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POSTAL & TELEGRAPHIC.

(Stamps)

19 38.

No. 234/38.

Local Auditor.

SUBJECT.

19 38.

7th November.

Audit of Specimen Postage Stamps of British and Foreign Countries in the Falkland Islands.

Previous Paper.

211/37

MINUTES.

1-4.

Minute from Local Auditor of 7/11/38.

Colonial Postmaster,

For your observations on
 red (2) and in particular on
 para. 2, I can see no
 useful purpose in having
 these specimen stamps sent
 here unless your Dept. can
 arrange to have the large
 accumulation mounted in
 official albums. This
 would necessitate the appt. of
 a special officer for a long
 period.

MCH

C.S.
11. XI. 38

Subsequent Paper.

Non. Col. Sec.

I suggest that the specimen stamps should be discontinued and the existing packets of stamps to be destroyed.

As these packets have accumulated for many years it will be impossible to check the contents. The stamps have stuck together owing to the dampness in the vault.

It will take a very long time to mount them. The packets contain numerous stamps and Postal Stationery.

M.C.
T.M.
12/11/38.

Postmaster

Specimen stamps are really sure for the purpose of detecting forgeries. Are you aware of any instance where it has been found necessary to compare a "doubtful" stamp with the specimens.

W.C.H.
C.P.
6.1.39.

Non. Col. Sec.

The postage stamps have been in my custody for a few years and I am not aware of a single instance where specimen stamps have been compared.

M.C.P.M.
12/1/39

Y/H. Submitted. With reference to para. 2 of recd (2) as specimen stamps are no use here they might be discontinued and the existing stock disposed of as may be directed by the Director of Colonial Audit.

WCH
 25. 1. 39.

5. P. of S. Despatch of 22. 12. 38 (Circular 2)

Y/H. Submitted. Pava. 2 of the despatch ^{explains the position} so far as this colony is concerned. Specimen stamps and stationery serve no practical purpose.

WCH
 21. 2. 39.

Say we do not require them then and let her have them held burnt as proposed

WCH 28/2/39

Local Audit

No note despatch and H's minute. The Dea. can be informed

Note was read 21/1/39. This file mislaid found with WCH

of the action proposed to
take. The S. of S. will
be informed.

W.H.
E.S.
2.1.39.

Hon Col. Gen.

Notia. I am
informing the D.C.

W.H.
E.S.
2 Mar. 39

P.S. Will you arrange about
the disposal of the existing stocks?
I am instructed by the D.C.
to be present at this.

W.H.

Local Auditors

You will be informed
in due course when this
can be done.

W.H.
E.S.
2.1.39.

Hon Col. Gen.

Notia

W.H.

3 Mar 39

Dr. Dispatch Submitted.

W.H.
E.S.
4.3.39.

W.H. 4/3

6. Despatch, No. 29 to S. of S. of 6th March, 1939.

M.

Despatch submitted.

MCH
C.P.
6.3.39.

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Board to destroy by fire all specimen postage stamps and other stamped postal matters.

The Assis: Col. Secty (Chairman)
Aq. Col. Postmaster

The Headmaster, Govt School.

The Aq. Supt: Educational Dept.

The Local Auditor to be present at the destruction.

MCH
Duty for Gov^r
1.8.39.

Assis: Col. Secty.

To note and arrange accordingly please.

MCH
C.P.
1.8.39.

Director of Education
Local Auditor.

So note. Will you please inform
Mrs. Evans that the Board will meet
at the Treasury at 10 am. on Tuesday
next 8th August.

C. J. J.
Secy.
5/8/39.

A.C.S.

We hereby certify that we have
this day destroyed, in the presence
of the Local Auditor, all the ~~proceeds~~ specimen
postage stamps and postal stationery
received from time to time and stored in
the Strong Vault and one package from
the Postmaster's safe.

C. J. J. } Board.
~~Secy.~~ }
James }
Local Auditor
8 Aug. 39

The Assoc. Director of Audit.
Colonial Audit.
For your information.
MCH
8. 8. 39.

Ha C.S.

Noted thank you

S. Allen Smith
9. 8. 39

SA
7/8/39

C O P Y.

From: Colonial Audit Department
To: Local Auditor, Falkland Islands

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your reply of the 31st of May last to Mr. Fisher's Reference Sheet No. 2871/16 of the 12th of January, 1938, on the subject of the control and audit of Specimen Postage Stamps in the Falkland Islands.

2. From this reply it seems evident that the Government of the Falkland Islands makes no use of the specimen stamps, but merely keeps them in the unopened packets as received, and I have, therefore, to request that you will ascertain whether the Government wishes the supply of these stamps to be continued or considers it preferable to discontinue the supply and to dispose of the existing stock of specimens.

3. If the Government wishes the supply to be continued, I consider that the following steps are necessary:-

- (a) Official Albums should be obtained from the Crown Agents.
- (b) ~~The~~ existing unopened packets of stamps should be opened and the contents checked in detail, under adequate supervision, with the corresponding advice Circulars or Letters, and one specimen of each stamp should be placed in the Albums properly classified and arranged. The stamps should be effectually cancelled if this has not already been done.
- (c) Future packets of stamps should be similarly dealt with as they are received.
- (d) Any duplicates of the specimen stamps received should be destroyed by fire under proper certificate.
- (e) All advice Circulars and Letters should be filed and kept on record as the Index of the stamps in the Albums.
- (f) The Albums should be kept in a safe place under lock and key.

If this procedure is adopted you should carry out a 10% test to satisfy yourself that the stamps recorded on the existing advice Circulars and Letters have been placed in the Albums and, in future, you should check in detail that all stamps received are duly placed in the Albums. You should also see the certificates of destruction if duplicate stamps are destroyed.

4. If, however, the decision of the Government is that there is no need for the supply of these stamps to be continued, I consider that the Secretary of State should be informed of the position, so that the

Colonial

Yes
By two officers

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Colonial Office may take the necessary steps to have the supply discontinued, and, also, may give instructions to the Governor about the disposal of existing stocks. If this procedure is adopted, you should check that the unopened packets in hand correspond with the packets recorded in the advice Circulars and Letters as having been sent, and then see that the instructions of the Colonial Office as to disposal are duly carried out.

5. I have to request that you will inform me in due course of the result of your action as required in paragraph 2 above and, at the same time I shall be glad if you will let me know whether two sets of the specimen stamps have been received in the past or only one.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

(Sgd) A. Harding
Director of Colonial Audit.

I Sept 1938.

C O P Y.

From: Colonial Audit Department (Reference Sheet 2871/¹⁶~~15~~ of
12 January 1938)
To: Local Auditor, Falkland Islands.

Specimen Postage Stamps.

I observe that the Programme of Work for the year 1938 as approved in my letter No. 3220/15 of the 17th of December, 1937, makes no provision for the audit of Specimen Postage Stamps of British and Foreign Countries belonging to the Postal Union. I shall be glad to know whether the Falkland Islands has at present any such stamps (in Colonies to which specimen stamps are supplied they are usually held in the custody of the Postmaster-General), and, if so, whether any check of them is made by the Audit Department in accordance with my Predecessor's Circular Reference Sheets Nos. 56 and 58 of the 11th of December, 1913, and the 9th of February, 1914, respectively.

(Signed) J.C.Fisher.

for Director of Colonial Audit.

From: Local Auditor, Falkland Islands.
To: Director of Colonial Audit.

Specimen postage stamps are regularly received here by the Colonial Postmaster. The packages are never opened. They are kept in the Postmaster's safe and periodically transferred from there to the Colony's strong vault.

(Sgd) A.R.Hoare

Local Auditor
Falkland Islands.

31 May 1938.

No.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

7th November, 19 38.

From the Local Auditor.

To the Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I have the honour to submit a copy of correspondence between this office and the Colonial Audit Department on the subject of specimen postage stamps. I shall be glad if you will inform me as to the reply to para. 2 of the D.C.A.'s letter of the 1st September 1938.



Local Auditor.

CIRCULAR (2)

Downing Street,

22nd December, 1938.



(5)

Sir,

read in 66/14
read in 70/29

With reference to Mr. Harcourt's circular despatch of the 7th January, 1914, and to paragraph 9 of Mr. Amery's circular despatch of the 15th December, 1928, I have the honour to inform you that I have recently had under consideration the arrangements by which specimens of postage stamps and postal stationery are furnished to Colonial postal administrations from other countries of the Postal Union in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention of Cairo (Article 189 of the Detailed Regulations appended to the Convention).

2. There is reason to doubt whether in most Colonial Dependencies the retention of these specimen stamps and stationery serves a practical purpose - for example, whether they are ever used to check the authenticity of stamps on correspondence received from other countries - and further it has been represented to me that the custody and care of these specimens gives rise to much work in checking, defacing, classifying, and placing them in official albums which, to be satisfactorily carried out, must take up an appreciable amount of the time of responsible officers of the Post Office and Audit Departments. Arrangements have already been made, at the request of individual Colonial Governments, for

The Officer Administering
the Government of

the discontinuance of the supply of these specimens in the case of no fewer than thirteen Dependencies.

3. I shall be obliged therefore if you will inform me, in regard to the territory or territories with which you are concerned, whether it would not be desirable to discontinue the practice whereby the General Post Office distribute specimen stamps and postal stationery of other countries received in accordance with the Postal Union Convention from Berne. On receipt of a reply to this despatch to the effect that the practice should be discontinued, arrangements will at once be made accordingly with the General Post Office.

4. If it is decided that the supply of these specimen stamps and stationery may be discontinued, arrangements will no doubt be made for the disposal of the existing accumulation of such specimens; and I would suggest that these should be destroyed locally, by fire, proper supervision being exercised to ensure that such destruction is complete.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

Wolstan Warburton

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

6th March, 1939.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 29.

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular despatch of the 22nd of December, 1938, regarding specimen postage stamps and postal stationery furnished to Colonial postal administrations from other countries of the Postal Union in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention of Cairo.

2. The retention of these specimen stamps and stationery serves no practical purpose in this Colony, and I consider it desirable to discontinue the practice whereby the General Post Office distribute specimen postage stamps and postal stationery of other countries received in accordance with the Postal Union Convention from Berne.

3. A Board will be appointed to destroy locally by fire the existing accumulation of such specimens, in the presence of the Local Auditor.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Yh

Submitted for information.
All specimen postage stamps
and specimen stamped
postal matter has been
destroyed.

WCH
C.S.
9.8.39.

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