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CORONATION OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Special Issue of Stamps.

C.O. Ref: 22240/52

DESPATCH

CIRCULAR 169/52

THE CHURCH HOUSE,  
GREAT SMITH STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.  
23rd February, 1952.

Sir,

POSTAGE STAMPS.

*See 16. 11. 12. 2*

The accession of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, will in due course necessitate changes in all Colonial stamps bearing the Royal Portrait of the Royal Cipher. There will necessarily be some delay in the preparation of and in obtaining Royal approval of the engravings required for the purpose and it is not possible at this stage to forecast when the production of new stamps can be proceeded with. Nor is it yet possible to indicate whether a special Coronation issue of stamps will be proposed. I will address you further on the latter point in due course.

2. Meanwhile, except in cases in which new issues of stamps have already been printed or are in such an advanced stage of preparation that failure to proceed with them would be likely to cause inconvenience, all new issues now in course of preparation will have to be deferred until arrangements can be made for a new Royal Portrait or Royal Cipher, as the case may be, to be included in the designs. I have already communicated separately with those Colonial Governments concerned with new issues which it may not be possible to postpone, whilst the Crown Agents for the Colonies have suggested to other Colonial Governments which have new stamp issues in preparation that in view of the delay which is likely to occur in the production of those issues the Governments concerned should consider the necessity for ordering further supplies of their current issues of stamps.

3. It will not, of course, be possible to arrange for all Colonial stamp issues to be changed simultaneously as apart from other reasons, the security printers could not cope with the work involved. It will be necessary, therefore, to make the changes first in those cases in which new issues are already in preparation, and these will be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible as soon as engravings of an approved Royal Portrait or Royal Cipher can be made available, and without waiting for any further communication from the Colonial Governments concerned. It may, however, be some months before progress can be made with such new issues, which will then be dealt with in the order in which the instructions for their printing were given.

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4. In other cases it will be necessary to change the Royal Portrait as and when suitable opportunities occur and the security printers can undertake the work involved, and in this connection priority will as far as possible be given to cases in which the existing designs have been in use for the longest period without alteration. The simplest course and the one which will involve least delay and will enable the necessary changes to be effected most speedily will be to retain the existing designs subject only to the change of the Royal Portrait. Some Colonial Governments may however wish to take the opportunity to change some of their existing designs at the time that the Royal Portrait is changed. I should accordingly be obliged if, unless the territory with which you are concerned is one of those referred to in the preceding paragraph for which a new issue of stamps is already in preparation, you would inform me as soon as possible of your wishes in the matter, and, in cases in which changes in some or all of the existing designs are desired, if I can be furnished with full particulars of the changes proposed.

5. I should add that, in view of the pressure upon the security printers, there will inevitably be some delay in the preparation of new stamp issues in the next few years, and that for this reason it will be desirable as far as possible to defer the submission of proposals for commemorative issues of the kinds mentioned in paragraph 7 of Mr. Creech Jones circular despatch of the 13th February, 1950, until such time as it has been possible to arrange for the new Royal Portrait to be incorporated in the majority of Colonial stamp issues.

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6. This circular has not been addressed to the governments of the Federation of Malaya, Brunei, Tonga and Zanzibar. It has been sent to Malta for the observations of Ministers, and to the East Africa High Commission.

I have the honour to be,  
 Sir,  
 Your most obedient,  
 humble Servant,

*Oliver Lyttelton*

SPT for your comments p.p.

Hon Col Sec.

Para 2. (B) Presume that new Dependencies Issue will be held to include the new Royal Portrait  
 2. we are getting very short of current issues of Colony Stamps and Postmaster considers it essential that an order for some of the current issues be made as soon as possible.

Re para 4 of ⑨ no mention has been made  
here concerning a redesign of Stamps with the  
new Royal Portrait but, H.E. may wish to change  
some of the issues.

ALL. SPT  
7.4.52

YK

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B

This would not appear to be applicable to  
the Colony's stamps, as no new issue is  
contemplated in the near future. — except  
in so far as we will have to order fresh  
supplies of our current issue.

2) The new Dependency issue is, however,  
involved

3) As our <sup>Dependency</sup> negotiations have not yet reached  
the stage visualized in para 2 of ⑧, it is  
necessary to decide:-

a) whether we wish to retain the original  
design & change the Royal Portrait, or

b) whether we wish to change both the  
design & portrait — in which case we will  
have to wait a long time.

4) SPT & I both recommend that we should  
change both design & portrait even if it  
means waiting. There is a possible advantage  
in this as SPT gained the impression that  
you would have liked to have improved  
further on the proposed new designs if time  
had permitted.

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C

I do not follow 3-4 above; we have  
not yet even seen the designs for the new Dependencies  
issues other than that I have indicated the names of  
the ships which should be delineated.  
Pl. explain.

W.C. 18/IV

45. It would appear that owing to the  
time lag involved, ~~the~~ in printing  
new issues (with new designs), S/S visualizes  
that Colonies may wish to continue  
with their old designs and mark their  
new issues merely with a change of portrait

2) In the case of the Dependencies I feel  
that we do not <sup>merely</sup> want the old design  
as plus a new portrait. We wish to  
change the designs as well - along the  
lines you have suggested to S/S - even  
if it means a longer wait.

Q  
1974

So far as the Colony scene is concerned all we  
need is the change of portrait except that I  
think the 'John Bieve' should be withdrawn as  
she is to appear in the new Dependencies issue,  
which S/S has approved in principle. Have we  
any further objection about the latter? Pl. let me see  
pp.

NO. 21/IV

I suppose the 'John Bieve' should be  
replaced? Has anyone any ideas?

~~REP~~ Rep. with Dependencies ~~stan~~

Y.F.

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If we change the John Biscoe on the Colony's stamps we shall have to wait far longer than if we merely change the Portrait vide x/ of para 4 of ⑧.

2) It is suggested therefore that as there is only one stamp involved, we should only have the Portrait changed and carry on until a complete new issue is contemplated.

3) As regards Dependencies we want to change both Portrait and design.

4) File re dependencies issue is attached. We seem to have become rather bogged down on Art 106 vide (27) to (29) but I think S.P.C. has got the matter straight now.

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B

We seem to be at cross purposes —

in the Colony issue we require

(a) The portrait to be changed throughout

(b) The "John Biscoe" stamp to be replaced by the "Philonid" when the new Dependencies issue is printed.

Please arrange accy.

File below minuted.

MC 22/IV

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S.P.C.

⑧-12

H.K. wishes the Colony 'Biscoe' stamp to be changed for a 'Philonid' ~~and~~ design at the same time as the Portrait is changed.

2) Do you know of any good photos of the Philonid or should we have another competition?

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Hon C.S

We have no photographs of Philomet.  
I think a competition is the answer, then a  
reply to 8 can be prepared?

Shall I advertise for photos pl?

AMM. STi  
24.4.52

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ACS Bp. with file, F.I.D.S., dealing with  
previous competition.

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What happened about  
this, pl? S/S.

ACS  
Copy of Notice at cover pl.  
S/S.  
10/5.

C

Y.S. B supra - the file to wh. you refer is the Annual Report  
file wh. is possibly with H.E. in connection with F.I.D.S.  
section of the Report.

2. For the last competition we broadcast as a Notice  
pinned at back cover, pl.

S/S  
10/5

D

ACS I note M.V. Philomet was one of the  
subjects - did anyone put one in? To  
what vote wd we charge the £.

E

Office can you recollect?

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S/S  
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F."

M<sup>r</sup> E.F. Lellman put up "Mr Philomet" which was  
accepted for Annual Report 1950/51

G.

with 10/5/52

Y.S. pl. see F - if payt. is involved - I think it would  
be a fair charge against them VIII p. 1, 7. Stamps?

H.

ACS Let's see the photos first!  
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S/S  
12/5.

Office ask Mr. L. pl.  
S/S

at cover

Wes Philome's photo at back cover, p.

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14/5.

YH Ref (12)<sup>B</sup>

A copy of a photograph of the tunnel is at cover but I think we can do better than this & can suggest a competition runner to Annual Report one.

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Yes — very ordinary.

ACL Please advertise competition & return exhibit to Q A/T with thanks.

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Draft advert pl - section photo to

A.T. with thanks pl.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Photographic Competition.

A photograph of the m.v. "Philomel" is required for a stamp design and a prize of £1 will be paid if a suitable one is obtained.

2. Members of the public are accordingly invited to submit entries addressed to the Colonial Secretary and they should reach him before the 15th of June, 1952.

3. Preference will be given to photographs showing the vessel under weigh in a smooth sea taken broadside on.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.  
21st May, 1952.

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C.O. Ref: COM.66/151/01

SAVINGRAM

CIRCULAR 409/52

25th April, 1952.

PRIORITY

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

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As explained in my circular despatch No. 169/52 of 23rd February, the task of providing all Colonial Governments, where appropriate, with new stamps bearing a portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is so great that some years must elapse before the last of the new issues can be placed on sale.

2. I attach importance, however, to the people of the oversea territories being afforded an early opportunity of seeing their new Sovereign's portrait on some of their own stamps, and to this end Her Majesty has been pleased to approve the suggestion that there should be a special issue of Colonial postage stamps to mark the occasion of her coronation.

3. It will not be possible in the time available to prepare stamps of different design for each territory concerned and it will be necessary therefore, as in 1937, to use a single standard design for all the territories concerned, though each stamp would bear the name of the issuing administration and the value of the stamp in local currency, and the colours would vary according to local practice. There are obvious objections to the issue of a number of denominations in the same standard design and it is proposed therefore that, on this occasion, the special Coronation issue should be confined to one denomination for each territory concerned, the value of the stamp to be that normally used on inland letters.

4. It is suggested that

(a) the stamp should be of large format and bear an approved portrait of Her Majesty and the date of the coronation.

(b) the value should, as indicated above, be the appropriate inland letter rate.

(c) the portrait should be printed in black and the border in a single colour corresponding to the colour of the stamp at present in use for inland letters.

(d) the stamps should be on sale from the date of the coronation until the end of 1953.

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Reply at 19

Fig. 10

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5. This will ensure that at least one stamp bearing a portrait of Her Majesty will be widely circulated in all the territories concerned at the time of the coronation, and also partly meet the philatelic objection to the issue of sets of stamps of uniform design, by providing some variation of colour.

6. As it is essential that the printers should be given as much time as possible for the preparation of the stamps I should be obliged if you would advise me as soon as possible whether you wish the territory or territories with which you are concerned to participate in this special stamp issue. If so, I should appreciate information as to the value and colour of the stamp at present in use for the inland letter rate and the quantity of stamps that will be required for local use, on the assumption that they will remain on sale for approximately eight months.

/To all except East and West Africa /

7. I should be grateful for a telegraphic reply.

/To Aden only /

8. I should also be glad to know whether the Quaiti State of Shihr and Mukalla and the Kathiri State of Seigun, both of which issued special stamps on the occasion of the Silver Wedding anniversary of His Late Majesty King George VI, would wish to participate in this special Coronation issue.

/To Singapore only /

8. A copy of this circular has been sent to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya, under cover of a separate despatch, but I assume that Singapore will wish to participate in this special Coronation issue whatever the decision of the Federation.

/To Falkland Islands only /

8. I should be grateful for similar information in regard to the Falkland Islands Dependencies.

/To Jamaica only /

8. I should be grateful for similar information in regard to the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

/To

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To St. Helena

8. I should be grateful for similar information in regard to Ascension Island. I am sending a separate communication to the Administrator, Tristan da Cunha.

To High Commissioner, Western Pacific only

8. It would not be appropriate for the New Hebrides to participate in this special Coronation issue, but I should be grateful if you would supply the above information in respect of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

To Fiji only

8. It would not be appropriate for Tonga to participate in this special Coronation issue.

9. This circular has not been addressed to the governments of Brunei, Federation of Malaya, British Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Tonga and Zanzibar. It has been sent to Malta for the attention of Ministers and to the East Africa High Commission and the High Commissioner, Western Pacific.

SECEP.

Copies sent to:- Commonwealth Relations Office  
Crown Agents for the Colonies

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SPT for early comment, on paras 6 & 8.  
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Non Col Sec.

See thank you.

Colony Stamp for internal or inland  
letter rate is one penny. Red. number  
required 200,000.

Dependencies stamp for inland letter  
rate is one penny blue. (faded). number  
required 50,000.

Copies of present issues are available  
at Crown Agents, for determination of colour

AM. SPT  
31.8.52

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Ref (15).

I recommend approval of SPT's suggestions  
above. Q26.

Acq. MC 6/vi

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TELEGRAM SENT.

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From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 5.6.52. Time: 1120. Received: 6.6.52. Time: 0845

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Unnumbered Circular (2) of 4th June. Coronation Stamps.

I should be grateful for early reply to my Circular 409/52.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

Reply at 19

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 6.6.52. Time: 1545. Received: ..... Time: .....

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No 88. Your Saving telegram Circular 409/52. Postage  
Stamps.

I wish Falkland Islands and Dependencies to participate  
in special stamp issue.

2. Stamps required are 200,000 repeat 200,000  
Colony red one penny and 50,000 repeat 50,000 Dependencies  
blue (faded) one penny.

GOVERNOR.

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fines?  
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1. CS 19 seen about 404

PK ST

H.O.  
30/4/52  
9.6.52

GTC  
SS



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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

C.O. Ref: COM 66/151/01.

SAVINGRAM

CIRCULAR 796/52.

9th August, 1952.

POSTAGE STAMPS

9 My priority circular No. 409/52 of the 25th April.

The proposals made for a special issue of Colonial postage stamps to mark the occasion of the Coronation of Her Majesty having been accepted by the majority of the territories concerned, arrangements are being made for the production of these stamps on the lines outlined in my circular under reference.

2. This circular has not been addressed to the governments of Brunei, British Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, Gilbert & Ellice Islands, Tonga and Zanzibar. Copies have been sent to the High Commissioner, Western Pacific and to the East African High Commission. It has been sent to Malta for the information of Ministers and to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya under cover of a separate despatch.

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- Commonwealth Relations Office.

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

C.O. Ref: COM 66/151/01

SAVINGRAM

CIRCULAR 849/52



26th August, 1952.

PRIORITY

POSTAGE STAMPS

14 My circular savingram No. 796/52 of 9th August.

16 It seems desirable that an early announcement should be made regarding the proposed special issue of Colonial Postage stamps on the occasion of the Coronation. I accordingly attach a copy of a notice which will be published in the Crown Agents' Stamp Bulletin on the 1st October 1952. There will be no objection to your arranging for a similar notice to be published locally on the same date if you consider this desirable.

2. This circular has not been addressed to the governments of Brunei, British Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, Gilbert & Ellice Islands, Tonga and Zanzibar. Copies have been sent to the High Commissioner, Western Pacific and to the East African High Commission. It has been sent to Malta for the information of Ministers and to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya under cover of a separate despatch.

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- Commonwealth Relations Office,  
- General Post Office.

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DRAFT NOTICE

FOR RELEASE 1st OCTOBER, 1952.

1 To commemorate the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, arrangements are being made for a special issue of Colonial postage stamps to be placed on sale on Coronation Day. The stamps will remain on sale until the end of 1953 unless stocks have previously been exhausted. It has been found necessary to restrict the issue to a single value for each participating Administration in a design common to all.

2 The design will consist of an approved portrait of Her Majesty in a suitable frame, and will include the coronation date, the name of the issuing territory and the value. With certain exceptions, the value will represent the postage required on a local inland letter and the colour will correspond with that of the current stamp of the same value. The Portrait will be black on all stamps.

3 It will not be possible by the date of the Coronation to replace all Colonial stamps which bear the portrait of His late Majesty King George VI with stamps bearing a portrait of Her Majesty The Queen and this special issue will ensure that the peoples of the participating territories will be able to see the Portrait of their Queen on at least one stamp at the time of the Coronation.

4 Full details of the territories participating, values and colours, etc., will be published in a subsequent Bulletin. *etc.*

Mail from 14

A.C.S.

P. 16 as amended under to issue as a  
Public Notice on or shortly after as may be convenient.  
1<sup>st</sup> October.

Para 1. as on 16

" 2 as on 16.

" 3. Arrangement is being made for the  
issue of a 1<sup>st</sup> Red for the Colony and  
a 1<sup>st</sup> Blue for Dependencies, [full  
details of other territories participating,  
values and colours etc. will be  
published as soon as they are  
known.]

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Y.S.

[ ] on para. 3 is not of local interest  
may I therefore suggest it be altered?

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Arrangement is being made for the issue of a 1d. Red for the Colony and a 1d. Blue for Dependencies.

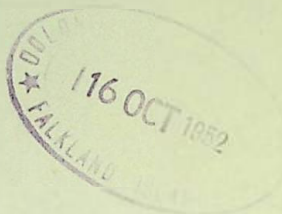
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
21st October, 1952.

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DESPATCH

CIRCULAR 859/52.

THE CHURCH HOUSE,  
GREAT SMITH STREET,  
LONDON. S.W.1.

1527/A

29th August 1952.

Sir,

POSTAGE STAMPS

With reference to my circular despatch No. 169/52 of the 23rd of February, in which you were informed that it would be necessary, except in a few special cases, to defer all new issues of British Colonial postage stamps until arrangements could be made for the inclusion in the designs of a new Royal Portrait or Royal Cipher, I have the honour to inform you that new Royal Portraits have now been approved.

2. One or other of these Portraits will be introduced, as soon as possible, on all issues bearing a Royal Portrait, and to this end the Portrait will be changed on the stamps supplied against all future indents when it can be done within the time limit placed on delivery. This may not always be possible, and where it proves impossible the stamps will be supplied bearing the portrait of the late King George VI. The work the printers can undertake is limited by their plate making capacity, and even when the only change required is that of the Royal Portrait, it involves the manufacture of new plates. For this reason it will not be practicable to change the Portrait on existing designs when new issues with changed designs are already in preparation, especially as the change of Portrait would constitute a new issue, and would in itself rule out the introduction of new designs for a period of years. Also, even where new designs are not at present contemplated, it may not be possible to change the Portrait on all existing designs simultaneously, as I consider it important that all territories not requiring new designs should have an early opportunity of having The Queen's portrait on at least some

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values, and to change all values for one territory may only be possible at the expense of others.

3. So far as new designs already in course of preparation are concerned, I am arranging with the Crown Agents for the Colonies to proceed with all work in hand, including on the stamps whichever approved Portrait is considered to be most suited to the general lay out of the designs, as was envisaged in paragraph 3 of my despatch under reference. The Crown Agents for the Colonies will advise the territories concerned of the anticipated delivery dates.

4. If in some cases this results in the new series of stamps becoming available for use while the special Coronation issue, referred to in my circular savingram No. 409/52 of the 25th of April, is still current, I should see no objection to the whole of the new series being placed on sale at once, if such a course would serve local convenience, in spite of the fact that this would mean having on sale simultaneously two different stamps of the same value. I consider it would be detrimental to Colonial revenues and to the stamp market generally to suspend the selling of complete sets of the new stamps until the Coronation stamps are withdrawn from sale at the end of 1953, because this would result in complete sets of all the new issues produced during the period that the Coronation stamps are on sale becoming available to philatelists on the same date, in which event those Colonial Governments whose stamps happen then to be least popular might well find that the cost of production of the new issue was not fully covered by the receipts from sales accruing during the financial year in which that cost was incurred.

5. This circular has not been addressed to the governments of Brunei, Tonga and Zanzibar. Copies have been sent to the East African High Commission, to Malta for the information of Ministers and to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya under cover of a separate despatch.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient  
humble Servant,

*Onice J. J. J.*

*S.P.T.*

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*How C.S.*

*Seen. Thank you*

*AKL SPT*

*28/10/52*

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TELEGRAM.

From The Crown Agents for the Colonies.

To The Colonial Secretary

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Despatched : 6th January, 1953 Time : 1340

Received : 7th January, 1953 Time : 0845

Dependencies Coronation Stamps being flown to  
Montevideo for onward shipment in MERAK N  
sailing about 27th January. Understand this  
should be in time for JOHN BISCOE final trip  
round islands before ice. Stamps in one parcel  
containing 834 sheets of 60 and 166 sheets of  
30 stamps viz 55020 stamps in all. Please  
arrange distribution.

CROWN.

P/L.

Bu. t. KIV on 12.2.53

S.P.  
C.T.  
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D. P. O. 8/1/53



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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



C.O. Ref: COM 66/151/01

SAVINGRAM

CIRCULAR 1240/52

31st December, 1952.

POSTAGE STAMPS

20 In the fourth paragraph of my circular No. 859/52 of 26th August, 1952, it was stated that in any case where a new series of regular stamps became available for use during the currency of the special stamp commemorating the Coronation of Her Majesty The Queen, I should see no objection to the whole of the new series being placed on sale even though this would mean having two stamps of the same denomination on sale at one time.

2. It has since been represented to me by the Crown Agents for the Colonies that the appearance of many new issues in 1953 may give rise to large numbers of orders for the current postage stamps, especially in complete sets, and that it would occasion much inconvenience if those orders could not be executed merely because the Coronation stamp had temporarily displaced one of the values in the current range. This situation seems likely to confront Colonial postal authorities as well as the Crown Agents, particularly in cases where the preparation of a new series of stamps has already been announced and it appears probable that sales of the old regular series may not be resumed when the Coronation stamp is withdrawn.

3. To avoid such difficulties and to ensure that supplies of the current stamps may be freely available to would-be purchasers, particularly in North America, I consider that it would be most convenient to all concerned for the whole of the regular series of stamps (whatever it may be) to remain on sale concurrently with the Coronation issue, as is the practice in this country.

4. This would mean that orders received by post may be executed as they stand, while requests at the counter for stamps of the denomination selected for the Coronation issue would be met by tendering that stamp unless supplies of the regular stamp are specifically requested. It would also have the advantage of ensuring that the Crown Agents for the Colonies do not in any particular case execute orders for stamps which are unobtainable locally and vice versa.

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5. A similar practice could with advantage be adopted in the future when any other special commemorative issue is temporarily on sale, the rule that two stamps of the same denomination should not be on sale at the same time being regarded as applicable only to regular series of stamps.

6. This circular has not been addressed to the governments of Brunei, British Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Tonga and Zanzibar. Copies have been sent to the High Commissioner, Western Pacific and to the East Africa High Commission. It has been sent to Malta for the information of Ministers and to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya, under cover of a separate despatch.

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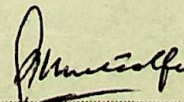
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No1.	<u>H.M. Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Stamps.</u>			
	NBD. 0001 - 0834	1d.	834	60
	0835 - 1000	1d.	166	30
	<u>Sheets of stamps numbered &amp; interleaved wax paper.</u>			
	Air Freight.			
	Receipt attached to original.			
		HANDED OVER to air transport company on ..... Two copies of invoice attached. (Incls.) .....		

CASE NO.	GROSS WEIGHT			NET WEIGHT			MEASUREMENTS	VALUE (EACH)	REMARKS
	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lb.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lb.	Inches		
			About 28			lbs.	13" x 10" x 7"	15. 0. 0.	

I Certify that the Stamps, as detailed, were packed as stated above.

9th January, 1953.

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CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
Stamp Inspection Branch.


Chief Inspector of Stamps.

**INVOICE**  
(FIRST ADVICE COPY)

COLONIAL SECRETARIAT  
4 FEB 1953  
S

**THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.**

Dr. to Messrs. **THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY LIMITED**  
of (full address) **Morris House, 1/5 Jermyn Street, London. S.W.1.**  
Crown Agents' Reference **G9/ Falkland Islands Dep.**  
Indent No. **G9/389/2/25**  
Special Account (if any)  
Department

Date of Invoice **12th January 1953**  
Contractor's Reference No.  
Date of posting (if goods have been despatched by post)

To be filled in by Contractor.

Item No.	Quantity	DESCRIPTION	Price	£	s.	d.
		<u>Coronation Stamps</u>	<u>Per #</u>			
	917 sheets	1d duty 60-set 55,020 stamps	3/11½	10	16	8
		Printing Material		69	0	5
			<u>Per 100 shts</u>			
		Cost of interleaving 917 sheets	2/3	1	0	8
		Cost of numbering 917 sheets	2/1		19	1
		1 Case numbered 1				
		Air Freight		1	0	3
				<b>£82</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>

We hereby certify that there has been no reduction in the cost of wages or materials during the continuance of this contract.

**T.R.**

for THOMAS DE LA RUE & CO. LTD.

I hereby certify that the above is in order.  
Chief Inspector of Stamps,  
Crown Agents for the Colonies.

26.

INVOICE

THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

S.P.T.

To note 24-25 & w/draw duplicate

pl.

AM. SPT 12.2.53.

C.T.

To note 24-25 pl.

C.T. cs. 10/2/53.

Notes noted, h. y.

[Signature] 18/2/53

S.P.T.

Be kind enough to arrange as in  
21. for "J. B" ~~write~~ this voyage South

Hon C. S.

Wt for C. S.  
20/2/53

P.M. has arranged with

Treasury for stamps to be collected for  
posting.

AM. SPT  
20.2.53

TT

S/F.

I understand that P.M. has arranged with A/S.F. for the distribution of the Comintern stamps. Would you please cause Base leaders to be informed that the stamps shd. not on any account be placed on sale until 2nd June - that they are to be withdrawn from sale at the end of 1953.

2. Base leaders shd. also be informed not to withdraw the current 1<sup>st</sup> stamp from sale during the above period - see S/S's instruction at 22 herein.

*[Signature]*  
21/2.

A.S/F

To note above and inform Base accordingly.

*[Signature]*  
24/2

S/F a certificate has been prepared in accordance with para. 1 above which Base leaders will sign.  
Para 2 - I will so inform Base leaders,

A.C.S

n.a. taken. pls returned herewith

*[Signature]* 24/2

*[Signature]*  
24/2

*[Handwritten mark]*

PRELIMINARY SHIPPING ADVICE.

28

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have to report that the following shipment is expected.

Reference :

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR,  
STAMP INSPECTION BRANCH,  
THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

S/ Bikland Islands 69/389/2/24

2 APR 1953

a.m. 15th March

53

Authority  
~~Indent No.~~ CO Ltr. No. Com. 66/151/01  
Account da 19.7.52. Marked  
Dept.  
Consigned to Officer Administering the  
Government

REQN. O. H. M. S.  
09/389/2/24  
C ↑ A O.A.G.  
Nos. STANLEY  
Gross Weight.

by the " STANLEY " in the

A Shed West India Dock Dock for Lock Up  
Strong Room stowage.

<u>VALUE EACH.</u>	<u>Nos.</u>	<u>Contents.</u>	<u>Measurements.</u>	<u>Gross Weight.</u>	<u>Nett Weight.</u>
061	1541	1 case Coronation Stamps	24x15x15	01.0.0.	00.2.26.

Ex Messrs. de la Rue & Co., Ltd.,  
Dufferin Works, E.C.1.

The bill of lading and invoice will be despatched as soon as possible.  
It must be understood, however, that shipment is not yet confirmed.

Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
4, Millbank, London, S.W.1.

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S. Auckland Isles G9/389/2/24

12. 3. 1953

Indent No. *Authy* C.O. Ltr. no. *low* 66/157/01

Dept. ....



### SPECIAL ADVICE

#### OF THE SHIPMENT OF FRAGILE OR VALUABLE GOODS, ETC.

The undermentioned goods have been shipped by the "*Fitzroy*" which sailed on the *14. 3. 1953*

Nos.	Packages.	Contents.
<p><i>1541</i></p> <p>MARKED AS UNDER:—</p> <p><i>Regn.</i></p> <p><i>G9/389/2/24</i></p> <p><i>O.A.G.</i></p> <p><i>Port Stanley</i></p>	<i>1 case</i>	<i>coronation Stamps</i>

and <sup>10</sup> are stowed in *no 3 lock up*

Arrangements were made by us for the packages to be carefully handled and stowed at the time of shipment, and it is suggested that an officer be detailed to meet the vessel on arrival to ensure that the goods also receive careful handling during discharge and delivery.

FROM

THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
4 MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.

*Mail from 28*

30

C.S.

You have received the stamps pl.?

W/for G.S.  
30/4

Hon<sup>rs</sup>

Your presents arrived in strong  
Recm.

O.P.I.

Pl. note 28-30

W/for G.S.  
30/4/53

Hon C.S

28.30 noted. Thank you

AM 5/5  
1.5.53

ACS

Referring to 27. I understand 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> June will be  
Public Holidays in UK and Falkland Is and that  
Commemorative stamps will not be on sale until 4<sup>th</sup> June 1953.

If this is correct, will South Georgia, the Bases and  
Falkland Is all issue the stamps on 4<sup>th</sup> June please?

AM 5/5  
1.5.53

Yes

Yes?

2. We have to inform G/AA. a month  
in advance.

2/5.

ACS all to be issued on  
4<sup>th</sup> June. 4/5

## GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDSSENT

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				4.5.53
To				
	CROWN LONDON			H.O.V.C

CORRECTION STAMPS BEING PLACED ON SALE IN COLONY AND DEPENDENCIES  
ON 4TH JUNE.

SECRETARY

Time



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

32

**SENT**

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				4.5.53
To	ADMIN. OFFICER, SOUTH GEORGIA			DEPA/C
	<del>XXXXXXXXXXXX</del>			

NO 63 CORONATION POSTAGE STAMPS SHOULD BE PLACED ON SALE ON FOURTH JUNE.

SECRETARY

Time



# Ford Employees' Stamp Club

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
SECRETARY  
FORD EMPLOYEES' STAMP CLUB  
Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited  
Windsor, Ont.

WINDSOR, ONTARIO

R.R.# 1 Secumseh  
March 1, 1953

Colonial Secretary  
Falkland Is.

21 APR 1953

Dear Sir -

I know you may be bothered no end with requests similar to mine but hope you will see fit to help me out. I have correspondents in most other Br. colonies not so the Falklands. I have taken the liberty of writing to you. I have read with interest the firm stand the British Gov't has taken regarding Argentina & Chile & I agree with them 100%. It is high time they realized Britians right & respect our sovereignty.

Not recd original envelope was open.

What I would like you to do for me is the following. I am enclosing \$10 envelopes I would like a stamp issued for Her Majesty's Coronation on each envelope ~~on each envelope~~ 5 with Falkland Stamp

~~34~~ 34.

+ 5 with Falkland Dependency Stamp.

I see the value is 10. Not being sure if this is sufficient for overseas first class mail. If not put sufficient postage with same stamp to cover postage. I am enclosing Reply coupons to pay for same. Any difference can be sent in unused stamps or be kept for your trouble.

All these envelopes are self addressed & all that will be necessary is to add the stamps. If at all possible please post on the first day of issue of the stamps & then I will have all my colonies on the same date.

Should you know anyone interested in stamps I would be glad of their address & would be glad to help them with Canadian stamps.

Thanking you in anticipation

Sincerely

Stanley W. Hill 31.

Seals with by P.M.  
who has sent value  
in stamps less  
postage &c. See #46

W.H.

~~Nothing can be done~~

2/4/56 about this as far as F.I.D.S.

is concerned. Heat Southern voyage

is after day of issue ~~2/4/56~~ H/S  
minuted in error 2/4/56

PP see from

**S**GOVERNMENT of FALKLAND IS.Reqn. No. G9/389/2/24. 35

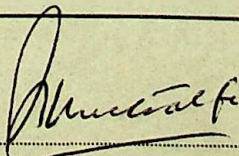
No. of Cases or Parcel.	Description of contents.	Duty.	Number of sheets.	Number of Stamps on each sheet.
1541	<u>H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II CORONATION STAMPS.</u>			
	Nbd. 0001 - 3200	1d.	3,200	60
	Nbd. 3201 - 4134	1d.	934	30
	<u>Sheets of stamps numbered and interleaved wax paper.</u>			

*PP see from 31.*

CASE NO.	GROSS WEIGHT			NET WEIGHT			MEASUREMENTS	VALUE (each)	REMARKS
	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lb.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lb.	Inches		
1541	1	0	0	0	2	26	24 x 13 x 13	£61.0.0.	Sealed and signode banded.

I Certify that the Stamps, as detailed, were packed as stated above.

11th March, 1953  
 CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,  
 Stamp Inspection Branch.



Chief Inspector of Stamps.

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~~37~~

S/F.

To see E-G on 30 - would you kindly inform all bases accordingly.

*[Signature]*  
1/5

H.C.S.

All Bases informed.

*[Signature]*  
11/5

COPY  
GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS  
**SENT**

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				11/5/53
To	CLARK, BASE B (R) ALL BASES			A/C FIDS

48/143 CORONATION POSTAGE STAMPS SHOULD BE PLACED ON SALE 4th JUNE NOT REPEAT NOT 2nd JUNE

A/SECFIDS

Time

*There are tabs for the file.*  
*[Signature]*  
Now filed at 37 + 38

DECODE.

1527/A

TELEGRAM.

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From The Admin. Officer, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

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Despatched : 8th May, 1953 Time 1800

Received : 9th May, 1953 Time :0845

No 72. Your No 63. Coronation Postage Stamps.

Grateful confirmation that these should be placed on sale on fourth June and not second as previously instructed by Postmaster.

ADMIN. OFFICER.

Reply at 38

P/L  
SS

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

SENT

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				11.5.53

To

ADMIN. OFFICER SOUTH GEORGIA

DEPA/C

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NO 66. YOUR TELEGRAM 72 STOP 4TH JUNE CONFIRMED.

SECRETARY

Time

SS

# INVOICE

(FIRST ADVICE COPY)



## THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.

Dr. to Messrs.  
of (full address)

THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY LIMITED  
Morris House, 1/5 Jermy St. London. S.W.1.

Crown Agents' Reference G9/ Falkland Islands 389/2/24

Date of Invoice 10th April 1953.

Indent No.

Contractor's Reference No.

Special Account (if any)

Date of posting (if goods have been  
despatched by post)

Department

To be filled in by Contractor.

Item No.	Quantity	DESCRIPTION	Price	£	s.	d.
		<u>Coronation Stamps</u>	<u>Per #</u>			
		3667 sheets id duty 60-set 220,020 stamps	3/11½	43	6	4
		Printing Material		69	0	5
			<u>Per 100 shts</u>			
		Cost of interleaving 3667 sheets	2/3	4	2	6
		Cost of numbering 3667 sheets	1/3	2	5	10
		1 Case numbered 1541.		1	11	3
				£120	6	4

We hereby certify that there has been no  
reduction in the cost of wages or materials  
during the continuance of this contract.

**T.D.R.**

for THOMAS DE LA RUE & CO. LTD.



40.

INVOICE

S.P.T.

To note 39, w/draw duplicate  
& Bills of Lading C.A.II. etc. at wr. pl.

VP  
for CS 13/5/53

C.I.

To note 39 pl.

VP  
for CS 13/5/53.

Hon<sup>rs</sup>

noted, k. y.

13/5/53.

Hon C.S.

39 noted. Dup withdrawn thank you.  
Are the coronation stamps to go on sale  
on 4<sup>th</sup> Jan please?

AM. SPi  
23.5.53

S.P.T.

Yes - pl. see 30F to wh. your attention  
shd. have been drawn.

2. You will issue Public or Post Off. Notice any?

Hon C.S.

Post Office Notice will be  
issued. Thank You.

AM. SPi  
27.5.53

26/5.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

THE COLONY AND DEPENDENCIES CORONATION ONEPENNY  
STAMPS WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT THE POST OFFICE  
ON THE 4TH JUNE, (THURSDAY), 1953.

Post Office,

Stanley.

27/5/53.

Copy for C.S.O. File.

*Done*  
*sp*

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✓

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inc. 21  
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Pa  
K  
2017

G/1765.

Communications to be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4, Millbank, London, S.W.1, and the above reference quoted.



4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."  
OVERSEAS: "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

24th February, 1954.

CIRCULAR.

Sir,

I am directed to ask you to be good enough to forward as soon as possible details of the number of Coronation stamps of the Falkland Islands and Falkland Island Dependencies sold locally.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*J. S. Blomfield*

*Reply at 45*

The Colonial Secretary,  
Falkland Islands.

*SLT  
pe*

*DM*

*22/3*

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Instructions to be addressed  
to the Crown Agents for the  
Colonies & India, London  
W.1, and the above refer-  
ence noted.

MILBANK

LONDON E.C.1

Here 25

Stamps

The total number of Corronation  
of The Falkland Islands sold is 70188.

The total number of Corronation

Stamps of The Falkland Islands Dependencies

is 51455 of which 11965 were sold  
by the Post Office at Stanley.

All S.P.

29.3.54

A.

Joseph [unclear]

20/5

the Colonial Secretary  
Falkland Islands

31st March,

54.

Gentlemen,

43

With reference to your Circular letter G/1765 of 24th February, 1954, regarding details of local sales of Coronation stamps of the Colony and its Dependencies, I am directed to append the following information:-

- (a) Falkland Islands ..... 70,188  
(b) Falkland Islands Dependencies ..... 51,455.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
4, Millbank, Westminster,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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P.M.

33. We spoke. You are kindly  
dealing with this order. Thank you.

H.C.S.

Have dealt with above.

wifes  
2/4/54

Pat P.M.  
22/4/54.

Pat  
26/4

A/G/1175/1/19



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Communications to be addressed to  
THE CROWN AGENTS  
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS  
and the above reference quoted.

4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."  
              { OVERSEAS: "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

10/11/54

Sir,

I am directed to enclose 48-50.  
particulars of Coronation Commemorative  
stamps sold by the Crown Agents' Stamp  
Bureau.

49 & 50  
The certificates of destruction  
referred to are also enclosed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*E. P. Field*

( *The Colonial Secretary,*  
*Falkland Islands.* )



Falkland Islands

Sales of Coronation stamps  
by the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations

	/d
Reserved for sale in the United Kingdom	600 000
Stamps sold	425 944
Unsold stamps destroyed vide certificates of destruction attached.	173 936 120
Total stamps disposed of	600 000

Receipts from Sales credited to  
Falkland Islands Account

Year	Period during which stamps were on sale	Month in which proceeds were credited	Amount		
1953	2nd June to 31st Dec.	June	690	-	4
		July	203	15	-
		August	349	5	-
		September	111	15	-
		October	74	10	-
		November	67	10	-
1954	Stamp sent to Washington in 1953	December	76	10	-
		January	36	15	-
		February	36	10	-
		March	23	5	-
		May	5	-	-
		June	25	-	-
		July	10	-	-
		August	15	-	-
		October	50	-	-
					1774

E. P. Field

for the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations

AK.

8 NOV 1954



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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF STAMPS, CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES, THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED

STAMP INSPECTION BRANCH, 4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1.

G9/51B

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

CERTIFIED that the undermentioned Postage and Revenue Stamps from the Crown Agents Bureau, which have been withdrawn from circulation, have today been destroyed in our presence by burning at the premises of Messrs. Thos. De La Rue & Co., Ltd., Bunhill Row, London, E.C.1 :-

H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II CORONATION

1d ... 173,936 ✓

*J. Gillison*  
.....  
For Chief Inspector of Stamps.

*J. Graham*  
.....  
Examiner.  
24th May, 1954.

A/G/1175/1



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Communications to be addressed to  
THE CROWN AGENTS  
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS  
and the above reference quoted.

4, MILLBANK,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."  
OVERSEAS: "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Certified that the undermentioned  
stamps were destroyed by the Crown Agents  
Representative in Washington on the  
16th June 1954.

H.M. Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Issue

1d ... 120

*E. P. Lield*

for Crown Agents for Oversea  
Governments and Administrations



COMMUNICATIONS

MILLBANK  
LONDON, S.W.1

Communications to be addressed to  
The Crown Agents  
for the Colonies and Overseas Territories  
and the above reference should

be sent to the Crown Agents for the Colonies and Overseas Territories  
15, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4

Im ✓  
at  
Auditor L.S. 16/12/54

To see 47-50 pl  
for 9/12/54

16/12

THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES AND OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

15, ABCHURCH LANE, LONDON, E.C. 4

FOR CROWN AGENTS FOR OVERSEAS  
GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS