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POSTAL & TELEGRAPHIC.

(Stamps.)

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No. 20/42.

H. E. the Governor.

SUBJECT.

19 42.

10th January,

Previous Paper.

PROPOSED ISSUE OF COMMEMORATION  
STAMPS, 1942.

MINUTES.

- 1-2. Despatch No. 7 to S. of S. of 10. 1. 42.
- 3. Despatch No. 18 to S. of S. of 5. 2. 42.

4. *1st* *S. of S. Secret despatch of 11/6/42.*  
(5).

*4-F.*  
(4) is surprising in that the whole tone of F.O. telegram at (1) on 1/2/28 w/w on particular of para 4 indicates a decided stiffening of the F.O. attitude towards the Argentines. I suspect lack of liaison within the F.O.  
2. On the positive side the issue of the Centenary stamps next year would be in accordance with ~~and~~ the policy proposed by 4-F. para 22 of your recent despatch. It would serve to emphasize our position & would do so in the most consistent and effective manner.  
3. If 4-F. desires to return to the charge, <sup>new</sup> will draft on these lines, but perhaps you will prefer to await the telegraphic reply aimed for by your recent despatch? RB. 13/10.

Subsequent Paper.

excerpt from News Weekly of 17. 6. 43.

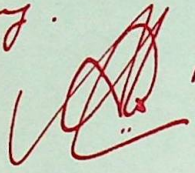
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(7).

Note - I have informed, not for publication, that  
the 1943 Centenary was not forgotten. (vide 62)

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If you can in view of (4) make out a good case, I am  
prepared to forward it - but to my mind (4) is not  
encouraging.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

10th January, 1942.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 7.

My Lord,

I am unaware of the general policy in present conditions as to the issue of new stamps of the commemorative type; but I have seen in the London papers notices of such issues, and therefore I have the honour to submit the following for your consideration.

2. The year 1942 will see the anniversaries of:-

- (a) Centenary of Colonial Government.  
1841-2 Governor Moody's appointment and assumption of the Government, taking over from the Royal Navy.
- (b) Jubilee of the Episcopal Section.  
1892 - The Cathedral of Stanley was dedicated and the first Bishop of the Falkland Islands and South America enthroned here in Stanley.
- (c) Jubilee of the local Defence Force.
- (d) Jubilee of the Settlements creation into a Colony.

3. Should you approve a special issue to commemorate the above, I would suggest that the issue be a small one of the lower demoninational values :-

1d; 2d; 3d; 6d; 1/-

and their colours to be green, red, blue, yellow and black, being of the modern shading such as the present 2½d of Great Britain.

4. Owing to the length of time in correspondence the question of design I should like to leave entirely to you, but I would suggest that a simple design is today preferable and that portraits of H.M. Queen Victoria and H.M. King George VI. with the Cathedral in the centre and possibly the portraits supported by a man in modern battle-dress on one side and on the other a man in the usual volunteer infantryman's uniform of 1892.

5. I am of course aware of the need for economy in Great Britain but so far as I can understand from the Press, philately is looked upon as a source of great mental relaxation in these times of worry.

6. My Postmaster informs me that in her opinion there should be 100,000 sets - i.e. 100,000 of each denomination issued for sale here and that the period of issue should be limited to three months only.

7. There is no need for me to stress the gain to the Colony both financially and by way of advertisement.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most  
obedient, humble servant,

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th February, 1942.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 18.

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My Lord,

With reference to my despatch, No. 7 of the 10th of January, 1942, conveying the suggestion of a commemorative issue of stamps, I have the honour to state that my attention has been drawn to two mottoes which might well be included in the design:

"Desire the right" - the Colony's own motto, and  
"Serve God and be cheerful" - that of the Cathedral

Both seem very appropriate in this troublous year of 1942.

I have the honour to be,  
My Lord,  
Your Lordship's most  
obedient, humble servant

(Sgd.) A. W. CARDINALL

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
LORD MOYNE, P.C., D.S.O.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



3. The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, whom I have consulted in this matter, considers, however, that such an issue might have a disturbing effect on the relations between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the Argentine, - a development which for obvious reasons it would be desirable to avoid. Nor can the nature of those relations in 1948 or the circumstances which would determine the desirability or otherwise of a new issue of stamps, be at present foreseen. In these circumstances he would therefore prefer that the proposal should not be pursued, and I have no doubt that you will be willing to accept that view.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(SIGNED) CRANBORNE

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THESE CENTENARIES.

It is learned with interest that the "Great Britain" this year has the distinction of attaining "centenarianism", and that the event is to be suitably celebrated. The event of course is of no great importance but is of considerable interest, naturally to some more than others. Now I am not going to suggest that a special set of stamps from  $\frac{1}{2}$ d to £1 should be issued, it wouldn't be possible in these times and the occasion does not warrant such an issue, but I do suggest that we have missed the boat (not the "Great Britain") on several occasions.

The issue of stamps marking the Centenary in 1933 was very successful and netted quite a sum for the treasury, and incidentally for those lucky or wise enough to buy several sets (English dealers will pay about £35 for a set now). Last year two important dates passed by unrecognised. They were the centenary of the arrival of our first Civil Governor and the 350th year of the discovery of the Falklands. The same year was the 450th since Columbus made his landfall, supposedly the Bahamas, and this event was marked by a special issue of stamps by Bahamas which has (1) achieved tremendous popularity with stamp collectors and (2) converted a deficit to a surplus in the Bahamas budget.

Next year brings us another centenary, the founding of Stanley, the seat of Government being shifted from Anson in 1844. Will we let this pass by without proclaiming to the world the fact that we have existed for a whole century? Remember the stamp collectors are just waiting to spend their money, hard earned or otherwise, on these commemorative stamps, they are already spending a lot on our present stamps, only a small percentage ever doing genuine postal duty.

Incidentally below is a copy of a notice painted on two boards, one being posted at Long Island and the other at the Old Settlement, Anson :-

NOTICE.

The Principal Settlement and Seat of Government of the Falkland Islands was transferred to Stanley Harbour, Port William, in 1844. Port William is the next port to the Southward and there are no higher dues.

Yours, etc., "Philatelist".