

STAMP ISSUES

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S.P.1.

Future Stamp Issues

I recently passed you a minute and schedule containing some initial ideas for possible stamp issues over the next few years including a new Definitive Issue. Since then I have given the matter further thought and some additional ideas are set out in this minute.

2. None of the ideas in my earlier minute for a new Definitive Issue are particularly original or attractive and I have been endeavouring to think up a theme which has not been used previously for a stamp issue by the Colony. The idea which has occurred to me is a plagiarism on the "Quest" stamp in the forthcoming South Georgia "Shackleton" Issue. As you know this stamp consists of a portrait of Shackleton in a panel on the left with "Quest" occupying approximately the right hand two-thirds of the stamp and with the Royal Portrait in the usual place. A theme with attractive possibilities for a new Colony Definitive would be historical personalities combined with ships. A number of names come readily to mind in this connection, for example, Hawkins, Darwin, Bourganville, Byron, Weddell, Duncan, etc., and I have little doubt there would be no difficulty in identifying a sufficient number to make a long set nor in identifying the ships to go with them. Such an issue would lend itself to the resuscitation of an idea which was mooted at the time of the "Great Britain" issue and discarded, namely for the use of the Royal Cypher in place of the Royal Portrait. To include two portraits in each unit of a Definitive Issue of the kind I am suggesting would overcrowd the frame and spoil the effect; it would be possible to make the £1 value, which is in any case normally a special design not necessarily related to the theme of the set, one in which the Royal Portrait itself would be a prominent feature.

3. The foregoing is not thought out in any detail but it would, I suggest, provide a combination of (so far as Colony issues are concerned) an entirely new theme with the perennially attractive theme of ships.

4. Two ideas have occurred to me for Special Issues. The first, which is probably not worth serious consideration, would entail an issue next year to mark the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of the mail service between Stanley and West Falkland; the appeal, I think, is too limited and local.

5. For 1974 (December) a suitable issue would be the 35th anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate which lends itself to a four-stamp issue.

6. Looking very much further ahead, probably too far ahead at the moment, there is 1980 which marks the 100th anniversary of the introduction of a regular external mail service and would lend itself to a Special Issue.

7. There is also a possibility, which I think is worth considering, of issuing a series of stamps on the Islands' birds. In my earlier minute I suggested a coloured issue on this theme as a possibility for our next Definitive but, despite the fact that the last monochrome bird issue was not particularly successful, it is probably too soon to follow it up with a definitive, even if coloured, on the same theme. However it might be quite possible to issue a series of Specials each devoted to a particular species. This could be tagged to titles such as "Wild Life Conservation", "Tourism", etc.: could be planned as a single artistic exercise enabling us to employ a local artist on the basic work with only the finishing work done in Britain; and would provide the flexibility for a series of special issues to be arranged as to

take account of market trends. According to Cawkell 126 species have been identified, of which 61 are resident. The attached list, culled merely from the index to Cawkell (and in which I have made no attempt to identify the visiting from the resident) sufficiently indicates the variety, perhaps too great variety, of choice. Alternatively one can look at it from the point of view that, with 61 resident species, the richness of the Colony's bird life is such that we should give serious consideration to avifauna as the theme for our next Definitive. However, I incline to the view that it would be better to plan a series of Special Issues on avifauna which could be geared to the promotion of tourism, to cash in on the current audience of the wildlife conservationists and so on. (It is possible to envisage various extensions to this idea, for example, its application to the avifauna of South Georgia, which might serve to emphasise the unity rather than the disparateness of Colony and Dependency; or the inclusion, as background, of an outline plan of the Colony (for a Colony issue) and of the Dependency (for a Dependency issue) featuring the same birds; and so on and so forth. I haven't attempted to think any of it through in detail.)

J.A.J.
20.4.71

AVIFAUNA

<u>Albatrosses:</u>	Black-browed; Grey-headed; Sooty; Wandering	(4)
<u>Buzzards:</u>	Red-backed; Turkey	(2)
<u>Coots:</u>	Red-fronted; Red-gartered	(2)
<u>Duck:</u>	Brown Pintail; Crested; Flightless Steamer; Flying Steamer; Mallard; Red Shoveller; Rosy Bill	(8)
<u>Goose:</u>	Ashy-headed; Brent; Grey-backed; Kelp; Ruddy-headed; Upland	(6)
<u>Grebe:</u>	Bright-cheeked; Rolland's Brown	(2)
<u>Gull:</u>	Dolphin; Dominican; Patagonian Black- headed	(3)
<u>Heron:</u>	Cocoi; Night	(2)
<u>Oyster-catcher:</u>	Black; Garnot's	(2)
<u>Penguins:</u>	Emperor; Gentoo; Jackass; Macaroni; Rockhopper	(5)
<u>Petrels:</u>	Black-bellied Storm; Blue; Falkland Diving; Giant; Grey-backed; Wilson's	(6)
<u>Plover:</u>	Falkland Island; Winter	(2)
<u>Sandpiper:</u>	Baird's; Bonaparte's	(2)
<u>Shag:</u>	King; Rock	(2)
<u>Shearwater:</u>	Great; Sooty; White-breasted	(3)
<u>Snipe:</u>	Paraguay; Seed	(2)
<u>Sparrow:</u>	Chingola Song; European House	(2)
<u>Swan:</u>	Black-necked; Coscoroba	(2)
<u>Teal:</u>	Cinnamon; Pampa; Yellow-billed	(3)
<u>Wren:</u>	Cobb's; Eydoux's Grass	(2)

(Total: 64)

C.S.,

Folios 92 and 93.

The Stamp Design Committee re-convened on 27th November, 1969.

It is regretted that our original recommendations at 90 failed to mention that the Committee were unanimously of the opinion that the proposed issue should depict the "Great Britain" from launching to present day with particular regard to the various rigs she had during her career (this was in the draft but failed to appear in the fair copy). The Committee further consider that it would be difficult to portray the ship through her life in less than a six stamp issue, hence the selection of six items of material.

The "Great Britain" is historically world famous and the Committee feel that she justifies a really attractive portrayal, correct in every detail, in the proposed postage stamp issue. The stamps, if properly produced and presented, are almost certain to attract world wide interest and revenue would be enhanced accordingly. The time element will of course have to be considered but we feel that this is unimportant and would prefer to see something worth while even if it takes longer to produce - rather than rush through something which would not do justice to a ship of her renown. The Committee are satisfied that the first five selections listed at folio 90, with all possible details checked, and put in the hands of a professional artist would produce the desired effect. As stated at folio 90 the final selection of item 6 (ship lying at Sparrow Cove) is the difficult one. Since 90 was written Mr. John Smith has promised to do some sketches which it is hoped will be ready for presentation to Ex. Co. on 2nd December. I understand that Mr. Smith's work in this direction is commendable and this, supported by the material listed at 90, plus anything Mr. Sutcliffe or the public announcement may produce should be sufficient for art work to commence. It is suggested that the Crown Agents be requested to approach Mr. Sutcliffe direct.

The Col. Sec's. suggestion at para. 5 of his 90 is interesting and perhaps the Crown Agents and the artist could be asked to advise on the matter.

The Committee feel that the medallion design is too artificial when compared with the photograph selected at 2. (iii) on folio 90. The photograph and the medallion design depict the ship at the same period of her life.

There is some doubt about the authenticity of the figure head on page 362 of the Empire Youth Annual 1950 - it is definitely not the figure head which adorned the ship's bow when she was condemned at Straley. In the interests of accuracy the Committee would not recommend its use.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the Committee prefer a six stamp issue, all of different design but if a less costly and speedier production is desired the answer would be one design common to say four stamps with background colours only varying (para. 2 of 93 refers). The Committee's choice of design for such an issue would be the photograph listed at 2. (iii) on folio 90 ("Great Britain" in a heavy sea under sail and steam).

Chairman,
Stamp Design Committee
28th November, 1969.

NOTE BY S.P.T.

When considering above Government may be interested in the stamp sales trend since the introduction of 'mass production' issues. I have always been of the opinion that too many issues may lead to the loss of our good name in the stamp world and consequent loss of interest by philatelists. We were advised by the Crown Agents that three or four commemorative issues annually would be acceptable to the trade. This I doubted at the time and we settled for two. We were also told that omnibus issues (one issue common to all territories, i.e. Freedom from Hunger) was unpopular compared

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with commemorative issues depicting historical events etc. characteristic to one territory. The latter is correct. Caribou issue sales from 1962-64 averaged less than £1,000 per issue whereas our Radio issue in 1962 produced £10,000 and our Battle issue in 1964 £15,000. From 1965 onwards the trend has been upwards - I.T.U. 1965 £5,000, Churchill 1966 £10,000. However during 1965 a second omnibus (I.C.T.) was issued a few months after I.T.U. with sales only reaching £2,500. This in my opinion proves that too many issues over short periods are unpopular. After the Churchill issue 1966 we ceased off until July 1968 when the Human Rights issue produced an unexpected £10,000. This appears to indicate that the 'rest period' paid off. Since then there has been a spate of issues from this area. Closely following the 1968 Human Rights issue came the Colony Definitive. February 1969 brought the B.A.T. Commemorative, followed by the P.I.C.A.S. issue in April. In October the Bishop Stirling and this month the St stamp change South Georgia and B.A.T. (the latter are still very much associated with the Falkland Islands by philatelists). This in effect amounts to no less than seven issues in around 16 months and I feel that as a result P.I.C.A.S. sales (less than £10,000) were not what they might have been.

To sum up I think we should :

- (i) Issue a really attractive "Great Britain" set even if it takes some months longer to produce.
- (ii) Review our policy of the commemorative issues a year.
- (iii) In considering (ii) keep in view that we are running out of subjects.

We should also not lose sight of the overprint of the definitive issue on decriminalisation - February 1971.


28.11.69.

N.B.

The P.M. is in agreement with above.

12/2/42. -DCS

Good: a response (2)

16/11



Secretariat
Stanley

Cecil & Kitty Bertrand
"Valley Cot"
Carcass Island
13th December 1977

Dear Sirs

A very hasty note to suggest designs for 150th anniversary stamps -

A picture of the old British settlement at Saunders,
The Eddystone Rock (mentioned by Strong)

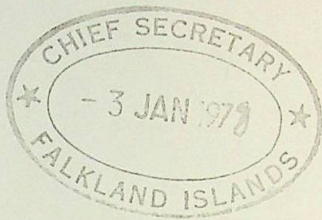
A set of various means of travel in the Falklands that is horse back
landrover, sailing ship, steam ship and aircraft

Other landmarks which are outstanding could be used with the
first two suggestions, for instance the Horse Flock. The face on
Steven's Bluff, the Colliers.

Appologies for such a hasty note but we do not get many
opportunities to get mail away and we only heard your announcement
a few days ago. We could enlarge on this if you wish and possibly
in due course supply some slides to work on.

Yours sincerely

Kitty (Cecil) Bertrand



Roy Cove.
29th December 1977

Dear Sir

Hearing the announcement for further proposals
Re the issue of Commemorative Stamps for the 150th Anniversary
of the Falkland Islands.

I would like to put forward the following suggestion
Since it is also the 50th Anniversary of the Issue of
Falkland Island Centenary Stamps. (The Issue that set the
PHILATELIC world on fire)

That Photographs of these centenary Stamps appear on the
150th Anniversary issue.

Yours Sincerely

Sturdlee Betts

ABS interesting but difficult perhaps
S/B

Mr John Smith is sending something in.

DBL
3/1/78

Reminded Mr Smith 20/2/78



(7)

Pebble Island

23 February 1978.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the request on the 'box' for ideas for the 1983 150th Anniversary of the Colony stamp issue.

I would like to see 'picture' stamps like the New Zealand one I have enclosed to describe what I mean.

We could have pictures of our historic spots. Keppel Island, Port Louis, old Port Egmont Saunders Island, etc. or just scenes of local views of interest. There are many people who will never see the Falkland Is except on the faces of our postage stamps!

Yours Sincerely Arina Berntson (Mrs)

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STAMP COMMITTEE MEETING OF 31 MARCH 1978

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Post 12/42

The Committee considered a comprehensive list submitted by Mr John Smith of 25 possible topics that might be included in the issue for the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Colony. At the Chairman's suggestion the Committee deferred consideration of these suggestions because of their intrinsic complexity, as well as the overall significance of this proposed issue. (The 1933 Centenary issue has now become a philatelic classic and the Committee are conscious of a need to try and match that issue). The Committee also accepted in principle a suggestion put forward by Mr Stephenson that, if such an issue were made, the sale of the normal definitive stamps in 1983 should be suspended for one year.

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STAMP ISSUE COMMEMORATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONTINUOUS OCCUPATION

Minutes of Design Committee Meeting on Friday 9 June 1978

Present: Miss D. H. Gifford (Chairman)

Mrs. Velma Malcolm

Mr. J. Stephenson

Mr. I. Strange

The Committee approved the Minutes of the previous meeting.

It was agreed to examine in detail topics and events of significance in each reign with the object of giving a balanced view of Falkland Islands history and development over the 150 years from 1833 to 1983. On the advice of Mr. Stephenson, members decided to include in their recommendations topics which they particularly favoured, but which might already have been, or were planned to be, the subject of other stamp issues, and to leave it to the main Stamp Committee to decide whether these should be included in the proposed issue, or whether further topics should be called for. It was further stated that designs concerned with whaling or sealing were not likely to be acceptable in view of the current international concern for the conservation of threatened species.

A list was compiled for each reign. Members would consider this before the next meeting, and come prepared with other suggestions to attempt to make a final list.

William IV (1830 - 1837)

1. Raising the flag at Port Louis (1833).
2. Brisbane's grave with the old tombstone.

Victoria (1837 - 1901)

3/ Since this long reign included so much that was important in the Colony's history, the Committee decided to select ~~4~~ topics instead of the 2 planned for other reigns, thus increasing the issue to 15 stamps, an acceptable number for a definitive issue.

Main topics

1. Moody's arrival (1842) - the Hebe - move from Port Louis to Stanley.
2. Chelsea Pensioners (1849) - barracks - badge.
3. Sheep farming, combined if possible with the opening-up of the West

Falklands. Notable dates: 1867, the arrival of Messrs. Waldron, Baillon, and Stickney; 1873, the Falklands recognized as a wool producing country; 1898, Romneys replaced Cheviots.

4. Shipping - repairing ships - Stanley harbour with ships.

Other topics

Lighthouse at Cape Pembroke (1855)

Duke of Edinburgh's visit (1871) - obelisk

School

Cathedral

Dean Brandon

Mail Service

Keppel Island

Status of Crown Colony (1892)

Edward VII (1901 - 1910)

This reign coincided with the administration of Governor Allardyce, who was able to implement several social benefits suggested during the governorships of his three predecessors, Governors Kerr, Goldsworthy, and Grey-Wilson.

Main topics

1. The School (1906).

2. The Cottage Home (1908).

Other topics

Cape Pembroke lighthouse rebuilt (1906)

Darwin telephone (1907)

Whaling station at New Island (1908)

George V (1910 - 1936)

Battle of the Falklands - battlefleet in Stanley harbour

Hospital

Wireless telegraphy

The Discovery

Anson Experimental Farm (1926 - 1928)

Broadcasting (1929)

Introduction of marram grass - West Point - Cape Pembroke

George VI (1936 - 1952)

River Plate battle - HMS Exeter

Spitfires

Operation Tabarin - F.I.D.S. (B.A.S.)

West Yorks Regiment
Air Service (1948)
R.T. Service

Elizabeth II (1952 -) 3 stamps

Airport
Woolshed at Goose Green
Freedom of the Royal Marines (1976)
Duke of Edinburgh's visit (1957)
Darwin Boarding School (1956)

3. The Queen with her first grandchild - highest value

Several other topics, which are not related to any one reign, but which play a notable part in life in the Falklands were mentioned. These included Racing and Sports Weeks, Small bore Rifle Shooting, Darts, Penguins, Seals, Fishing.

The Chairman suggested that a description of the subjects portrayed should be supplied on a card with the First Day Covers, as is the normal practice in the United Kingdom, and it was agreed, after some discussion, that the idea should be passed on to the main Stamp Committee.

The next meeting was arranged for Friday 7 July at 4.30 p.m. at 8, Ross Road West.

Daphne H. Gifford

Daphne H. Gifford
Chairman

STAMP ISSUE COMMEMORATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONTINUOUS OCCUPATION

Minutes of Design Committee Meeting on Friday 7 July 1978

Present: Miss D. H. Gifford (Chairman)

Mrs. Velma Malcolm

Mr. J. Smith

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Strange, who was detained by a dental appointment until almost the end of the meeting.

Mrs. Malcolm agreed the Minutes of the previous meeting. Apologies for that meeting were offered by Mr. Smith.

The members present considered the list of possible subjects for the proposed issue compiled as a result of the meeting on June 9. Mrs. Malcolm and Mr. Smith urged that the issue should emphasize the links between the Falkland Islands and the United Kingdom.

William IV

After some discussion it was agreed that, bearing in mind the possibilities of portraying the subjects, the two issues for this reign should commemorate:

1. Raising the flag at Port Louis (1833) - with the fort and settlement, and displaying the Union Jack prominently.
2. The Survey of the Falklands (? 1838 - 1845) - undertaken most notably by Captain Sullivan, and portraying one of the survey ships (Arrow, Sparrow, Adventure, Philomel) flying the White Ensign, and an identifiable view of part of the West Falkland.

It was agreed that Captain Brisbane might well be the subject of a special issue, and that this should be suggested to the main Stamp Committee.

Victoria

Even allowing for two extra stamps to cover this reign, the Committee were not able to agree on four subjects. One problem lay in the difficulty of portraying the importance of Governor Moody's appointment, and the move from Port Louis to Stanley. Mr. Smith put forward the claims of the F.I.C. charter for illustration, but the Chairman pointed out that this was a

charter of incorporation, a not uncommon type of document, and without the significance of a Royal Charter such as that granted to the Honourable East India Company, or the Royal African Company. The importance of the F.I.C. might better be represented in some other way, possibly by one of the subjects already suggested for a later reign.

1. The armorial bearings of Lord Stanley.
2. The Chelsea Pensioners (1849) - a pictorial stamp to include the Barracks with the Union Jack, a portion of the cottages in Drury Street and Pioneer Row, and soldiers in uniform (remembering that these were Out-Pensioners who would not have worn the familiar red uniforms of the In-Pensioners, but their own regimentals).
3. The visit of the duke of Edinburgh (1871) - with HMS Galatea.
4. Stanley Harbour - with emphasis on the importance of ship repairing during the reign, and showing dismasted ships, and the Great Britain, and viewing the harbour looking northwards with the ship's name BARRACOUTA in the background to emphasize the Royal Naval connection.
5. The arrival of the first Stock Inspector (1895) - showing some recognisable part of West Falkland, sheep, etc.

Edward VII

Two subjects, for both of which good photographs were available giving some idea of how the subjects might be portrayed, were agreed upon.

1. The Cottage Home (1908).
2. The Whaling Station at New Island (Lange, 1906; Salvesen, 1908).

George V

Two subjects were selected without difficulty, both being of major importance.

1. The Battle of the Falklands (1914) - with some artistic licence it was felt that this could incorporate not only the ships of Admiral Doveton Sturdee's fleet, and possibly the German fleet, but also the first Wireless Station (completed in 1912), and Cape Pembroke Lighthouse.
2. The introduction of broadcasting (1929) - emphasizing a Falkland Islands 'First', and illustrated by a representation of one of the old speakers.

George VI

Although it was felt that the introduction of the Air Service in 1948 was of great importance, another 'Air' subject was of greater significance in emphasizing the ties with the Mother Country.

1. The Spitfires bought by the Falklands in World War II.
2. The 11th (West Yorks) Regiment - a photograph was available showing the battalion drawn up on the football field with Government House in the background.

Elizabeth II

The ties with the U.K. could be emphasized again with the three following subjects:

1. The duke of Edinburgh's visit (1957).
2. The Freedom of the Marines (1976).
3. The Queen with her first grandchild (1977).

The Chairman's suggestion of laying stress on the importance of the sheep industry and the F.I.C. by the portrayal of the woolsheds at Goose Green, with other buildings in the settlement, was not favoured by the other members of the Committee present. Mr. Smith suggested, however, that it might be possible to incorporate this idea in a design for the First Day Cover.

It was agreed that the next meeting should make firm suggestions for the issue, and that these would then be sent to the main Stamp Committee for their consideration.

The next meeting of the Design Committee would be held in about a month's time after a convenient date had been agreed with all members. It was decided that members should bring with them to the next meeting any photographs or drawings which might help in making a final choice of subjects for portrayal.

Daphne H. Gifford

Daphne H. Gifford
Chairman

STAMP ISSUE COMMEMORATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONTINUOUS OCCUPATION

Minutes of Design Committee Meeting on Friday 11 August 1978

Present: Miss D. H. Gifford (Chairman)
Mrs. Velma Malcolm
Mr. J. Smith
Mr. J. Stephenson
Mr. I. Strange

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved. The Deputy Chief Secretary's letter of July 28 in reply to various points raised by the Chairman from earlier meetings was read by members and the answers noted.

After a great deal of discussion the following subjects for design were agreed. The subjects chosen aim to show two things - important events, and development in the islands. Hopefully, this has been achieved with a balanced view of the islands' history over the past 150 years. Members' views on what might be included in each design have been given in order to make clear the lines on which the Committee was thinking. Each stamp should bear the head of the reigning sovereign for the period commemorated opposed to that of Her Majesty.

William IV (1830 - 1837)

1. Raising the flag at Port Louis (1833) - with the fort and settlement, and displaying the Union Jack prominently. Members were of the opinion that a view could be chosen which would be different from those shown on two earlier issues.
2. The Survey of the Falklands (1833 - 1837) - this should include a ship (probably HMS Beagle) flying the White Ensign, and an identifiable view of part of the West Falkland.

Victoria (1837 - 1901)

1. Coat of Arms of Lord Stanley - symbolizing the move from Port Louis to Stanley (1844).
2. The Chelsea Pensioners (1849) - a view of the Barracks with the Union Jack, a portion of the cottages in Drury Street and Pioneer Row, and soldiers in uniform.
3. Shipping in Stanley harbour - to show the importance of ship repairing, and the use of Stanley as a Royal Naval base.

4. A wool press in use in a wool shed - a press of the oldest type, with fleeces and/or sheep, to show the importance of the sheep industry.

Edward VII (1901 - 1910)

1. The Cottage Home (1908) - medical care.
2. Darwin Telephone Line (1907) - communications with Camp.

George V (1910 - 1936)

1. The Battle of the Falklands (1914) - with some artistic licence might show British and German fleets, the old Wireless Station (1912), and the new Cape Pembroke Lighthouse (1907).
2. The introduction of broadcasting (1929) - the first colonial broadcasting service. Illustrated by a representation of one of the old speakers.

George VI (1936 - 1952)

1. A Falkland Islands Spitfire - emphasizing the Falklands' contribution to the war effort, and the connection with the UK. With some licence might be shown flying over an aerial view of the Falklands.
2. An Auster aircraft with a medical case - illustrating internal Air Service and one of its benefits.

Elizabeth II (1952 -)

1. The Duke of Edinburgh's visit (1957) - a colourful Royal Occasion, possibly the Duke's arrival with Governor in full dress, troops, and the royal yacht.
2. A current development - hopefully completed in time for design, eg. Darwin Road or School Hostel.
3. Her Majesty with her first grandchild.

A design for a FDC was discussed, but no conclusion was reached. It would depend to some extent on what subjects were to be represented on the stamps, but it was felt that it might well emphasize the period of six reigns covered by the issue. Similarly, a descriptive insert could not be finalized, but the Chairman would prepare a draft based on the subjects listed. A copy of the Minutes would be sent to the Main Stamp Committee as the Design Committee's recommendations.

8, Ross Road West,
Stanley

150th Anniversary of the Re-Occupation

23 August 1978

Dear Dave,

I enclose the Minutes of the latest meeting of the Design Committee. I am not proposing to summon another meeting until we have the reactions of the main Stamp Committee, which we fully expect will set us to work again.

I hope we have given you enough information to show our line of thought which is the reason for choosing one subject rather than another.

*The meeting.
I hope you find it useful.*

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STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SOUTH ATLANTIC.

.....23 May.....1931..

Dear Day,

An event which, so far as I know, has not been considered for a stamp issue, is some kind of commemoration of Joseph Hooker's visit to the Falklands, and his write-up of tussock grass. He was the assistant surgeon and botanist on HMS Erebus (Capt. Ross) in 1842, and his investigations during his stay are of some scientific importance. The Archives contain a long letter from him on the subject of tussock grass, and what is probably a copy of the paper on the subject which he sent to his father Sir William Hooker, and which was read before the Royal Geographical Society in November 1842. Sir William, oddly enough, was a friend of Governor Moody's father. Joseph Hooker's paper apparently caused a great deal of interest in tussock grass, and certainly many requests for seed were received from all over the world over quite a prolonged period.

Joseph Hooker apparently also suggested (in 1870) to Governor D'Arcy the planting of hedges of veronica to counteract the damage caused to plants and seedlings by the wind. I have not found as yet any trace of the

correspondence on the subject in the Secretariat Archives, and I don't know whether he was talking about the native 'box' (~~veronica~~), or an introduced hebe, but I assume the former.

There would seem to be material for a short set of 3 stamps in 1992, the 150th Anniversary of his visit to the islands, or it might be combined with a Ross, Crozier, Erebus, and Terror issue.

Y. S.

D. W.

- 1979 Accession to U Pu
Kelp
Dolphins + Porpoises
- 1980 Birds (Raptors)
Maps + Charts
Early Settlements
Christmas Issue
- 81 Working Animals
Conservation
Postmarks
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Events

Wil. IV. Raising flag

Vict. Chelsea Pensioners

Geo V. Falklands Battle

Geo VI. Spitfires - 1939/45 War

Development

Wil. IV. Survey

Vict. Sheep & wool

Stanley

Ships

Edw. VII. Cottage Home

Telephone.

Geo. V. Broadcasting

P.D.C. ? Heads of Sovereigns
Wil. IV & Eliz.

leaflet - D.C.S.

27 June

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Dear Don,

Proposed Stamp Issue - 150th Anniversary of Re-Occupation

I thought you might like to have a note of the deliberations of our Committee up to the present, including discussion of three points (which I have marked), and which are for consideration by the main Stamp Committee. If our recommendation about a definitive issue in 1990 to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Occupation is accepted, it might be useful for us to keep in mind such a future issue when deciding on the relative merits of possible subjects for the 150th Re-Occupation issue.

DHG

Daphne H. Gifford

P.S. Darwin's description of the Falklands seems to be from the second visit in 1834.

REF: P&T/2/42

It is requested that the number and date should be quoted.

THE SECRETARIAT,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SOUTH ATLANTIC.

1st May 1978

Dr. D. Gifford,
Stanley.

Dear Madam,

STAMP ISSUE COMMEMORATING 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF CONTINUOUS OCCUPATION

I write to thank you for agreeing to be Chairwoman of a Design Committee comprising -

Mrs. Velma Malcolm

Mr. J. Stephenson

Mr. J. Smith

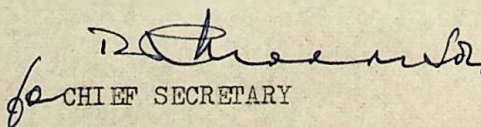
Mr. I. Strange

to make recommendations to Government as to how best to portray this very important subject and what its title should be.

We have no preconceived ideas as to how the subject should be tackled and your terms of reference are as stated in paragraph 1 which should be interpreted in the widest possible sense with complete flexibility.

You may wish to have the attached provisional list of suggestions by Mr. John Smith together with suggestions by members of the public. I also attach an extract from the minutes of the stamp committee meeting of 31st March.

Yours faithfully,


CHIEF SECRETARY

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STAMP ISSUE COMMEMORATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONTINUOUS OCCUPATION

Minutes of Design Committee Meeting on Friday 12 May 1978

Present: Miss D. H. Gifford (Chairman)

Mrs. Velma Malcolm

Mr. J. Smith

Mr. J. Stephenson

Mr. I. Strange

Terms of reference: to make recommendations to Government as to how best to portray the subject and what its title should be, interpreting the terms of reference in the widest possible sense with complete flexibility.

Members of the Committee were agreed that the expression '150th Anniversary of the Re-Occupation in 1833' expressed best what the proposed issue was intended to commemorate.

The Committee spent some time discussing two important dates: the 150th Anniversary of the Re-Occupation in 1833 to be celebrated in 1983; and the anniversary of the original occupation of the Falkland Islands by the British in 1765, which might be celebrated as a 220th Anniversary of the Occupation in 1985, or as a 225th Anniversary in 1990. It was the general opinion that the importance of the first Occupation should not be overshadowed by a celebration of the Re-Occupation, and this was tied up with the question of definitive issues and short sets.

Mr. Stephenson said that the main Stamp Committee and the Crown Agents were likely to look favourably on a definitive issue in 1983, and if this were to be the case, only a short set could be considered for 1985, so lessening the impact of what was considered the more important event. But if a definitive issue were to come out in 1983, the next definitives could be in 1990, which would be the 225th Anniversary of the first Occupation in 1765, thus placing due emphasis on both anniversaries.

It was agreed to go ahead and consider a definitive issue for the Anniversary of 1833, while recommending to the main Stamp Committee that 1990 should be celebrated as the 225th Anniversary of the Occupation in 1765 with the next definitive issue.

The Committee then got down to deciding what would be the best way of

dividing up the period to illustrate the range of the Colony's activities over 150 years. It was agreed that this might be done by taking each reign during the period (omitting that of Edward VIII, who was not a crowned monarch, and who reigned for less than a year), and illustrating pictorially notable events in each reign. By allotting two stamps to each of the six reigns, with an additional stamp for Her Majesty's reign, a definitive issue of 13 stamps would result, and this was considered to be an acceptable number.

It was agreed that the design should include the head of each sovereign whose reign was being commemorated, opposed to that of Her Majesty, while for Her Majesty's reign the Sovereign's head might be opposed by the royal cipher.

Mr. John Smith, as a point arising from the discussion on the Monarch's head on stamp issues, suggested that it might be possible for the Colony to commission a portrait of Her Majesty, which would be used as the Colony's own portrait for stamp issues. It was felt that while this was an excellent suggestion, it was one which would more properly be put forward elsewhere.

Several subjects were suggested as possibilities for commemorating each reign, and it was agreed that with these in mind the members of the Committee should spend some time individually in exploring sources for possible events to be illustrated.

The Committee agreed to meet again in a month's time on Friday 9 June at 8, Ross Road West to discuss further suggestions for subjects to be commemorated.

D. H. G.

Daphne H. Gifford
Chairman

1955. New Boarding School at Darwin

1957. Visit of Prince Philip.

1956. Ross Road re-laid.

1957. RMS Darwin

1956/57. Aerial Survey.

Pasture improvement.

1966. Horticultural Society show
revived.

1970. Salvage of Great Britain.

1907. Senior School.

1914. Hospital

Wireless station

1914. Battle of the Falklands

Shaw Saville Line - livestock for
New Zealand

Stanley Improvements Scheme - Roberts
Broadcasting.

1948. Internal Air Service

H.E.

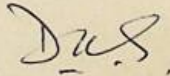
I thought you might like to be kept up to date with the progress of the 150th Anniversary of the Re-Occupation proposed stamp issue. I enclose Minutes of the two meetings held by the Committee.

So far as U.K. and international reactions to the Centenary celebrations in 1933 are concerned, I followed up your suggestion about relevant files. There should be two; one on the celebrations, and one of the stamp issue. After some searching and enquiry I have found the file on the stamp issue (65/32), now kept in Bundle 12 of the 'Secret Files' in the DCS's Record Room. There is nothing particularly secret about the file, but one interesting point noted on a Minute Sheet concerns the official destruction in March 1940 of 12 stamps of each value, and 12 sets of the Jubilee issue of 1935. The Centenary stamps were kept 'for record and exhibition purposes' by the Colonial Secretary.

The other file (of 1929) is still missing. The only official U.K. reaction to the proposal to have celebrations is in a S/S Despatch of 1929, which, in effect, says: 'Jolly good idea. Go ahead and keep me informed'.

You may like to see this rather battered copy of The Penguin special issue on the events of 1933. I think it is reasonably legible in a good light, but if you have trouble with any of it, I will hunt out the daily issues which might be easier to read. The BBC's wishes, the King's message, the Royal Empire Society's message, and the Secretary of State's broadcast and that of George Bonner hardly suggest that there were any doubts in the minds of the Establishment about celebrating the occasion.

The only reaction from Argentina which I have come across was the refusal by that country and Chile to accept the Centenary postage stamps. If there were any fiercer reaction I think it must be with you.


Daphne H. Gifford

27 June 1978

ROUGH SUGGESTIONS FOR 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE COLONY

STAMP ISSUE

By Mrs John Smith DC S.

- 1. Top Value H.M. Queen and ~~the~~ Duke of Edinburgh
- 2. Hood's Arrival in 1843? 1842?
- 3. Early Settlements - Port Louis, Port Edmont, Saunders
- 4. Stanley in its Early Days
- 5. Transition to sail from steam late 1800's
- 6. Chelsea Pensioners, Sappers & Miners helped build Stanley
- 7. Exchange Building
- 8. FIC charter 1853
- 9. Ship Repair (ship on sail)
- 10. Duke of Edinburgh 1883
- 11. 1900 HMS Nymph firing a salute on death of Queen Victoria
- 12. 1910 American sealers provided alot of money
- 13. 1912 Naval Wireless Station prior W/T Station at that time
- 14. World War I Fleet 'uprt' prior to Battle
- 15. Cape Pembroke Lighthouse
- 16. Centenary Celebrations Colourful stamp H.M.S. Durban 1933
- 17. 1940 Spitfires, War effort, West Yorks
- 168 & 17. 1943 R/T Air Service
- 18. 1957 Duke of Edinburgh Britannia in Stanley Harbour
- 19. 1977 Freedom of Royal Marines
- 22. 1978 Opening of Airport
- 23. Union Jack flying always if possible

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REF: P&T/2/42

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THE SECRETARIAT,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SOUTH ATLANTIC.

28th July 19 78

Dr. D. Gifford,
Stanley.

Dear Daphne,

Thank you for the copy of the Minutes of the Design Committee Meeting held on 7th July which have been read with interest.

We intend going ahead with the Early Settlements issue due for release in 1980 depicting Port Louis, Stanley, Port Egmont and Mission House at Keppel. Would you please come and have a look at the Port Louis art work and confirm that it should be possible to obtain a different view for the 1983 issue. (You may be aware that the 1933 issue featured Port Louis).

Turning to your letter of 18th July I confirm that there is no objection to assuming that there can be an issue to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the occupation in 1765. I am sure you will appreciate that this is some little way off and our programme does not at present extend beyond 1983; but given the importance of the subject it seems not unreasonable to bear this in mind if it affects your present planning.

In view of the possibilities of arousing sensitivities about whaling we would prefer to avoid a stamp featuring whaling.

A descriptive card seems an excellent idea for inclusion in the FDC.

If your Committee cares to suggest a design or designs for a FDC they would be very welcome.

The commemoration of Brisbane who was Vernet's agent is not something that is particularly appealing, but it may be possible to feature Hooker and other eminent personages in a commemorative issue or issues.

No decision has yet been made as to whether the 1983 set will be a commemorative or a definitive (and if its a definitive can it commemorate a particular year). Crown Agents thinking is that it would be unwise to consider withdrawing the present definitive for the life of the commemorative. They consider the Sesquicentenary stamps could be those principally on sale with stocks of the definitive sold only against a specific request.

Yours faithfully,

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CHIEF SECRETARY

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SOUTH ATLANTIC.

.....18 July 1978.....

Dear Dave,

Proposed Stamp Issue - 150th Anniversary of Re-Occupation

I enclose a copy of the last minutes of the Design Committee for the above stamp issue. The next meeting will be held on either August 4 or 11, depending, apparently, on the activities of the Monsunen. As you will see from the Minutes, I intend that this will be the last meeting before our suggestions are sent on to the main Stamp Committee for its reactions.

I should be grateful if I might know the feelings of the main Committee on the following points which appear in the Minutes of the Design Committee since they might have some bearing on our deliberations:

1. The possibility of a definitive or other issue to commemorate the 225th Anniversary of the Occupation in 1765.
2. The possibility of including a stamp concerned with the whaling industry.

3. The suggestion of including a descriptive card of the subjects portrayed, in the FDC.
4. A proposal for a design for the FDC.
5. The suggestion of a special issue to commemorate Brisbane, (and I add to this Joseph Hooker and tussock grass).

I have a great many ideas myself for a 225th issue, which could resolve itself rather neatly into a ships and people's issue, possibly a bit hackneyed, but nevertheless one which would illustrate very well the history of the Falklands.

Y. S.

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THE SECRETARIAT,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,
SOUTH ATLANTIC.

16 August 1978

Dear Valma,

I enclose a copy of the Minutes of our last Meeting. I propose to send this to the Main Stamp Committee. You will see that I have included our 'thinking' on the proposed subjects. On reflection I decided to exercise what I believe to be a Chairman's privilege, and so give the Main Committee all the gen that they could possibly need to tell them what we have been aiming to do. Whether this is eventually passed on to the designer is a matter for them to decide.

I should be grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible if you agree the Minutes (I shall not be in on Thursday evening). Typing is not one of my accomplishments, so I hope that drastic amendments will not be necessary.

My thanks to you for getting us over the first hurdle so amicably.

Yours sincerely,

Deplina H. Gifford

OUR REF: P&T/1/5

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THE SECRETARIAT,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SOUTH ATLANTIC.

YOUR REF:

.....26th September 19 78

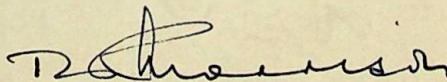
Dr. D. Gifford,
Stanley.

Dear Daphne,

MATTHEW BRISBANE

Thank you very much for your helpful notes on Matthew
Brisbane. The Stamp Committee have read your notes with
interest and they have been noted for future reference. You
may wish to know that we are contemplating featuring
surveyors and it may be an appropriate time to expand the
title and feature Matthew Brisbane.

Yours faithfully,



AG. CHIEF SECRETARY

OUR REF: P&T/2/45

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THE SECRETARIAT,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

SOUTH ATLANTIC.

YOUR REF:

.....24th August.....1978.....

Dr. D. Gifford,
Stanley.

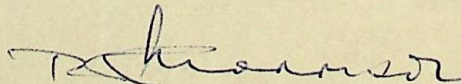
Dear Daphne,

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF RE-OCCUPATION

This is just a short note to thank you for your letter of
23rd August forwarding a copy of the Minutes of the latest
meeting of your Committee. This appears to be very helpful
indeed and will give us something to work on.

Would you please convey my thanks to all members of your
Committee.

Yours faithfully,



AG. CHIEF SECRETARY