

# SECRETARIAT

(Formerly)

0283/G	0283/G.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

COMMEMORATIVE SHAKESPEARE STAMPS.

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER  
 0283/A  
 0283/A/11  
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 0283/C  
 0283/D  
 0283/E  
 0283/F

Suggested design for new issue - confidential  
 Suggested design for new issue - confidential  
 Re-introduction of 25d and 6d denomination for airmail  
 Statement of sales of.  
 1962 Commemorative issue (Radio  
 Commemorative Red Cross issue, 1963.  
 Commemorative issue. 7.1 Battle.

H. Ag. C. S.

When I first read this letter from Sir John Martin, I thought that it might be rather foolish for us to have a stamp to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of Shakespeare's birth; but on reading Sir Hilton Poynton's letter of 25th July, I am not so sure. He says "I cannot help feeling that the appeal would be mainly to those countries whose population was racially of British stock and who would therefore regard England or at any rate the United Kingdom as their mother country". If we agree to have a special stamp I think we might possibly be the only Colony to do so, and it would emphasise the point we are always trying to make, that we are indeed unique and are "racially of British stock".

September 18, 1963.

SA

PERSONAL

CM.270/06

Colonial Office,  
The Church House,  
Great Smith Street,  
London, S.W.1.

27th August, 1963.

*Dear Arrowsmith,*

We have been approached by the Director of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust who has suggested that overseas territories might like to issue postage stamps to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of Shakespeare's birth, which falls on the 23rd April next year. The United Kingdom is, I understand, proposing to do so. I enclose copies of my correspondence with the Director.

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As you will see from my letter, I was rather doubtful whether many territories would regard this occasion as a suitable one to commemorate. I therefore thought that it would be better to raise the matter with you privately rather than as a first stage to issue an official savingram containing this suggestion. I should be glad to hear whether you think that this proposal would be acceptable locally; if so, we will make an official approach.

*Yr sincerely,  
John Martin*

Signed for Sir Hilton Poynton, to whom reply should be addressed.

*Reply at 7.*

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, KCMG.

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# The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON · Telephones 2648 and 3352

Chairman SIR FORDHAM FLOWER

Director LEVI FOX, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.HIST.S., F.R.S.L.

Sir Hilton Poynton, K.C.M.G.,  
Permanent Under-Secretary,  
Colonial Office,  
The Church House,  
Great Smith Street,  
London, S.W. 1.

5th July, 1963.

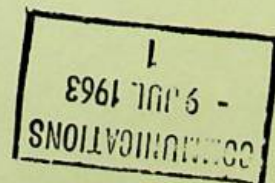
*Dear Sir Hilton,*

## Shakespeare Stamps for Overseas Territories

You will be aware that the Postmaster General has agreed to make a special stamp issue on the 23rd April next to mark the 400th anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare. Arising from this I have been asked by the Trustees of Shakespeare's Birthplace to represent to you the desirability of extending the idea of issuing special Shakespeare stamps to the Colonies, and since I understand the necessary authority to proceed in this matter must be sought from your Department I write on behalf of the Trustees to ask you to be good enough to consider this request.

It is a fact that in many countries of the world plans are already being made for the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth and, as the legal custodians of the poet's birthplace, the Trustees feel strongly that everything possible should be done to ensure that the anniversary occasion is as widely recognized and celebrated as possible. I do not think I need represent to you that by common consent Shakespeare is acknowledged to be the greatest dramatic genius of the English-speaking peoples and that every country using English owes something to Shakespeare's heritage. There is also the fact that every year visitors to Shakespeare's Birthplace include a very heavy representation from the Colonies, which means that quite apart from any linguistic link, interest in Shakespeare and all that he means in our day joins us very closely together in a practical way.

*See 4*



Sir Hilton Poynton, K.C.M.G.

5th July, 1963.

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In order that you may appreciate the possibilities offered by the 1964 Shakespeare anniversary I am sending a draft of one or two suggestions which you might care to consider. It may well be that this is a matter about which you feel there should be some discussion and I would be very pleased indeed to come to London for this purpose.

*no attach*

*Your sincerely  
Alan Cox*

Director

JG

25th July, 1963.

3 Thank you for your letter of the 5th July suggesting that British dependent territories might issue postage stamps to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth next year. I am sorry not to have sent you an earlier reply, but I have been abroad and only got back last week.

I find it very difficult to assess what the reactions of the Governments of our dependent territories would be to this proposal. Making full allowance for all the arguments put forward in your letter I cannot help feeling that the appeal would be mainly to those countries whose population was racially of British stock and who could therefore regard England or at any rate the United Kingdom as their mother country. For the most part, however, such countries have for many years been fully independent Commonwealth nations, such as Canada, Australia and New Zealand. I cannot help feeling a little sceptical whether the quater-centenary of Shakespeare's birthday would have quite the same appeal in territories such as, to name a few examples at random, Aden, Basutoland or the Solomon Islands, where the inhabitants are of a quite different racial stock, with a different social and cultural background, and sometimes do not in fact use English as their ordinary language (Aden is a case in point here, being Arabic speaking). Moreover, I have an uneasy feeling that in many of these territories, where there are strong nationalist emotions operating in favour of independence, the celebration of even so great a figure in the literary history of the metropolitan power of which they are dependencies might set up a certain "anti-colonial" resistance.

/Nevertheless,

See 5

Levi Fox, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.

Nevertheless, I think it is right that we should bring the proposal to the notice of these territories other than those which will already be independent before next April - Kenya is a case in point here - but I do not think we should be justified in bringing any pressure to bear on them. It has indeed for many years been our custom to allow our dependent territories a fair amount of autonomy in the selection of events to be commemorated in postage stamps. We do from time to time make suggestions as to suitable occasions, but our normal practice is to leave it to them to decide whether or not they will take part.

(924) A. H. T. CYRUS



# The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust 4

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Sir Hilton Poynton, K.C.M.G.,  
Permanent Under-Secretary,  
Colonial Office,  
The Church House,  
Great Smith Street,  
London, S.W. 1.

29th July, 1963.

30/7

Dear Sir Hilton,

4 I am more than grateful to you for your most helpful letter of the 25th July with reference to the possible issue of special postage stamps in the British dependent territories to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's birth next year.

I can well appreciate the points you mention and clearly the territories concerned must make the decision as to whether they wish to honour Shakespeare in this manner. I am accordingly most grateful to you for having promised to bring the proposal to their notice.

A point which makes me feel that it is our duty to make this suggestion to all the colonial territories irrespective of their racial backgrounds is the fact that every year some representatives from even very little-known places come to visit Shakespeare's Birthplace. They must, I appreciate, be rather lone representatives in some instances, but by and large Shakespeare does seem to have a great fascination for peoples of all nationalities.

I take it that if you feel there is anything further you would like me to do you will let me know.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Levi Fox*

Director

JG



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Y.E.,

I wonder whether we could market two new issues in one year - F.D. Butler 50d & Shakespeare 400th anniv. - and £9 also wonder whether the latter would have the public appeal necessary to cover the cost of production.

Shakespeare, I gather, has a limited appeal to the British public and his works and memorials are looked upon more as a tourist attraction. This of course might be an indication that an anniversary stamp would create a good market in, e.g. U.S.A.

May I suggest adding the matter to your agenda, please.

R.C.

1.10.63

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 18.10.63.      Time: 1530      Received:      Time:

No. 87.    Personal for Poynton.      Your letter CM.270/06

August 27 Shakespeare stamps.      Proposal acceptable locally.

EPA/ER.

G.T.C.

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We must now await an  
official approval.

p.a.

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DECODE.

No. 28.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched : 11.12.63 Time : 1415 Received : 12.12.63 Time 0900

78. Postage Stamps. Grateful to know by telegram if you agree participate issue Shakespeares Commemorative Fourth Centenary April 1964, common design, one stamp about sixpence and if so, quantity local use and value.

Secer.

P/L : ER

Copy to S/PT

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Reply at 10.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 12.12.63      Time: 1530      Received:      Time:

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107.      Yourtel 78      Shakespeare Postage Stamps.

Agree participate value sixpence      quantity local use  
twentyfive thousand.

Copy to S/PT

Bu 20.2.64

EPA/ER

P/L

12.16.



PRIORITY

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

C.O. Ref: CM.270/06

SAVINGRAM

CIRCULAR 555/63

15th November, 1963

POSTAGE STAMPS

FOURTH CENTENARY OF  
THE BIRTH OF SHAKESPEARE

It has been suggested that overseas territories may like to issue postage stamps to commemorate the fourth centenary of the birth of Shakespeare on the 23rd April, 1964. The United Kingdom is proposing to do so.

2. In view of the short time that now remains it will only be possible to make such an issue on condition that

- (a) The issue has one basic design common to all, although the name of each participating territory would be shown on its own issue.
- (b) That the selection and approval of the design be left to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
- (c) That each participating territory should issue one stamp only.
- (d) That if necessary, the Crown Agents despatch the stamps by air freight.

3. The stamps will be produced by the photogravure process. It is considered that the value of each stamp should be 6d. or the nearest postal value thereto.

4. I should be glad to receive by telegram answers to the following questions:-

- (a) Does the Government of your territory wish to participate on the conditions set out above?
- (b) What value does it require for its stamp?
- (c) How many stamps does it require for local use?
- (d) For what period will the stamps be on sale?

SECEP.

Reply at 15

The Officer Administering  
the Government of  
the Falkland Islands.

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How CS.

Para 4 of reverse.

# (a) (b) & (c) have already been answered at p. 10.

Commemorative issues are normally current for a period of three months. Shd. I reply accordingly? 3-7-64

~~I do not see any need.~~

~~(10) went after this was sent & (d) is for inf. only. wfa.~~

~~W.T.~~

Yes.

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W.T. 4/1/64

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W.T.

F. I. ref: 0283/G

C. O. ref: CH.270/06



SAVING TELEGRAM.

*From:* The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

*To:* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*Date:* 8th January, 1964.

No. 7      SAVING.      COLONY

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Your Circular Savingsgram 555/63 of 15th November, 1963.

Postage Stamps - Fourth Centenary of the Birth of Shakespeare.

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Please see my telegram No. 107 of 12th December, 1963. Period of issue is three months.

GOVERNOR

DFM/FH

Lu 20.3. 64 (6)

THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G9/Variou 3768/7(Falkland Is.)

4, MILLBANK.

LONDON, S.W.1.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON"  
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON S.W.1"

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO 24209

6th February, 1964.



Dear Sir,

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With reference to Governor's Telegram No. 107 of the 12th December, 1963 to the Colonial Office agreeing to participate in the special issue of postage stamps to commemorate the fourth centenary of the birth of Shakespeare, we confirm that arrangements are being made with the printers to produce 25,000 stamps of the 6d. value together with 90,000 stamps of this denomination for the Crown Agents' Stamp Bureau.

16A

We have agreed with the printers that your stamps should be printed in a grey-black colour and a stamp size bromide depicting the design which is common to all values is enclosed for your information.

As the release date of this issue is on the 23rd April, we propose to despatch your requirements of 25,000 stamps to you by air parcel post.

Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

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SPT + km

Joseph

WL/WPS

5.3.64

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Thank you - pm

has seen

10.2.64

~~10 FEB 20 3 04~~  
f.a



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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

## SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			19.3.64

To

etat CROWN LONDON SW1

HOA/c

16 No. 83. Yourlet G9/Various 3768/7(Falkland Islands) of 6th February  
 please ensure stamps in Montevideo to connect Darwin sailing 6th April

Secretary

HLB/LH

*[Handwritten signature]*  
 19.3.64

ADVICE OF AMENDMENT ORDER PLACED

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THE CROWN AGENTS  
for Oversea Governments and Administrations.

G9 / Various 3768/7  
All letters to be addressed to the CROWN AGENTS this reference being quoted

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

Indent No. or Authority  
G9's request of  
1.11.63.  
Special A/c (if any)  
Dept.

Messrs. Harrison & Sons Ltd.,  
7 Cavendish Square,  
LONDON, W.1.

Telegrams  
{ Inland "Crown, S.W.1. London"  
Overseas "Crown, London-S.W.1."  
Telephone Abbey 7730  
Telex No. 24209

Date 19th February, 1964.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to our order under the above requisition for the special issue of Falkland Islands postage stamps to commemorate the fourth centenary of the birth of Shakespeare, the parcel containing the stamps is to be addressed (for air parcel post) to the Colonial Treasurer, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands (and in bold lettering) C/O MESSRS. MACLENS & STAPLEDON, CASILLA DE CORREO 193, COLON 1486, MONTIVIDEO, URUGUAY.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) A. J. D. SIMPSON

for the Crown Agents.

Copy for:-

The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Special notes to Principal:—

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DIRECT ORDER PLACED WITH:—

99 / VARIOUS 3768/7

All letters to be addressed to the CROWN AGENTS this reference being quoted

ADVICE OF ORDER PLACED

Ident No. or Authority

Messrs. Harrison and Sons

A/c.

Dept.

To:—

Please complete  
7, Cavendish Square, Ltd.  
LONDON, W.O.  
CROWN AGENTS.  
immediately

Date of placing Order :

13 FEB 1964

THE CROWN AGENTS  
for Oversea Governments and Administrations,  
4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1

DEAR SIR(S),

We accept this order placed for and on behalf of the **Government of the Falkland Is.**  
and agree to supply, on the terms stipulated **Special Issue of Postage stamps**  
specified below, in accordance with the Crown Agents' General Conditions of Contract dated June, 1957 (and, where  
applicable, Special Conditions of Contract).

Signature

Address

Dated this 24 day of Feb 1964

CROWN AGENTS' CONTROL

This order is subject to inspection by

before despatch.

REQM. No.	FIRM	DEPT.	DATE ORD.	ALLOCATION DATE											
3768/7	Harrison & Sons	-		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC.

ITEM No.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES ORDERED	ESTIMATED COST	RATE	AMOUNT
		<p><u>SPECIAL ISSUE OF POSTAGE STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE THE FOURTH CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF SHAKESPEARE</u></p> <p>(Your estimate L.D. 64/32 of 23rd January, 1964, refers.)</p> <p>To cost of producing a special issue of FALKLAND IS. postage stamps to commemorate the Fourth Centenary of the birth of Shakespeare. Details of this issue are as follows:—</p> <p><u>DENOMINATION:—</u> 6d.</p> <p><u>PROCESS:</u> Photogravure</p> <p>/Continued ...</p>			
<p>DELIVERY DATE: 28<sup>th</sup> March 64</p> <p>(Not Period)</p>					163 9 4
<p>DISCOUNTS AND TRADE ALLOWANCES</p> <p>Packing and delivery f.o.b. or postage to</p>					163 9 4
<p>NET AMOUNT PAYABLE on receipt of Bills of Lading / PO, Cert. of Posting</p>					£

POSTAL ADDRESS

SHIPPING MARK

Regn. 3768	The Colonial Treasurer,
	Port Stanley,
C + A	FALKLAND ISLANDS.
Ind. No.	

Regn. 3768	O.A.G.,
C + A	STANLEY.
No.	
Gross Weight	
Ind. No.	

FOR USE IN CROWN AGENTS' OFFICE

Checked by: [Signature] Delivery Due: Entered & Copies Distributed:

S X To  
S.10 C.E. Progress

A.O.P. Address.  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

"S" to note. NDC/DC.

Inspector to note.

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SECURITY

TO MESSRS. Harrison and Sons

ITEM No.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	ESTIMATED COST	RATE	AMOUNT						
		<p><b>DESIGN:</b> The stamps are to be printed in accordance with the design contained in the artwork which is already in your possession.</p> <p><b>COLOURS:</b> The colours are to be approximately the same as the specimens already supplied to you.</p> <p><b>PORTRAIT:</b> As shown on the artwork but to be modified as per the large touched up photograph already issued to you.</p> <p><b>SIZE:</b> To be commensurate to the artwork so as to fit an existing perforating head. Please indicate proposed size when returning the acknowledgement of this order.</p> <p><b>FORMAT:</b> Horizontal</p> <p><b>SET:</b> 60</p> <p><b>QUANTITIES</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>TERRITORY</th> <th>CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>25,000</td> <td>90,000</td> <td>115,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please ensure that the 90,000 stamps for the Crown Agents are of Bureau quality.</p> <p><b>NUMBERING AND INTERLEAVING:</b></p> <p>With the exception of those required by the Bureau the sheets of stamps are to be numbered one up and interleaved with waxed tissue.</p> <p><b>PAPER:</b> The stamps are to be printed on Crown Agents white (esparto quality) paper with the block watermark, coated and gummed. Your requirements are confirmed as follows:-</p> <p>4,000 sheets size 11½" x 13½" long direction grain with the watermark reading across the 11½" way.</p> <p><b>DELIVERY:</b> The delivery of this issue is required by 31st March, 1964, at the very latest. Please confirm that this or an earlier date will be maintained. Despatch is to be made by air parcel post and <u>NOT</u> air freight.</p>	TERRITORY	CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU	TOTAL	25,000	90,000	115,000			
TERRITORY	CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU	TOTAL									
25,000	90,000	115,000									

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SECURITY

TO MESSRS. Harrison and Sons.

ITEM No.	QUANTITY	DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES	ESTIMATED COST	RATE	AMOUNT
		<u>COST:</u>			
		Artwork ... ..	5 5 -		5 5 -
		Engraving one printing plate ...	125 - -		125 - -
		Printing 115,000 stamps at 5/7½ per 1000 stamps	32 6 10	5/7½	32 6 10
		Numbering 416 sheets at 11/6 per 1000 sheets ...	4 10	11/6	4 10
		Interleaving 416 sheets at 30/6 per 1000 sheets ...	12 10	30/6	12 8
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			163 9 6		163 9 4

Specimens, etc.

Four stamp size bromides will be required in the first instance and when submitting these please state the colour in which the stamps will be printed.

Subsequently, four colour proofs will be required for approval before printing is commenced.

780 stamps (i.e. 13 sheets x 60 set) of this value are to be provided, free of charge, for use by the Crown Agents.

GENERAL:

The renewal of plates etc. as and when required to be free of cost.

The Crown Agents' Security Printing Regulations will apply.

DW.

Invoices from 20.

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To see from sep pl

*[Signature]*

23.3.04

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Len & cof in withdrawn.

*[Signature]* 24/3/04

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

## SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			24.3.64
<b>To</b>				
etat CROWN LONDON SW1				HQA/c

20 No. 95. Yourlet G9/Various 3768/7 19th February Shakespeare stamps stop  
If not already sent please instruct suppliers to address air parcel  
Treasurer Stanley Falkland Islands only deleting any reference to McLean  
Stapledon  
Secretary

HLB/LH

*Pa*  
24.3.64

DECODE.

No. 65.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London SW1.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 26th March, 19 64. Time : 1718

Received : 19 Time :

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214

Your telegram No. 95 March 24th. Four packages containing Shakespeare stamps despatched air letter post March 26th direct to Treasurer Port Stanley.

Crown

F/L : LH  
(Intld.) HLB

Re. copy to SPT + C.T.

LH  
2/4/64

1.4.64



DECODE.

No. 52.

TELEGRAM.

216  
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From Crown Agents, London SW1.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched :                      3rd April,                      19 64.                      Time : 1331  
Received :                            4th April,                      19 64.                      Time : 0900

37  
Following quantities Shakespeare first day covers despatched in ten air parcels on 31st March please advise when received 4635 official covers X 2608 dealers own covers a covering letter G10 P Shakespeare posted 2nd April. Cover with franked stamp retail 1/6d appreciate early advice numbers required to meet local demand.

P/L : LH  
(Intld.) HLB

Copies to S/PT  
Treasury

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Reply at 219

~~219~~ 26A

SPT

Can you please advise

4.4.64

218  
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H.C.S.,

This is a little confusing -

(i) if the first day covers for sale locally are not included in the 4635 'official covers', there is no opportunity to get them here by 23rd April, 1964.

(ii) if the covers are included in the 4635, at 1/- plus 6d. for the stamp, local demand for first day covers is not likely to be high.

(iii) the 1/- extra for the cover presumably goes to local revenue?

  
14.4.64.

# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

## SENT

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Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			6.4.64

To

etat CROWN LONDON SW1	(Conf. copy 'phoned Post Office 10.25/6th)	HOA/c
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216 No. 111. Yourtel 3rd local demand for special first day covers likely to be almost negligible

Secretary

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Copy to S/PT

THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE  
DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE  
QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

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CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G9/Various (Falkland Islands)

3768/7

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."  
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON S W 1"

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO. 24208

4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W.1.



9th March, 1964.

Dear Sir,

30  
With reference to previous correspondence concerning the special issue of Falkland Island postage stamps to commemorate the Fourth Centenary of the Birth of Shakespeare, we now enclose one colour proof\* of this issue for your information.

Arrangements are being made to despatch your requirements by air parcel post through our agents, Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon in Montivideo.

Yours faithfully,

for The Crown Agents.

\* This proof has been approved subject to the removal of the white spots on Her Majesty's neck, and on the upper forehead of the reproduction of Shakespeare.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

WL/IRB



BY APPOINTMENT  
TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN  
PRINTERS

HARRISON AND SONS LIMITED  
44-47, St. Martin's Lane, London, WC2  
PHOTOGRAVURE STAMP SPECIALISTS



APPROVED - SUBJECT TO THE REMOVAL OF THE  
WHITE SPOTS ON HER MAJESTY'S NECK AND ON  
THE UPPER FOREHEAD OF THE REPRODUCTION OF  
SHAKESPEARE

9/3/64



DECODE.

No. 38.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London SW1.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 14th April, 1964. Time : 1115

Received : 15th April, 1964. Time :

28

Your telegram 6th. Shakespeare first day covers to meet any orders you may receive from collectors please retain up to 1000 official type covers free of charge with compliments of Stamp Bureau.

Crown

✓  
S.P.

P/L : LH

Copy to: S/PT

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580T

To see latest correspondence from 29.

Hel 33

D. H. M.

16.4.64

Thank you

Q.

16.4.64



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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

## FALKLAND ISLANDS

### SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			17.4.64
To				
etat GROWN LONDON SWL				HOA/c

26 No. 125. Yourtel 3rd Shakespeare stamps 4500 official covers 2605 dealers covers received making deficiency 135 official 3 dealers yourlet April 2nd not received by last mail

Secretary

BU 24.4.64

HR/LH

Reply at 35

DECODE.

No. 39.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London SW1.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched :                    23rd April,                    19 64.                    Time : 1235

Received :                      23rd April,                    19 64.                    Time :

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Your telegram No. 125 of 17th. Regret confusion in numbers of Shakespeare covers. Confirmed quantities received are correct.

Crown

P/L : LH  
(Intld.) HLB

Copy to: Postmaster

Pa  
24.4.64

ADVICE OF AMENDMENT ORDER PLACED

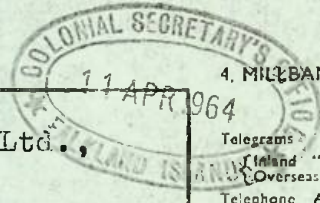
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THE CROWN AGENTS

for Overseas Governments and Administrations,

G9 / Various 3768/7

All letters to be addressed to the CROWN AGENTS this reference being quoted



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

Indent No. or Authority

G9's request  
of 1.11.63.  
Special A/c (if any)

Messrs. Harrison & Sons Ltd.,  
7 Cavendish Square,  
LONDON, W.1.

Telegrams  
Falkland "Crown, Sowest, London"  
Overseas "Crown, London-S.W.1."  
Telephone Abbey 7730  
Telex No. 24209

Dept.

0283/6

Date 26th March, 1964.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to our order under the above requisition for a special issue of postage stamps to commemorate the Fourth Centenary of the Birth of Shakespeare, we have now been advised that the stamps are to be despatched to the Colonial Treasurer, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, and not to the Colonial Treasurer, Port Stanley, C/o Messrs. Maclean & Stapledon as indicated in our letter of 19th February.

Yours faithfully,

(S)

for the Crown Agents.

Copy for:-

The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Special notes to Principal:-

Your telegram No. 95 of  
24th March refers.

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

MEMORANDUM

7th May,

19 64.

From: Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

PORT STANLEY.

SUBJECT :- First Day Covers - Shakespeare Commemorative Issue.

37A I attach herewith a letter received from Crown Agents. This, I think, is the letter referred to in Telegram No.52, received from Crown Agents on 4th April, 1964.

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37C I also attach packing/posting particulars of covers (official and dealers) returned to Crown Agents Stamp Bureau per RRS 'John Biscoe' on 27th April. The number of Official Covers held for local use was 1980, of these only 200 remain and I feel we can find a local market for these during the next few months.

J. R. [Signature]  
Postmaster

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THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE DATE OF THIS LETTER SHOULD BE QUOTED IN COMMUNICATIONS.

CROWN AGENTS

FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

G10/P/Shakespeare

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

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON"  
              { OVERSEA: "CROWN LONDON SW1"

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO. 24209

2nd April, 1964.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the forthcoming stamp issue to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the birth of William Shakespeare we enclose a specimen of the First Day Cover which we have produced.

We estimate that we will be forwarding 4000 of these covers to you for franking and, in addition, we will also be sending approximately 3000 covers which have been produced by individual dealers.

These Covers will all be stamped by the Stamp Bureau prior to despatch and the stamps so used will, of course, represent sales additional to those which we would normally expect to make to the Philatelic Trade as mint stamps.

It will be appreciated if you will inform us what quantities of the covers referred to in paragraph two above you wish to retain to meet local demands so that we will know the limit to which orders can be accepted here. Your early reply would be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents.

P.S. It is appreciated that para 4 does not really apply in your case but we shall be grateful for telegraphic advice of any difficulties which arise.

The Postmaster-General,  
Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER

FALKLAND ISLANDS



SHAKESPEARES BIRTHPLACE  
STRAFORD-UPON-AVON

400th ANNIVERSARY of  
SHAKESPEARES BIRTH  
SAINT GEORGES DAY  
APRIL 23rd 1964



ANNE HATHAWAYS COTTAGE  
SHOTTERY

9th May, 64.

Dear Sirs,

First Day Covers - Shakespeare Commemorative Issue

37 I refer to your letter G10/P/Shakespeare of the 2nd April, 1964, addressed to the Postmaster-General, and confirm that the following have been returned to the Stamp Bureau -

Parcel No. 1	Post Office No. 319	720 Covers	Official
Parcel No. 2	Post Office No. 320	720 Covers	Official
Parcel No. 3	Post Office No. 321	720 Covers	Official
Parcel No. 4	Post Office No. 322	360 Covers 750 Covers	Official Sanders
Parcel No. 5	Post Office No. 323	1020 Covers 250 Covers	Gibbons Sanders
Parcel No. 6	Post Office No. 324	400 Covers 50 Covers 9 Covers 81 Covers 33 Covers 12 Covers	Lister Potter C.S.S. Barton Wakeman Philatelia

Summary: 2520 Covers - Official  
2605 Covers - Dealers

2. All but 200 of the 1980 covers held for local use have been sold and there is no doubt that these will be used up in due course.

Yours faithfully,

COLONIAL SECRETARY

Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations,  
4, Millbank,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

WHT/IM

No 46

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PACKING/POSTING PARTICULARS OF COVERS RETURNED  
TO CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU PER 'JOHN BISCOE'

PARCEL NO.1.	POST OFFICE NO.319.	720 COVERS	OFFICIAL
PARCEL NO.2.	POST OFFICE NO. 320	720 COVERS	OFFICIAL
PARCEL NO.3.	POST OFFICE NO.321	720 COVERS	OFFICIAL
PARCEL NO.4.	POST OFFICE NO.322	360 COVERS 750 COVERS	OFFICIAL SANDERS
PARCEL NO.5.	POST OFFICE NO.323	1020 COVERS 250 COVERS	GIBBONS SANDERS
PARCEL NO.6.	POST OFFICE NO.324.	400 COVERS 50 COVERS 9 COVERS 81 COVERS 33 COVERS 12 COVERS	LISTER POTTER C.S.S. BARTON WAKEMAN PHILATELIA

SUMMARY: 2520 OFFICIAL COVERS  
2605 DEALERS COVERS



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# Certificate of Posting

The undermentioned postal packet has been registered and posted here this day. (Ordinary postage ..... s. .... d. if parcel)

Reg. No. <u>319/324</u>	Regn. fee paid	} MINIMUM (1s 0d Inland / 6d Overseas)

⑥ INS for £50/-/-  
 The Crown Agents  
 4, Millbank  
 London SW 1

Date Stamp  
 24  
 ———  
 4  
 ———  
 64

Accepting Officer's Initials } am

FOR REGULATIONS SEE OVER

# INVOICE

(SUPPLEMENTARY COPY)

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## THE CROWN AGENTS

Dr. to Messrs. **Harrison & Sons Ltd.,**  
of (full address) **Hughenden Avenue,**  
**High Wycombe, Bucks.**

Crown Agents' Reference **G9/ Falkland Islands**  
Indent No. **Various 3768/7**

Special Account (if any) **0283**  
Department

Shipped by **SS./MV.**

Date of Invoice **May 1964**  
Contractor's Reference No. **1556**  
Invoice No. **535**  
If goods have been despatched by post:—  
Date of Posting  
Post Office of Despatch  
G.P.O. Serial No.

To be filled in by Contractor.

Item No.	Quantity	DESCRIPTION	Price	£	s.	d.
		<u>Falkland Islands "Shakespeare 4th Centenary" Postage</u> <u>Stamp Issue.</u>				
1		Artwork		5	5	0
2		Engraving one printing plate		125	0	0
3	90,000	Stamps Bureau	} @ 5/7½d. per 1,000	32	7	0
4	25,020	Stamps 6d. duty Bureau				
5	47	Sheets of stamps numbered @ 11/6d. per 1,000 sheets			10	
6	47	Sheets of stamps interleaved @ 30/6d. per 1,000 sheets			9	
7		Paper		22	16	0
		Postage		32	7	8
				6218	13	3
		<u>BY AIRMAIL REGISTERED LETTER</u>				

DECODE.

No. 13.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London SW1.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

Despatched : 8th June, 19 64. Time : 1642

Received : 9th June, 19 64. Time : 0900

Five parcels Shakespeare covers received. Contain only 2520 official covers please confirm date and method of despatch of balance. Dealers covers OK.

Crown

Reply at 42

P/L : LH

PM 40

Pl advise

*[Handwritten signature]*

9. 6. 64

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HCS

38 refers. We only returned 2520 covers. If these and dealers covers are OK then all six parcels must have been received. Suggest refer them to letter at 38 which is explanatory.

PM 10.6.64.

Tel  
C.A.  
my letter

176  
Jan 39  
only  
letter

2520 covers sent see  
(38)

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

## SENT

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
	Psy			13.6.64
To				
	etat CROWN LONDON SW1			HOA/c

39 No. 176. Yourtel 8th June only 2520 covers sent see mylet 0283/G  
 9th May  
 Secretary

WHT/LH

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 13 6 64

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DECODE.

No. 15.

TELEGRAM.

From Crown Agents, London SW1.

To Colonial Secretary, Stanley.

*Postmaster  
for chiefs  
reply*

Despatched :	16th June,	19 64.	Time :
Received :	16th June,	19 64.	Time : 1130

*W.  
16/6*

PRIORITY.

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Your letter O283/G of 9th May Shakespeare covers. Please refer my telegram of 15th April offering up to 1000 and your telegram No. 111 of 6th April stating expected demand to be negligible. Equal quantities were produced for each of the 12 participating territories and loss of extra 1000 covers sold by you means reduction by that quantity of complete sets available with resulting financial loss. Grateful earliest return of 200 covers still available and advise as to dealers concerned in transactions. Necessary to debit you cost of covers retained in excess 1000 originally offered.

Copy to: Postmaster

P/L : LH  
(Intld.) HLB

*Reply at 45*

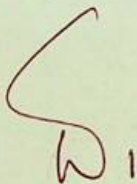
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HCS

Draft reply at B/c. The proceeds from the additional covers sold locally has been credited to Colony Revenue, it therefore appears reasonable to accept the cost of these covers.



17.6.64



17.6.64

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# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS

**SENT**

Wt. P2809 5/61

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

Stanley

18.6.64

To

etat CROWN LONDON SW1

HOA/c

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No. 178. Yourtel 16th Shakespeare covers stop Returning 140 covers  
first opportunity stop Covers sold as souvenirs stop No dealers  
involved stop Debit agreed

Secretary

Copy to: Postmaster

HL/H

*See 46*  
*Pa*  
*17.6.64*



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G10/Falkland Islands.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON." OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON S W I"

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO. 24209

29th June, 1964.

Dear Sir,

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We refer to your letter No. 0283/G of the 9th May, also to your telegrams Nos. 176 and 178 of the 13th and 18th June, 1964, and confirm we are arranging to debit your account with the sale price of the extra 840 Shakespeare covers retained for local sales. The relevant debit entry for £42 (840 covers at 1/- each) will appear in your account for the month of June.

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We note from your telegram No. 178 that you are returning 140 covers at the first opportunity and we look forward to receiving these in due course.

Yours faithfully,

*[Handwritten signature]*

for the Crown Agents.

Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

PM 47  
To see above pl.  
JA  
29.7.64

HCS. 48  
Seen - check for  
*[Handwritten initials]*  
30-7-64

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S/Various 3768/7



CROWN AGENTS

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

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON" OVERSEA: "CROWN LONDON SW1"

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730

TELEX NO. 24209

16th July, 1964.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the special issue of Falkland Island postage stamps to commemorate the 4th Centenary of the Birth of Shakespeare which were despatched to you on the 26th March, we are to inform you that these parcels were despatched by Registered Airmail Letter Post at a total cost of £32 7s.4d.

The parcels were despatched in this manner due to the fact that we were mis-informed by our postal authorities, who at that time contended that no air parcel service was in existence. We pursued this matter further, however, and subsequently established that at the time of the despatch of your stamps an air parcel post service was already in operation and charging a rate of 9/3d. per half pound.

This matter was referred to the General Post Office Headquarters, and as they have since confirmed that we were incorrectly informed, they have refunded to us, on your behalf, the difference between the cost of despatching the parcels by registered air letter and insured parcel post, namely £17 4s.0d.

This sum will be shewn credited to our Falkland Island Account under the 10th July.

Yours faithfully,

for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

act to see 26.8.64

pls. 51 What about you 18.8.64

50 To see pl D. 13.8.64

WL/DMC

CROWN AGENTS



Mr. A. S.

Dear Madam

all

21.8.64

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As a reference to the special case of the island...  
post to return to compensate the +100% of the birth of  
the parcels which were dispatched to you on the 10th March, we are  
so sorry that these parcels were lost by registered  
airmail letter post at a total cost of £52.50.

The parcels were despatched in this manner due to the fact  
that we were misled by our postal authorities, who at that  
time considered that no air parcel service was in existence.  
However, this matter is now being investigated and we are  
sorry that at the time of the despatch of your parcels an air parcel  
service was already in operation and carrying a rate of 25% per  
pound.

This matter was referred to the General Post Office head-  
quarters, and as they have since confirmed that we were incorrectly  
informed, they have returned to us, in your behalf, the difference  
between the cost of despatching the parcels by registered air letter  
and insured parcel post, namely £17.50.

This sum will be shown credited to our Belfast Island account  
under the above entry.

Yours faithfully,

For the Crown Agents

Mr. G. G. G.  
100, G. G. G.  
100, G. G. G.

100, G. G. G.

21.8.64

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(Advice Copy)

0283/4. ST.

THE CROWN AGENTS.

Charges due to the Stamp and Note Control Branch.

Reference G/ 9/Falkland Is. Various 3768/7

Authy: GOV TEL 107 of 12.12.63  
~~Ident No:~~



Special Account (if any)

Department

Date of Invoice May 1964

Date..... 26.5.64

CONTRACTOR

Messrs. Harrison & Sons Ltd.

~~Control of~~..... Currency Notes @ <sup>s. d.</sup> per 1,000

~~Inspection of~~..... Stamps @ 8d. per 1,000

Control of 115,020 Stamps @ 4d. per 1,000

£ 1. 18s. 5d.

RJ

G.54. CAL

Examined and passed.....  
9.11

# INVOICE

(SECOND ADVICE COPY)

## THE CROWN AGENTS

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H/O S

Dr. to Messrs. Harrison & Sons Ltd.,  
of (full address) Hughenden Avenue,  
High Wycombe, Bucks.

Crown Agents' Reference G9/Falkland Islands  
Indent No. Various 3768/7

Date of Invoice May 1964

Contractor's Reference No. 1556

Invoice No. 585

If goods have been despatched by post:—

Date of Posting 26.3.64

Post Office of Despatch HIGH WYCOMBE

G.P.O. Serial No. 3833/6 Bucks

Special Account (if any)  
Department

Shipped by SS./MV.

To be filled in by Contractor.

Item No.	Quantity	DESCRIPTION	Price	£	s.	d.
		<u>Falkland Islands "Shakespeare 4th Centenary" Postage</u> <u>Stamp Issue.</u>				
1		Artwork	5	5	0	
2		Engraving one printing plate	125	0	0	
3	x90,000	Stamps Bureau	32	7	0	
	25,020	Stamps 6d. duty <del>=====</del> } @ 5/7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> d. per 1,000				
4	47	Sheets of stamps numbered @ 11/6d. per 1,000 sheets		4	10	
5	47	Sheets of stamps interleaved @ 30/6d. per 1,000 sheets		22	16	9
6		Paper	32	7	8	
7		Postage <span style="margin-left: 20px;">Pds 2/5</span>				
			£218	13	3	

BY AIRMAIL REGISTERED LETTER

I CERTIFY THAT THE ITEMS MARKED X  
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE CROWN  
AGENTS' STAMP BUREAU.

*E. Gillan*  
**SUPERINTENDENT,**  
STAMP & NOTE CONTROL BRANCH,  
THE CROWN AGENTS.

I hereby certify that the  
above is in order.

*E. Gillan*  
**SUPERINTENDENT,**  
STAMP & NOTE CONTROL BRANCH,  
THE CROWN AGENTS.

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GOVERNMENT of Falkland Is.

Reqn. No. Various 3768/7

No. of Case or Parcel	Description of Contents	Duty	Number of sheets	Number of Stamps on each sheet
2	<u>BY AIR MAIL REGISTERED LETTER</u>			
	Commemorative Postage & Revenue Stamps 4th Centenary of the Birth of Shakespeare			
3	Nbd. 001 - 100	6d	100	60
4	Nbd. 201 - 300	6d	100	60
5	Nbd. 101 - 200	6d	100	60
	Nbd. 301 - 417	6d	117	60
	Sheets of stamps numbered 1 up and interleaved with wax paper. Parcelled in 100's.			
	<u>Value for Insurance \$4. each parcel.</u>			

**POSTED**.....25-3-64.....

TWO copies of invoice attached.

Intld.....

CASE No.	GROSS WEIGHT			NET WEIGHT			MEASUREMENTS	VALUE (Each)	REMARKS
	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lb.	Cwt.	Qrs.	Lb.	Inches		

I Certify that the ~~Postal Stationery~~ <sup>Stamps</sup> as detailed, were packed as stated above.

1st April, 1964

THE CROWN AGENTS  
STAMP INSPECTION BRANCH.

RJ

*E. Gillman*  
for Chief Inspector of S

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To see 55 or 56 pl

2/11/64  
9.9.64  
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WKS  
See check of on  
17/9/64

POSTED  
TWO copies of invoice attached  
18/9/64

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18.9.64

G10/ FALKLAND ISLANDS.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."  
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730  
TELEX NO. 24209

CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU,

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

24 SEP 1964



Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in providing below a statement of sales for your "400th Anniversary of the Birth of William Shakespeare" commemorative issue of stamps on sale from 23rd April until 22nd July 1964.

Value	6d.
Stock received from Rean.....3768/7.....	160 000 130 000.
Additional stock received from local stocks	5 000.
NO. OF COVERS SOLD LOCALLY IN EXCESS OF ALLOTMENT. Specimens for Publicity + DEBITED TO PRINCIPAL.	840.
Stamps used for First Day Covers	7888
Number of First Day Covers retained for local use	1000.
Number of First Day Covers sold by Bureau	6048.
Damaged First Day Covers awaiting destruction	—
Number of stamps sold	87000.
Number of unsold stamps awaiting destruction	112.
Total income from sales £2326-4-0.	

There is a heavy backlog of stamps awaiting destruction, and the destruction certificate in respect of the unsold portion of this issue will follow as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

The Colonial Secretary,  
Port Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

*[Signature]*  
for the Crown Agents.

*[Signature]*  
To see pl  
*[Signature]*  
12.10.64

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Rtd from PM 7/4/65.

JA.

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THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE  
AND THE DATE OF THIS  
LETTER SHOULD BE QUOTED  
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CROWN AGENTS  
FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS  
AND ADMINISTRATIONS  
MILLBANK.

G10/FALKLANDS ISLANDS.

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN. SOWEST. LONDON."  
OVERSEA: "CROWN. LONDON SWI"

TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730 EXT.

TELEX NO. 24209



Dear Sir,

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We refer to our letter of

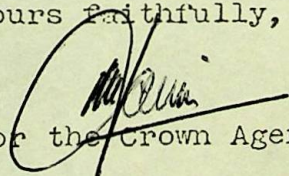
24th Sept. 1964... and have pleasure

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in enclosing the destruction certificate  
in respect of the unsold portion of your

400th Anniversary of the Birth of William Shakespeare issue of stamps.

Yours faithfully,

  
for the Crown Agents.

Colonial Secretary  
PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN, SOWEST, LONDON."  
OVERSEA: "CROWN, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730  
TELEX NO. 24209

CROWN AGENTS STAMP BUREAU,  
4. MILLBANK,  
LONDON. S.W.1.

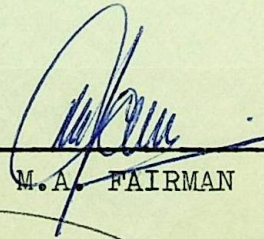
G10/SB/Falkland Islands.


9 JUN 1965

Certified that the undermentioned stamps withdrawn from sale from the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau have this day been destroyed by burning in our presence.

Falkland Is. Shakespeare Centenary Issue.

6d. - 112.

  
M.A. FAIRMAN

  
C.E. FREEMAN.

SPT      61  
To see 60 pl.  
JA  
28/7/65

aes      62  
Seen 1.4.  
⊙  
30/7/65

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