of 22nd August 1978 listed the BAT new definitive for 1982; perhaps you would let me have your views on this.

Meanwhile we shall consider your proposals for a subject for the BAT Definitive issue when the Stamp Committee next meets.

Yours faithfully,


CHIEF SECRETARY

c.c. P&T/2/30

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BAT/219

Ref to DCS (or)
 (Can you please give
 this straight - 4/6/79)

Why is Mr. Clapp
 involved in this
 it's a bit
 Dr. Laws.



The Institute of Terrestrial Ecology

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Mr W Vaughan
 Crown Agent Stamp Bureau
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Your reference PH1/KAT/4/34944

Our reference BAT 100/79

Date 24 January 1979

Dear Mike

BAT DEFINITIVE STAMP

Thank you for the copy of your letter to the High Commissioner on themes for a new issue.

As you say, those you list are long-standing and all are equally meritorious. Of them I personally prefer the marine life, because very few laymen realise how prolific are the Antarctic waters, or fossils because again there is relatively little realisation as to the tropical and sedimentary history of the continent. I suppose it may be difficult to divorce fossils from a "Stamp ~~LECTURE~~" on continental drift but I wonder if the "Theory" inclusion is really necessary.

I wonder also if, in this day and age of awareness, the beauty of the Antarctic scenery might not be worthwhile investigating. I have had many comments during my various lectures on the Antarctic as to the surprising amount of colours and beautiful scenery down south. Despite the various television programmes such as Costeau and the "Horizon" series, people still seem to think of it as a rather dull, black and white area. I note that ~~Some~~ of the background scenes to the explorer issue seemed to come out fairly well so perhaps there may not be too difficult a technical problem.

On such a theme would it be worthwhile introducing the "Picture" concept on some values whereby a set of four builds a panorama?

I know there is a large slide collection of Antarctic scenery held at BAS and I'm sure there is scope for more amongst BAS and ex-BAS personnel, myself included. If necessary I'm sure more shots of specific types of terrain could be taken by special arrangement with BAS.

In the term "Antarctic Scenery" I also include icebergs and pack ice.

Yours sincerely

See
 E C J CLAPP
 Accountant.
 British Antarctic Territory

Speak to Dr Laws
 Write to Mike Vaughan
 about Ted Clapp.

cc High Commissioner - BAT
 Dr J Heap - FCO

Copy passed
 to Dr Laws.

ECJC/EMC

SUGGESTIONS

Assuming 15 stamps

1 - 15 in value

1. Show Antarctic continent)
2. Show BAT "slice") possible political problem
3. Oblique aerial view showing, foreground - Bay and ice pack edge,
middle ground - coastal mountains, background - plateau snows.
4. Long shot view of glacier.
5. Glacier snout
6. Weddel Sea type of ice barrier.
7. Tabular berg
8. Sceneric wind and sea-scoured iceberg
9. Pack ice.
10. Long or middle shot mountain range.
11. Sunsets or weather fronts
- 12.) Picture build-up of Antarctic coastline taken from sea with foreground
- 13.) showing water and ice floes or growlers and middle ground the coastal
- 14.) cliffs with background of coastal mountains and sky.
- 15.)

Possibly some scenes could include mock ~~S~~uns - ice pillars both of which are spectacular in beauty.



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PH1A/BAT 4/54944/1

13 February 1979

Dear Doug



BAT DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE

Thank you for your letter of the 17 January ref BAT/2/9 regarding the theme for the above stamp issue.

I originally copied my letter of the 21 December to Ted Clapp who has provided some very useful comments on the possibility of a BAT definitive stamp issue featuring Antarctic scenery. He has in fact kindly suggested fifteen possible subjects/views which could be used for such an issue.

The South Georgia definitive stamp issue is still planned for the 79/80 southern summer and my colleague Brian Hawthorne will be keeping you in touch regarding the progress of this issue.

Ideally for a definitive stamp issue we should allow a minimum of two years preparation from the time the subject and reference material for the designs is first decided upon. If, therefore, a suitable topic and the relevant reference material can be found in the next few months then the 1981/82 southern summer would be the most suitable release in order to ensure the maximum attention to detail at each stage.

I have been speaking to my colleagues on the marketing side and their opinion is that Scenes/Views of the Antarctic would not be the most suitable theme for your new definitive if it were to follow the South Georgia definitive featuring Scenes/Views.

On reconsidering the theme for this stamp issue I now favour marine life depicting not only fish but also several other underwater animals. The idea of featuring Antarctic scenes could then be reserved for your next definitive, which we would suggest be released towards the end of the 1980s.

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Mr D Morrison
Assistant Chief Secretary

To: Mr D Morrison

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I have now copied my letter of the 21 December to Dr R M Laws of the BAS and I will of course forward his remarks to you in due course.

I now look forward to receiving your early reply, together with the comments of the Stamp Committee, in due course.

Yours sincerely

M. Vaughan

M VAUGHAN

PHIA/BAT 4/34944/1

19 March

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M Vaughan Esq
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau
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Sutton Surrey SM1 1EL

BAT DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE

You will see from the record of a meeting we have had with Dr Laws, Director of the British Antarctic Survey, that we are now thinking of 1983/84 for the British Antarctic Territory next definitive.

2. I note your point about not having a scenic issue following the South Georgia one, and we agree.
3. I shall await the outcome of your correspondence with Dr Laws for the subject(s) to be featured.

D R Morrison
for Chief Secretary

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

DIRECTOR: DR. R. M. LAWS

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TELEGRAMS: POLASURVEY CAMBRIDGE

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Your Ref: PH1A/BAT 4/34944/1

18 April 1979

Our Ref: 121/143/23



BAT Definitive Stamp Issue

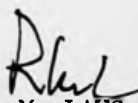
Further to Dr. Adie's letter of 29 March, we have given consideration to possible marine life subjects for this stamp issue. We suggest that a selection be made from the following:

Diatoms (various)
Sponge (e.g. Rosella)
Sea anemone (e.g. Ultricinopsis)
Medusa
Ctenophore
Tomopterid polychaete
Copepod (e.g. Pareuchaeta, Rhincalanus)
Euphausiid (E. superba)
Amphipod (Serolis)
Arrow-worm
Brittle-star (e.g. Ophionotus)
Sea-star (e.g. Odontaster)
Salp
Fish e.g. Notothenia rossii
Chaenocephalus
Pleuragamma
Pseudochaenichthys
Dissostichus
etc.

We suggest that the £1 stamp might have a food-chain on it as depicted in the attached sketch.

We do not have readily available photographs of all the animals suggested and it would be rather time-consuming to sort these out now and get them printed. The best solution would be for the designer to visit BAS to see specimens, etc. Meanwhile, Alistair Hardy's "The Open Sea - the world of plankton" contains many illustrations.

We feel that this would be a very good subject for this issue.


R. M. LAWS

Alan Pringle, Esq.,
Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton, Surrey SM1 1EL

Enc:

c.c. H. E. The Governor



— whale
— krill
— diatom

801/2/4

NEW B.A.T. DEFINITIVE

Further action on this new definitive issue to be deferred until the Deputy Chief Secretary discussed the matter with Mr. Laws on his return from Antarctica.



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Copied to stamp
Anttee members
24/9/79

Dear Sir

(c.c. F+CO!)

BAT NEW DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE (MARINE LIFE)

Following advice from Dr Laws of the British Antarctic Survey, I am pleased to be able to advise you that we have commissioned an artist to prepare rough designs for the above stamp issue which I note is now planned for 1983/84.

The artist, Mr Ian Loe, will be visiting the British Antarctic Survey with a view to depicting the following:-

Diatoms (various)
Sponge (e g Rosella)
Sea anemone (e g Ultricinopsis)
Medusa
Ctenophore
Tomopterid polychaete
Copepod (e g Pareuchaeta Rhincalanus)
Euphausiid (E. superba)
Amphipod (Serolis)
Arrow-worm
Brittle-star (e g Ophionotus)
Sea-star (e g Odontaster)
Salp
Fish e g Notothenia rossii
Chaenocephalus
Pleuragamma
Pseudochaenichthys
Dissostichus etc

We are proposing that the £1 stamp might depict a food chain.

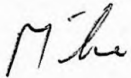
The artist is also proceeding with three first day covers for an envelope size 110 x 220 to allow space for fixing the stamps and, if necessary, an address panel.

/BAS

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BAS hold an extensive stock of specimens and we anticipate the designs being particularly interesting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Vaughan'.

M VAUGHAN

Mr D R Morrison
for the High Commissioner BAT

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
TUESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 1979

1.9 New B.A.T. Definitive

BAT/2/12

Advice had been received that the new definitive was to depict marine life.



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Stanley
Falkland Islands

5th March 1980.

D.G. Morrison Esq
Deputy Chief Secretary
Secretariat
Stanley.

Dear Aug.

Stamp Designs.

Following our discussion on the subject of Marine Invertebrates as a stamp design and understanding that this could be an idea for the new B.A.T. definitive issue, I would like to confirm my keen interest in the subject. If you considered the possibility existed, I would be very interested in researching and taking on the stamp design work.

It is appreciated that it may be some time before this issue has to be finalized, but I would imagine this particular work would require an extra amount of researching, even to the extent of having to make a field trip south.

Yours sincerely,

I.J. Strange.

Register

Pl copy to Stamp Cmtee members

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31st March

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Mr. C. Penry,
Crown Agents Stamp Bureau,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey, SM1 1EL.

Dear Chris,

New BAT Definitive (Marine Life)

Please refer to Mike Vaughan's letter of 7th September 1979 about the appointment of an artist.

Are you able to say if Ian Loe has accepted the commission as Ian Strange, a local artist, has expressed interest.

Yours faithfully,


CHIEF SECRETARY

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31st March

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Mr. I. J. Strange,
Stanley.

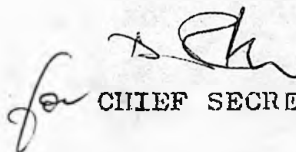
Dear Ian,

Thank you for notifying me in your letter of 5th March of your interest in designing the BAT Marine Life new definitive.

I see that in September the Crown Agents acting on the advice of Dr. Laws of the British Antarctic Survey commissioned Mr. Ian Loe to prepare designs.

It was thought that the artist would be visiting the Antarctic with a view to preparing designs.

Yours sincerely,


CHIEF SECRETARY



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Mr D R Morrison
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Stanley
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South Atlantic



Our ref PH1A/BAT 4/34944

BAT/2/12

9 April 1980

Dear Doug,

BAT NEW DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE (MARINE LIFE)

I refer to your letter ²⁵ of 31 March regarding the above issue and confirm that Ian Loe has accepted the commission to produce artwork.

2 To date Ian has undertaken a lot of research and closely liaised with the British Antarctic Survey and I hope to forward the rough designs to you early in the summer.

Yours sincerely

Chris Penry
CHRIS PENRY



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C A Ref PH1A/BAT 4/34944

Your Ref BAT/2/12

25 July 1980

Dear Doug,

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY NEW DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE:
MARINE LIFE

Further to my letter of 9 April, I have pleasure in confirming that the rough designs for the above stamp issue have now been completed.

The designs have been forwarded to the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge for their comments, and will then be passed on to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

... We are well pleased with the designs and I enclose herewith one set of photocopies for your perusal.

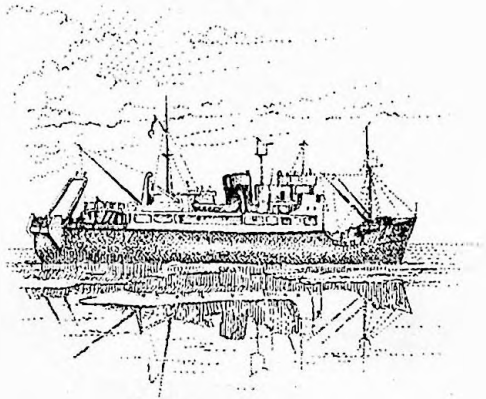
I will keep you fully informed of progress.

Yours sincerely

Chris Penry
CHRIS PENRY

AP/IMP

BRITISH ANTARCTIC
TERRITORY



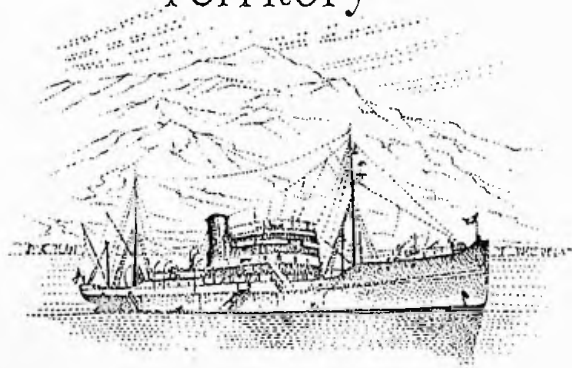
RRS Discovery III

New Definitive-Marine Life

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER



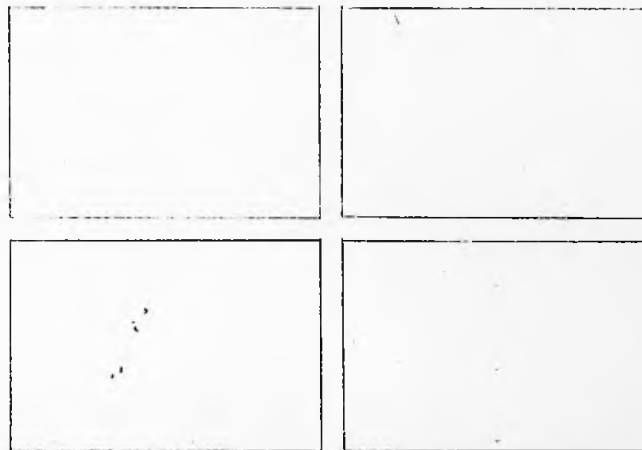
British Antarctic Territory



RRS Discovery II

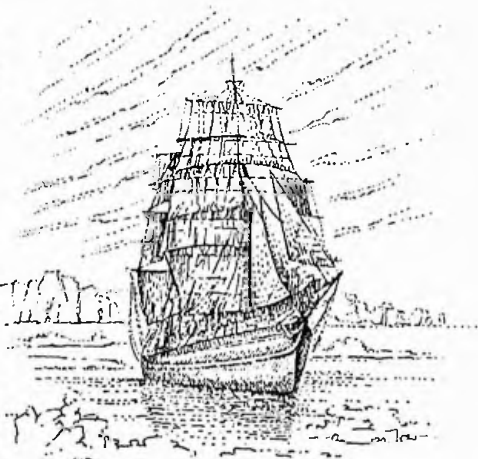
New Definitive-Marine Life

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER



OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER

New Definitive-Marine Life



RRS Discovery I

*British
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29 October 1980

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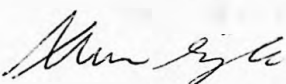
Dear Mr Morrison

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY REPRINT DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE

Further to my letter of the 16th October, I wish to advise that owing to production difficulties approximately 10% of the total printing run will be supplied in sheets of 25 and not sheets of 50 stamps.

2 We are arranging for the sheets of 25 to be included in your supplies and I trust this action meets with your approval.

Yours sincerely


ALAN PRINGLE

267103 CASUTN G
DF GA
214 GOVERNOR FK
TO CROWN AGENTS, SUTTON.
FROM THE GOVERNOR, PORT STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

BAT/2/12. DCS
PM on file copy 73

ACTION

COPY

TO MRS JANICE SMITH.

BAT NEW DEFINITIVE.

1. I REALISE THAT IT IS NOW PROBABLY TOO LATE TO MAKE ANY ALTERATIONS TO THIS ISSUE BUT POSTMASTER HAS FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON PENRY'S LETTER OF 20 JULY TO MORRISON.

2. FIRST, HE CONSIDERS THAT THE SET SHOULD BE REDUCED TO 15 STAMPS IN LINE WITH COLONY AND DEPENDENCIES, AS THE SAME POSTAGE RATES APPLY TO BAT. VALUES SHOULD BE 1-10P INCLUSIVE, 20P, 25P, 50P, £1, AND £5.

3. SECONDLY, HE SUGGESTS THREE FDCS, EACH WITH 5 STAMPS.

4. THIRDLY IF THE £1.50 IS RETAINED IT SHOULD HAVE SOME KIND OF CAPTION.

5. FOURTHLY, FDC PURPORTING TO SHOW DISCOVERY III IN FACT SHOWS JOHN BISCOE.

6. FIFTHLY, SOME OF THE CREATURES APPEAR TO BE MENACING HER MAJESTY: WOULD THEY NOT BE BETTER THE OTHER WAY ROUND?

7. IF NOT TOO LATE, YOU MAY WISH TO TAKE THESE POINTS UP WITH THE BAT STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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5 March 1981

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High Commissioner
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FALKLAND ISLANDS
SOUTH ATLANTIC



Dear Mr Hunt

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY NEW DEFINITIVE STAMP ISSUE

...
I am enclosing for your approval the rough artwork for the above issue. I see from our records that my predecessor, Chris Penry, sent photocopies of the rough artwork to Mr Morrison on 25 July 1980, but on reviewing the events of the last year, I will feel happier once you have seen the actual designs.

2 To digress for a while, I would like to state how I see our mutual positions regarding BAT stamp issues - please correct me if I make any incorrect statements. As High Commissioner for BAT, you are our Principal, and in fact the only authorised signatory we have for BAT are yourself and the Accounting Officer (who is, I believe, Mr Rowlands the Financial Secretary of Falkland Islands).

3 It has been so long since a new BAT file was opened (being the main occasion on which the "authorisation" rule is strictly necessary) that nobody here can remember whether in fact we have also treated either the Falkland Islands Chief Secretary or his assistant as authorised signatories. The feeling is that a letter or cable from Messrs Baker or Morrison would in fact be treated as full authority; obviously it is high time for such matters to be set straight, so I would be glad if you would let me know by letter if you wish the occupants of the above two posts to become formally-authorised signatories for BAT, in the same way as they are for Falkland Islands.

4 I confess I am not absolutely certain of the status of Frank Baker and Doug Morrison when it comes to BAT issues. This is rather embarrassing as they are my normal correspondents and authorised signatories when dealing with Falkland Islands. Indeed when we begin work on the "Insects" and "Reindeer" issues for Falkland Islands Dependencies we will also be accepting Doug Morrison's instructions. I must naturally rely on you to tell me how much BAT work, if any, is to be delegated to these two gentlemen.

5 This whole matter has been brought to light mainly by the events during the design stage of the forthcoming "Antarctic Treaty" and "Gondwana" issues for BAT. Last year, in an attempt to clear the air, a conference was held between British Antarctic Survey, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Hong Kong and General Department, South America Department, Polar Regions Department) and ourselves. No doubt you have seen copies of the report of this meeting, when some very sound ideas were put forward. What worries me is that there seems to have been little feed-back as to your reaction, as our Principal, and that an unofficial UK-based "stamp advisory committee" seems to have been set up without any real sanction from yourself.

6 If you are happy to delegate responsibility for approving artwork (without reference to yourself) to either a UK-based committee made up of FCO and BAS, or to our normal Falkland Islands correspondents, please let me know as soon as possible. As I read the situation at the moment, I should only treat BAS and FCO as advisors, not decision-makers, and all artwork and important decisions are still to come to you.

7 As an aside, it seems that some members of the UK committee mentioned above are rather afraid that BAT designs will be submitted to the Falkland Islands Stamp Advisory Committee, and that any decision made by the FISAC could be contrary to the advice coming from London. Having already had plenty to do with Doug Morrison in my few months of dealing with Falkland Islands, and having spoken to my predecessors who have dealt with Falkland Islands issues over the years, I have no fears on this point. In fact, some members of the UK Committee show signs that they would be harder to please than Doug Morrison and the FISAC.

8 Frankly, having encountered the members of the UK committee in action, I feel that the amount of disagreement and delay thus caused would only be acceptable to us in the unlikely event of your passing over all powers of approval and decision-taking to them. Otherwise, I feel sure that this committee will simply become a delaying factor for ideas and artwork en route to you. In my opinion, unless all members of such a committee could agree to meet, literally around a table, whenever a decision is needed, I fear that Crown Agents will continue to be caught in the middle of disagreements between FCO and BAS, with neither side willing to back down.

9 As illustration, on the "Antarctic Treaty" issue, now being printed, we were at one stage doing our utmost to have the stamps ready for shipment by the middle of March, to meet the last sailing of the BAS vessel (so that release would have been possible in July this year). As it happens, our efforts were in vain due to the troubles afflicting the vessels, but at the time we could not have known for certain.

10 Urgency notwithstanding, we found ourselves acting as referee between BAS and FCO over design changes; the staff at the South American desk decided to make several completely unsolicited design amendments (their job, as I see it, is to cover aspects of protocol and politics!). However, I was assured by BAS (who had referred the designs to their scientific experts) that the changes the FCO wanted were in fact contrary to universal scientific practice. Despite this, the FCO refused to alter their stand.

11 As to the enclosed designs, all except the 75p and £2 denominations have already been examined by FCO and BAS, and again there has been a clash of views, with the FCO again proving to be over-possessive, and in my view attempting to act as our Principal by requesting design changes which cannot have any political aspect.

12 The FCO have requested that the background colour be colour-coded according to how "far down" the food-chain each creature is. Thus stamps bearing plankton and other tiny creatures would perhaps have green backgrounds, a second group containing, say, the larger shrimps, jelly-fish etc could have blue backgrounds, and the top group (fish and mammals) could have yellow backgrounds. The final touch would be given by having the top value stamp (depicting the entire food-chain) as the "key" to the whole issue, by showing the three-colour bands on the one stamp.

13 This seemingly elegant idea of the FCO has been strongly opposed by Dr Adie of BAS, as being difficult to achieve whilst retaining scientific accuracy. We opposed the idea even more strongly, since we always strive to achieve a colour-difference between every stamp of a definitive issue, to avoid confusion in the post offices. And, of course, nobody likes the "rugby shirt" effect which would be created on the top stamp.

14 Dr Adie's preference for allocating the denominations in order of each creature's position in the food-chain is completely in accordance with our own ideas - thus the less "photogenic" plankton etc will have low denominations, whilst the more "cute" animals have the higher denominations, with the whale appearing on the top denomination depicting the key to the food-chain.

... 15 I enclose a copy of the comments made on the individual stamps for your approval. Obviously, if there are any amendments you require, please advise me when you return this artwork, as we wish to begin finished artwork as soon as possible.

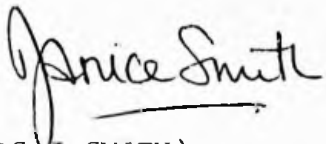
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16 I would now like to turn to your telex of 24 February, which has some bearing on the BAT new definitive, since you mention in paragraph 4 the possibility of our delivering stamps and First Day Covers to you this year. In theory this is just about possible, provided as always that the kind of delays described above do not delay this issue the way that the "Conservation of Seals" issue has suffered (five years so far, and still being amended!). The artist will probably take three months to produce finished designs (liaising with BAS) and printing will take about the same length of time. If you badly require the stamps to be with you by December, I feel sure that we can achieve this providing we encounter no further delays in approval of designs by BAS and FCO.

17 Incidentally, I hope to be able to send the latest version of the "Conservation of Seals" finished artwork to you in a couple of weeks, and therefore hopefully this issue could be released any time you choose after about September 1981. As to the correct time to release it, I have seen a letter from Dr Heap of FCO recommending late 1982, being the 10th anniversary of negotiation and signature of the Treaty, but if practicalities dictate a later release, we could use early 1983 (commemorating the entry into force of the Treaty).

18 I apologise for being so blunt but I am sure that you will accept that I am motivated solely by a wish to see attractive and revenue earning stamps for Falkland Islands, BAT and FID. It is important that we ~~must~~ know with absolute precision who has authority to make decisions, other than yourself, and who is merely an adviser. By the nature of the problem I have had to bring a few personalities into this letter, and I trust that this letter can remain confidential. I look forward to your reply, and your reaction to the new definitive designs, in the fairly near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(MRS J SMITH)

BAT NEW DEFINITIVE (MARINE LIFE/FOOD-CHAIN)

The following list gives the comments on the rough designs, under the new denominations. The comments are a combination of the notes made by the Artist during discussions with BAS, plus comments made by Dr Adie of BAS and James Ayres of FCO.

1p (formerly 3p) Corethron criophilum

No amendment.

1p (formerly £1) Desmoneria gaudichaudi

Check whether second word of name is correctly spelt (should it be gaudichaudii?).

2p (formerly 5p) Tomopteris carpenteri

No amendment.

3p (formerly 1p) Paracuchaeta antarctica

Refer to transparency re genitalia and front legs. Only 4 body segments. Colour to be more orange/red to front limbs. Body rather paler.

4p (formerly £3) Antarctomysis maxima

Try to indicate that carapace is not joined at rear end to first abdominal segment.

5p (formerly 50p) Antarcturus signiensis

No amendments.

10p Serolis cornuta

Tail should be serrated at border.

15p (formerly 1p) Parathemisto gaudichaudii

Refer to specimen to check thorax and leg position (thickness at joints). Eye should be darker, approximately the colour of mid-thoracic segments.

25p (formerly £2) Bovallia gigantea

Segments of body should be less pronounced, and the stones should be replaced with seaweed. The eye should be kidney-shaped, slightly larger, with convex surface facing forwards.

50p (formerly 60p) Euphausia superba

Check the antennae, which should be thinner and less flexible.

60p (formerly 2p) Colossendeis australis

No amendments.

75p (replaces 15p) Squid (Latin name to be provided by BAS)

Enlarge image-area slightly.

£1 (formerly 25p) Notothenia rossii

No amendments.

£1.50 (formerly 75p) Chaenocephalus aceratus

Check photocopy provided. No scales, spread out dorsal fin rather more.

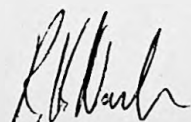
£2 (replaces 4p) Seal (Latin name to be provided by BAS)

£3 (formerly £1.50) Food-chain

The head of the whale is to be flatter, the grooves should be lengthened, and the dorsal fin more curved. The krill needs amending (see 50p stamp).

Comments by Dr Adie on the First Day Cover designs

Of the three designs submitted, Dr Adie prefers the style of lettering on the FDC depicting Discovery II. The names of the ships italicized. The ship entitled by the Artist "Discovery III" is in fact RRS John Biscoe; however, this design is to be retained, with the change of name. Since there are 16 stamps in this definitive issue, it is thought that a fourth cover could be designed, depicting the William Scoresby, which was closely associated with Discovery II on marine biology studies in the Antarctic just before the war.



RICHARD NASH
4 March 1981



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ADDRESS

No. 67

FOR MRS. J. SMITH. THANKS YRLET PH1A/BAT 4/34944 OF 5 MARCH RE BAT NEW DEFINITIVE.

H.E. AWAY ON TOUR BUT WILL ENDEAVOUR REPLY ON RETURN END THIS WEEK

CHIEFSEC

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FILE NOTE

NOTE OF A MEETING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE BETWEEN H.E., D.C.S., P.M.
AND C.S. ON 25TH MARCH 1981

The meeting was primarily to discuss Mrs. Janice Smith's Crown Agents letter of 5th March concerning the BAT New Definitive stamp issue and other matters relating to control of BAT stamp policy.

Considering the comments provided by Mrs. Smith on the rough designs for the new BAT Definitive issue the following decisions were taken -

- i) We confirm that we wished the denominations to be as in our telex to Mrs. Smith of 5th March which was based on P.M.'s comments. Also we reiterated that we preferred 15 stamps rather than 16 (see folio 41).
- ii) We had no strong feelings about whether there should be 3 or 4 First Day Covers so long as a reasonable mixture of stamps could be affixed to each cover.
- iii) We agreed that the First Day Cover lettering should be that preferred by Dr. Adie i.e. the example showing Discovery II but we decided the word "New" should be omitted from the title.

We made individual comments on all the stamps which were noted by H.E. who will be replying.

We agreed on the lines of H.E.'s reply to that part of Mrs. Smith's letter dealing with "authorisation" of officers dealing with BAT stamp matters. H.E. would confirm that C.S. and D.C.S. were formally authorised in this matter as they are in Colony and Dependency stamp matters. We also agreed on the line which H.E. would take in replying to the points about the status of the FCO/BAS Stamp Advisory Committee etc. and a copy of his reply will be placed on this file in due course.

J.E.B.
C.S.

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DCS *to*

6-3-81 1600 TLX 231 *PM.*

FOR ATTN MR REX HUNT

PLEASE QUOTE OUR REFERENCE PH1N/BAT 4/34944

COINCIDENTLY YRTLX 5/3 REF BAT NEW DEFIN ARRIVED APPROX
ONE HOUR AFTER I DESPATCHED ROUGH STAMP AND FDC ARTWORK TO YOU
(WITH FULL EXPLANATORY LETTER).''

LETTER ALSO SETS OUT OUR VIEWS ON THE BAT SAC.
LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REPLY UPON RECEIPT

REGARDS - MRS JANICE SMITH PH1 CROWN SUTTON
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25 March 1981

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Mrs J Smith
Crown Agents
St Nicholas House
Sutton
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BAT STAMPS

(8)

1. Many thanks for your letter reference PH1A/BAT 4/34944 of 5 March enclosing the rough art work for the BAT new Definitive stamp issue. I was glad that you took the opportunity to write freely about our BAT stamp policy and I hope that the following comments will serve to clarify the situation and reassure you as to the relationship between the Crown Agents, the FCO, BAS and myself.

2. First, I endorse your view that I, as High Commissioner for the British Antarctic Territory, am your Principal and am responsible for the final decisions on BAT stamps. The only qualification to this is that the FCO have to submit the designs for Royal approval and, if this is not forthcoming, we should, of course, have to change the design. As I said in reply to Bridgwood's letter of 20 June 1980, I have no objection in principle to the establishment of a BAT Stamp Advisory Committee in London as proposed, provided that I have an opportunity to comment on matters of policy or on possible overlapping of subject matter with the Falkland Islands at an early stage. It seems that Bridgwood did not pass on to your predecessor my reply to his letter, so I enclose a copy. As you will see, the BAT Stamp Advisory Committee has been sanctioned by me, subject to my receiving copies of correspondence between FCO, BAS and yourselves to give me an opportunity to comment if necessary.

3. I am happy to delegate responsibility for approving art work to the BAT Stamp Advisory Committee without reference to me once we have reached agreement on the subject matter and denominations.

4. I sympathise with your position in the cross-fire between FCO and BAS. I can understand the possessive attitude taken up by our Polar Regions Section in the FCO and also the proprietary interest taken by BAS. I think there is bound to be disagreement between them from time to time and I can only suggest that, if the matter is urgent, you send me a tlex spelling out the problem and I shall attempt to resolve it by return. In general, I shall bow to the scientific knowledge of BAS and respect the historical accuracy of the Polar Regions Section. Neither need have anything to worry from the Falkland Islands Stamp Advisory Committee, which has no proprietary interest in BAT and is only concerned with having standard denominations and preventing duplication or overlapping of subject matter.

5. Having said that, I am happy to delegate to the Chief Secretary (Dick Baker) and the Deputy Chief Secretary (Doug Morrison) of the Falkland Islands Government full authority to act as signatories for BAT stamp affairs in the same way as they are for the Falkland Islands and the Falkland Islands Dependencies. When I am here, they take no policy decisions on stamps without reference to me and, in my absence, I have every confidence in them to follow the policies laid down by me.

/ 6. As for the enclosed designs, which I return with thanks, I agree with you that the suggestions by the Polar Regions Section of the FCO regarding the background colour are interesting but unpractical and my Postmaster supports your view most strongly that there should be an easily distinguishable colour difference between every stamp of a Definitive issue to avoid confusion in post offices. The only comments I have on the colours of the enclosed designs is that, in the 2p (formerly 5p) and 50p (formerly

60p) the colours of the animal are too similar to the background and perhaps the background colour could be altered to contrast more with the animals. Other specific comments:

1p (formerly £1): This appears as "Desmoneria" when on the stamp it is spelt "Desmonenia"

10p Serolis Cornuta: This is shown on the stamp as "Serolis Ovata"

60p (formerly 2p): This is shown as Pycnogonid" on the stamp

£3 (formerly £1.50): We think that this should have some caption but we have not the wit to suggest one.

7. The ~~Beasties~~ on two of the stamps, the 25p (formerly £2) and the 2p (formerly 5p) appear to be attacking Her Majesty and should perhaps be reversed. If this is too difficult, we are content to let it go and hope that Her Majesty approves the design.

8. We are happy with Dr ^{Adie's} ~~Adie's~~ choice of the FDC but we consider that the word "new" should be omitted (how long will it remain a "new Definitive issue"?). We agree that the ship entitled "Discovery III" is in fact the RRS John Biscoe and this should be corrected in the final design. We are quite happy to have a fourth cover depicting the William Scoresby and any suitable combination of four stamps will do. We consider, however, that the denominations should be the same as those in use in the Falkland Islands and the Falkland Islands Dependencies, which means a total of 15 stamps in the denominations as detailed in my telex of 5 March.

9. As you asked for your letter to remain confidential, I am not copying this to FCO or BAS, but, if you agree, I am happy to write on similar lines to them if you think this would help to clarify the situation.

10. May I take this opportunity to thank you for the energy and interest you are putting into this job. It is refreshing to have such prompt action and I look forward to a continuing harmonious relationship which will increase the revenues to the Falkland Islands Government and the British Antarctic Territory and also, of course, the commission to the Crown Agents.

R M Hunt

Reg. Please file.
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3-10-31 1809 TLX 190

FOR THE ATTN OF LEWIS CLIFTON BUREAU MANAGER

OUR REF PH1/ BAT 4/34744

BAT NEW DEFINITIVE - MARINE LIFE

ARTIST HAS NOW COMPLETED 3 OF THE 16 DESIGNS.
UNFORTUNATELY HE WAS INVOLVED IN A PARTICULARLY NAUGHTY CAR ACCIDENT
BREAKING BOTH LEGS. SINCE THEN THE ARTIST HAS HAD TO STOP WORK
TO RUSH THROUGH THE FID INSECTS ARTWORK.
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE HIS FATHER DIED TWO DAYS AGO WHICH WILL
OBVIOUSLY RESULT IN FURTHER DELAYS. HOWEVER WE ANTICIPATE
STAMP ARTWORK WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BEGIN THE BOUNDS FOR
APPROVAL BY END NOVEMBER. THIS WOULD STILL ALLOW US TO
DELIVER STAMPS BY END OF THIS SEASON PROVIDED WE ARE NOT
DESET WITH FURTHER PROBLEMS AND PROMPT APPROVAL
IS GIVEN BY ALL PARTIES.

WE ARE STILL PROCEEDING WITH 16 DESIGNS TO MAKE UP COMPLETE FID
CHAIN AS SET OUT BY BAS LAST DECEMBER.

HOWEVER SHOULD YOU, ON VIEWING ALL ARTWORKS, STILL
WISH TO REDUCT SET TO FIFTEEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SELECT
THE ONE DESIGN TO BE OMITTED

REGARDS JANICE SMITH DEPT PH1 CROWN SUTTON

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Telex 267103 Casuta G

No 21

Attention Janice Smith Dept PH1.

Your ref PH1N/BAT 1/508474 telex 1074

Grateful you advise urgently sitrep on all aspects production and despatch anticipations 21st Birthday Issues for BAT and FID.

Confirm I will be taking BAT issue south with me. Even with Bransfield 6 days behind there is a lot of work to be done on this issue.

Gondwanaland Issue will be released during early March confirmation of which I will advise very late February. You might like to point out to BAS that this issue will be released at the first convenient BAT Post Office acceptable to me.

Regards
Lewis Clifton
Bureau Manager

Telex 267103 Casuta G

No 22

Attention Richard Nash Dept PH1

Your ref PH1N/Falkis 9/074384. Telex 1076.

I am currently working out something for you. I would point out however that as this monarch is to be produced on the first design, which has to go back to the drawing board, there may be a slight delay in reply.

BAT definitive Issue Marine Life. As far as I am aware there has been no departure from the agreed 15 stamp definitive Issues for BAT/FID/FI. We in fact pointed this out many months ago. The proposed definitive must consist of 15 stamps. Perhaps you could contact BAS to see which design they may care to dispose of. My own opinion is that the issue portrays marine life and not a food chain and therefore I would prefer to see the latter design go. Your comments and BAS feedback welcomed.

Regards
Lewis Clifton
Bureau Manager

P 1/2/42
BAT 1/2/42



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FOR THE ATTENTION OF MRS JANICE SMITH DEPT PH1

YOUR REFERENCE PHIN/BAT 4/34944T

PLEASE QUOTE OUR REFERENCE PB/3/E/45 IN ANY REPLY

BAT MARINE LIFE DEFINITIVE

1. ARTWORK DELIVERED BY DR LAWS NO COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM YOU.
2. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT 16 DESIGNS WILL COMPLETE ISSUE.
3. FOLLOWING GP REQUIREMENTS CONFIRM WE WILL REQUIRE 6000 FDCS EACH TYPE PLUS 50000 STAMPS EACH VALUE. FDC REQUIREMENT INCLUDED THIS FIGURE.
4. HIGHCOMMISSIONER WILL BE IN FURTHER CONTACT RE DESIGNS BUT BUT AT THIS STAGE I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT DELIVERY REQUIREMENT OF END OCTOBER 1982 BAS ARE BEING MADE AWARE REQUIREMENT ALSO.
- 5 FDC AWILL BE PREPARED HERE.

JSGARDS
LEWIS CLIFTON



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FOR ATTN MR BAKER
YOUR REFERENCE MARINE LIFE DEFIN (BAT)
PLEASE QUOTE OUR REFERENCE BAT 4/34944T

HAVE RCD FOLLOWING TENDERS FOR ABOVE ISSUE

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4.	ENSCHDE	24,666.16	10/12 WEEKS
5.	FORMAT	26,153.00	END JAN.
6.	HARRISON	26,299.67	12 WEEKS

GRATEFUL CONFIRM BY RETURN WE SHOULD ACCEPT WALSALL TENDER.
ARTWORK PRESENTLY WITH FCO AWAITING ROYAL APPROVAL.

REGARDS D. MARTIN PH1 CROWN SUTTON

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Mr E Baker
Chief Secretary
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Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS

CA REF: PH1N/BAT 4/34944T

19 April 1983

Dear Mr Baker

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY - MARINE LIFE DEFINITIVE

Further to my letter of the 15 March I detail below an update on the present situation regarding the printing of the above definitive.

After running recommenced following the paper problems mentioned in my earlier letter a further eight running proofs were received on the 24 March 1983 leaving the 2p, 5p and 20p values to be submitted. Of the eight running proofs the following were rejected:

- 15p: For overall registration
- 25p: Error on one stamp in running sheet
- 50p: Overall colouring faded from colour proofs
- £1: Background colours faded from colour proofs
- £3: Blue halo around Queen's head

... In addition to the above a running proof of the 20p value is also enclosed which was submitted on the 24 March 1983 and approved.

... When rejecting the 15p and 25p values, we advised Walsall that they would be approved if running sheets without the registration and colour error could be presented. I enclose a second running proof of the 15p value in which the registration has been corrected but once again the value has been rejected due to background colour variations across the sheet.

... Finally I enclose a running proof of the 2p value which is acceptable but once again has been rejected because of the colour spot on one stamp in each plate.

We have now urgently requested a schedule from Walsall as to when the remaining seven values will be reproofed and consideration is

/being ...

Mr E E Baker

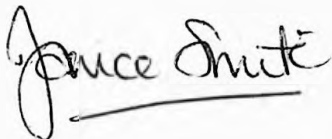
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being given to invoking the delay Clause unless a far more satisfactory response concerning the final delivery is given.

Once again, I apologise for this sad saga but we are slowly moving towards completion of what we hope will still be an attractive issue. As soon as we have a response from Walsall concerning the remaining values we shall write again.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

MRS JANICE SMITH

(53)

Posts and Telecommunications
Memorandum

Date 6th May 1983.

From: Bureau Manager

Our Ref: PB/8/B/10

To: Chief Secretary

Your Ref:

Subject: BAT Marine Life Definitive

The attached letter and proofs from Mrs. Smith refer.

I have no doubt that Mrs. Smith has the situation under complete control, and that if she considers it necessary she will without hesitation, invoke the delay clause as with another recent printer.

I am not, as I have previously said, very impressed with the issue as a whole, and there is no point in attempting to speed up the mechanisation as the earliest it can possibly be released is Feb/March 1984.


Manager