

FALKLAND ISLANDS

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VOL 1

COMMITTEES -

STAMP ISSUES

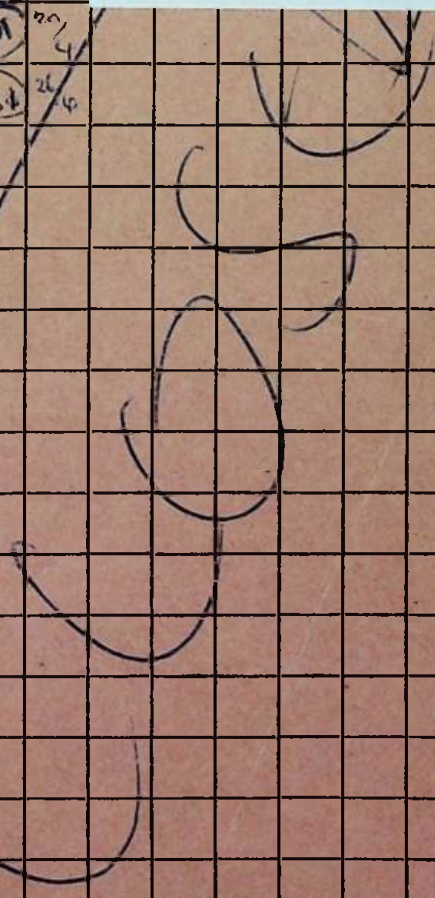
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COMMITTEE

0283/T

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C.L. (1)

James memo at R 23 Submitted.
H.G. may wish to see.

J 23.11.72

~~YE~~ (2)
Pl see R 23. You may wish
to settle a date for a meeting.

(3) 29th Nov/72
to King Ben, Wednesday 11th Nov 11.00 AM
A.C.Y.

(4) 24/11
Record
27th. Inf. phoned to Senior Clerk, Post Office 0830 Monday

J 27.11.72

~~YE~~ A problem
CA (5) A.C.Y. 4/12

BUS am 29.11.72

H.G. will wish to see & approve the Draft Minutes
at R 25

J 4.12.72

Reg (6)
Pl. have the final copy of the minutes placed on file

J 12/12

BU 10.1.73.

(7)

CS.

Minutes at R27 together with material at Centre submitted for.

I cannot agree that the airfield lends itself particularly to a tourism issue. It would certainly be difficult to produce an attractive stamp from such a subject. On the other hand the King Penguin is an excellent subject with claim, poise, but unfortunately the point brought out at para 4 is very true. The tourist would almost certainly expect to see a King if we display it on such an issue & it wd. be unwise to encourage too much activity around our one rookery which is still in the process of establishing itself. Penguins have been portrayed on several issues viz. 1933 King

1938 Gannet
1962 Gannet

I feel this of all issues must show a penguin & as the Rockhopper has not previously appeared & is almost equally as colourful as the King I wd. favour this as a subject.

4.1.73

(8)

~~YE~~ DCS, I think, is recommending 1st the issue should be of four stamps -

Fur Seal
Trout Fishing
Map

Rockhopper penguin.

I would tend to agree with this.

DCS

(9)

to think so / I agree with the four suggestions by

D. G. S.

4/1

BU 17/1

(10)

CL ✓ Approved
15/11

Draft Savingsgram submitted for yr.
consideration etc.

12.1.73

(11)

D.C.S. (Mr Morrison)
R. 27

I think perhaps the first step might be to
get out an early appeal as suggested at para 3
& then set in within the proposals in the preceding
paragraph.

1.4.73

(12)

CL
We are using your name to
give this more weight. I'll
write to the persons suggested
in para 3 of R27 asap.

17th
24.73

(13)

DCS

Good. Is the new issue really not due
until 'several years time'.

I am not happy with our current
practice re Public Notices, and perhaps you would
speak before this issue.

(14)

Record: 13 discussed with CL. 3/4

The definitive issue is
scheduled for 1976 but it is better not
to say that in the P. N.
P. Ns will now have a distribution list -
7/2/76 4.47

(14)

C.S.

I can find no sign of permission being sought to issue Definitives for the Falklands or South Georgia.

The S.C. is due for 1975 and the Colony issue for 1976 so I have prepared two drafts in case we get wrapped over the knuckles for not getting clearance first.

D. B.

(15)

ACS

M. speak.

16

✓ 2/9

Spoke C.S. Hold action.

(17)

~~Y/E~~

X of 19 in P+T/2/10 requested our stamp programme.

Draft s/fc. pl

D. B.

3.5.73

D. B. S.

(18)

Good. Please

M. J. 4/5

BU # 18/5/73

to check with J. Stange
X on R 35.

~~BU 14.7.~~

(19)

BU 2/7/73 to form Stamp Design Cmtee.

BU 10.7.73

BU 25.7.73

BU 1.8.73

BU ~~8~~ 10.8.73

BU 16.8.73

BU 16.9.73

Peter.

(20)

PM is to see R47

24th
14.9.73

C.S.

Self has seen R47 today

(21)

18/9

BU 18.10.73

Y/E

(22)

R49. When we decided on this issue you expressed the view that we should go for something different from the Battle of the Falklands issue.

24th
1.10.73

C.S.

(23)

I must confess that being neither a keen philatelist nor a long time resident, I am not sure that I know what for the B o F issue took. We should, however, certainly go for something as different as possible.

2/10

Bu 17.11.73

Bu 21.11.73

Bu 3 12.73

Y.E.

(24)

R43 May the attached telegram issue in order that we can decide what action we should take?

In order to get the maximum benefit from our Tourism issue (now 6.3.74) we postponed it when the Royal Wedding issue was introduced as we didn't want two issues within several months and we may well have to do something on similar lines. The mail this week indicates that the Battle of the River Plate issue planned for 13 Dec 1974 is being prepared.

16th
4.12.73

Bu 15.12.

Bu 3/1/74

25

PK

pm is to see R46 and advise

(24)

19.12.73

C.S.

- Please see my minute on the (Coinage File').
 If time permits I think we should participate in the UPU Centenary Issue and an issue to commemorate the the release of F.I. Coinage. The procedures laid down by the UPU for the centenary issue are as follows:
- (a) Issue date - any time during 1974.
 - (b) Values - at least two in number but not more than four. Two of the values to be the first weight step postage internally and internationally.
 - (c) Design - no special design prescribed but it would be desirable for all stamps to feature the UPU emblem, the words "Union postale universelle" (and possibly the equivalent in our language) and the ~~years~~ dates 1874 - 1974.

The issue date would firstly depend on the printers and secondly on the other issues we have in 1974. An ideal time would be in July (with the stamps coming out on the June charter vessel) followed by either the River Plate Issue or the Coinage Issue - this again would depend on the release date for the coins. If the coins are not released until 1975 we could possibly use all three issues? So far as we are concerned the the values for internal and international postage would be 2p and 5p. I would suggest at least one other value, possibly 8p (airmail postage). I imagine the designs will be fairly standard throughout the Union and should present no problem to the designers. Crown Agents advice should be obtained early.

(27)

CS
R46 and (26)

We have a firm date for Tourism issue of 6 March 1974 then Battle of River Plate 13 December 1974

2. We now have 2 more suggestions

(i) UPU centenary

(ii) Coinage.

3. I would like to see UPU and coinage at the expense of the River Plate issue. We could hold material already prepared for this and use it later on. We will have to meet expenses incurred.

4. A short meeting of Coordinating Committee may well be wise as BAT and SCs will be involved with UPU issue.

[Signature]
10.1.74

(28)

~~YE~~
(27). I have no strong views, but feel that we should not change our programme too frequently. We re-hashed the whole thing quite recently to make way for the Royal Wedding stamps. The River Plate has more local connection here than the UPU centenary, and of course we have no firm date yet for our coinage.

2. Does YE wish to hold a meeting to discuss?

14/11

(29)

to King Sir,

My view on the same as in your para 1 and I do not think we should change on the public note.

2. However I am prepared to show no meeting in the event of next week.

14/11

(30)

DCS To note (28) + (29) at average direct with HE the time of the meeting.

(31)

Noted. t.y. 15.1.74

15/11

(32)

YE Your (29) para 2. ~~above~~. Grateful if you would fix a time for the meeting

21.1.74

(34)

D. b. S / 10. a.m. Tuesday the 25th Jan

b. S

21 Jan

Burg. 2.74 (R4)

(35)

C.S.

R48 is in reply to one R47. Since then F.S. has had a letter from Mr Comben about the coinage issue. Crown Agents advise the Coinage issue at the expense of the UPU centenary issue.

I think we can go along with this and agree in principle

2/Th
31.1.74

ZS NB

Discussed with HE who instructed send a telegram agreeing, provided we didn't miss out on UPU issue by coins not being released until 1975.

2/Th
31.1.74

(36)

Bu 12/2/74

Y.E.

R54 It looks as if we are going to balance the budget with stamp revenue!

We will have the River Plate Issue on 13th December 1974. We could have the Coinage issue in the latter part of 1974 and have asked FCO for their approval (R51).

With the Churchill Issue of 30 November we could have three commemoratives on issue at the same time!

2. No mention is made whether there will be Official First Day Covers or just covers for American firm.
3. There will be problems in the Post Office if BAT and SG participate; we will be faced with the usual problem of getting stamps into Bases on time.
4. If FCO approve the Coinage issue and the Churchill then I think we should participate provided the Crown Agents assure us that the flood of issues is not going to be harmful.
5. If Crown Agents have guaranteed sales of at least 50,000 sets at a minimum of 20p this could mean £10,000 to us (less production expenses)

6. If the values are in the region of 30p it will mean £15,000 less production costs.

7. Draft telegram sfc. I think FCO has approved without knowing of our proposed coinage issue. PM is not keen on BAT or SG participating in view of difficulties of getting stamp stocks and covers dealt with in good time.

8. The Crown Agents have a programme for S. Georgia for 1974 which involves two other commemoratives - please see R45 in SG/2/4 which I have not had time to comment on yet.

Wm
6.2.74

PS. The only connection the late Sir Winston Churchill had with the Falklands that I am aware of is that he was First Lord of the Admiralty at the time the decision was made to send the fleet to the Falklands in 1914.

Wm

37.

D. L. S. / *I thank you for a good month. I have issued the list as requested.*

B. J. 6.2.74

~~*BU 13.2.74*~~
~~*BU 28/2/74*~~

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~~*yes*~~
asked for this file i.e. w. the telegram at p. 57 pl.

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21. 2. 74.

(39)

D. L. S. / *Pl see the draft list in June and if you agree pl issue*

B. J. 22.2.74

Y.E.

(39) The Churchill issue is for S. Georgia and B.A.T. and not for the Falklands which will make the four issues if we go for the UPU.

The Crown Agents at R48 recommended we have the Coinage issue instead of the UPU. We sought clarification regarding production at R52 and have not yet agreed on the UPU.

Formal approval has not been sought for the Churchill issue for S.Georgia and B.A.T. and I think we should do this now. I have extended the draft tel to FCO.

[Signature]
25.2.74

D. L. S. / *[Signature]* (41)
Good. Pl review

[Signature]
26 Feb

Bu 18/3/74 (R58)

[Signature] (42)

R61 We abandoned the idea of UPU for S.G. and BAT and settled for Churchill for both S.G. and BAT. The Whales issue we discarded also.

2. Draft tel A/c pl

43/

[Signature]
6.3.74

D. L. S. / I think you. Pl review as mentioned /

[Signature]
29/3

(44)

~~YE~~

R64 P.M. and I have spoken on this and he is still in favour of having the U.P.U. issue. P.M. commented at (24) on the subject.

2. In view of the likelihood of no coinage this year I recommend we proceed.

~~18.3.74~~

18.3.74

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(45)

D. A. S.

/ I agree. P.M. agrees to issue 10p coins /

[Signature]
19 March

BU 20/6/74

(51)

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(50) N. Stead by. OIC BAS will be away on 1st May - 3rd May on Constitution meetings

2. Carriage file attached

26th

21.4.74

(52)

~~YE~~

(49)-(51). YE may wish to arrange a new time for meeting?

(53)

~~B/S~~

Meeting Mon 4th May at 11. A.M.

23/4

(54)

I'm informed 30/4/74

26th

30.4.74

~~BU 16.6.74(6)~~

(55)

Res.

M to J. File 1X of RT2

BU 1/7

(RT1)

56

11/6

C.S.

see p. 59

17.6.74

~~BU 1/8~~

57.

b. A. / P 76 /

Please see Mr. Lupton to minute /

h. J. 3/7/74 /

58.

Postmaster,

In your advice please.

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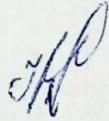
4.7.74

C.S.

None of us here in the Falkland Islands are experts in this particular field and in the circumstances I think we should be guided by FCO and retain the services of the Crown Agents, especially if they are "to improve their image in the stamp world" as indicated by FCO.

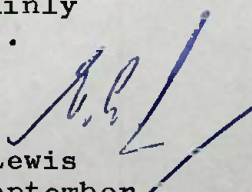
Mr. ~~xxxxx~~ Urch is in business and naturally his first consideration is to improve his business and not the economy of the Falkland Islands. On the other hand, as FCO point out, the Crown Agents exist primarily to perform services (philatelic and other) for Overseas Governments.

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 Postmaster 11.9.74.

DCS

1. Would you please study the letter at Folio 83 from the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group and put up a draft reply.
2. The following are some of the points which I think are relevant:-
 - (a) That we are advised by the FCO in regard to policy matters on stamp issues and that we are not necessarily bound by decisions taken in 1966.
 - (b) Although we welcome comments and advice from a Study Group, it is difficult to carry on a dialogue if they copy their correspondence to the Press and others.
 - (c) That we are very conscious of the need to maintain ^{the} good name of the Falklands and its Dependencies in the philatelic world, but, equally, we do have to take into account the contribution of stamp issues to our revenue.
 - (d) The decision to issue a Souvenir Sheet for the coming Churchill Centenary was made on the advice of the Crown Agents mainly to meet the demands of the American market, but if the Study Group would elaborate further as to why it dislikes this procedure, we would certainly consider their representations.


 E G Lewis
 26 September
 1974

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(63) Draft letter sfc pl

PS Pl see also (82) which you asked to be submitted. *6/10/74*

May we have a Meeting of the Stamp Cmtee soon to consider 1975-76-77 programme. *AM*

65.

DCS

1. May I please have your comments on Folio 82. I am inclined to take a cautious view and to stay with the Crown Agents as we do not want to come under any pressure to increase our number of issues.
2. However, if we so decide it would do no harm in letting Crown Agents know that we have the whole question under review and that we expect a high quality of design and production, plus an aggressive sales policy.
3. In regard to the next meeting of the Stamp Committee, I think it is time I opted out and that Mr Monk takes over as Chairman as he will have to live with the issues for the next three years.

E.G.L.

E G Lewis
9 Oct 1974

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world
into
p issues

CS.

Ill be away tomorrow. but 85 has been copied to Editor "Times" so that is one less question to be answered.

Sheet
ternary was
Crown Agents
of the Am
Group would
why it dislike
b. certainly
ations.

2. I wd like to speak on para 3

of 65 pl

AM
9.10.74

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E G Lewis
26 Septem
1974

PIA.

68.

C.S.

Ref (89) It is no concern of the FIC what we are doing and I find it somewhat annoying that they are discussing our programme.

2. Rightly or wrongly we are committed to miniature sheets and as I see it there can be no turning back on this. In the light of the success or otherwise no doubt we will make an appropriate decision for the future.

3. We have for some time been proceeding with mail carriers and are quite capable of deciding on which ships to depict.

4. Acknowledge and thank FIC for the offer of material and say that the decision to depict mail ships was taken months ago?

D.P.H.
20.11.74

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49
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I think draft of centre should move.

B.P.H.

70

D/ 16/11/74 / 17/11/74

AD
21/11/74

71

C.S.

The Minutes of the Stamp Committee are at 90 and a draft letter to the Bureau is at face for consideration pl

D.P.H.
29.11

72

R. 21/1/72

Will you kindly b/c w. a/c/letter or stamps generally
that I write recently to Gordon - on another
file?

SM
5/1/72

73

Registry

P.M. is to advise on the point raised
in para 4 of (97).

SM
23/1/75

74

C.S.

We are currently in communication with C/A regarding
our 1975/76 issues - letters 96 and 97 crossed.

I think we should have some say in deciding which firm
of printers will produce our stamps. In the past we have
'shared out' the printing to the various firms, this to my
mind is good policy. If the decision was left in the Crown
Agents hands one firm could monopolize our stamp printings.
I think I am correct in saying that all recent tender decisions
have been made by telegram - very little time is lost by this
method.

PM 4.2.75.

75

20/1/74 Do we need to take any action pl.?

SM
5/3/73

76

C.S.

I've taken action on (74). We didn't
get down to discussing the Spafford programme
the other week as you had to go to Gt. The
proposals contain some suggestions which we
have on our programme e.g. Arfield, Heraldic.

SM
3/3

77

DCS
Ptd (102) come under cover of (103) pt?

SM
5/4/3

78

R
Ack (93) + 6/4.

29

Ack'd

SM
5/4/3

DHR
6/3/75

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80

DCS (102)
Members of the Committee shd have all reports
submitted.

SM
5/12/3

Action being taken 81
DHR
13/3

82

DCS
(106)

For notification to S.C.C. re. id. pt.

SM
5/25/3

83

C.S.
I think we shd meet again to
talk stamps as we didn't finish
the last meeting.

DHR 29/3

84

84

DCS

To st. Week after Dec.

3/4

85

Discussed with Pmr
about the 15th he thinks.
We might have had issue
material + ship issue material.

4/4/75

Bu 9/4/75

Bu 7/3/75 to KIU

86

DCS

15th June OK - 1430. May we please over
again on 14th.

of

3/6

86

DCS

①. I cannot trace Bu to date of 14/11/74

3/6

87

Registry

Ref 86. Pl trace B J Baxter's letter
of 14. 11. 74. (I've seen it - it referred to A.G
stamp issues I think).

3/6

Spoken to CS XFA on ③
Dan - 6/6

88

BU 25.6.75

F.S.
(117) Stamp Meeting 3pm Friday pl

89

20/8

D.S.A.

noted, thank you.

20/8

90

D.C.S.

Have seen 116 + 117.

22/8.

91.

DCS -

I think were going to have
this to split this file up don't
you.

92.

Reg

Pl spk

2/10

Spoken

93

Draft minutes of the Stamp
Committee have been received. In
not too sure what was agreed finally
on the Conservation Issue

20/8/72

94

DCS

I have delayed this file. It was my
understanding that we should only incorporate

the Conservation Issue into an omnibus
one for the three territories of the did
not interfere with the DAF programme.
In this regard I believe we have 'Seals'
proposed for DAF in 1976 but this
depends on approval of the Treaty. If
Seals are not possible I believe we
decided to bring forward 'Whales' from
the Conservation Issue.

attached
31/12/75
CMJ

We also decided I believe to regard
'Conservation' not necessarily as synonymous
with wild life - hence the 'nature reserves'
for the Colony.

Pl. see the file of the Washington Convention
for ideas for 'Conservation'.

30/12
95

D.C.S. ~~draft~~ minutes amended accordingly
and submitted herewith

96

JP



D.M.

Pl have the extracts made
to subject files quickly pl.

D.M.
13/1

CS-

X on (127)

97

I suggest we leave for the time

being 18/1
D.M.

Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee

Minutes of meeting held at Government House on 11th May, 1971.

Present: His Excellency the Governor (Chairman)
The Colonial Secretary (Member)
The Superintendent, Posts & Telecommunications Dept., (Member)
The Officer in Charge, British Antarctic Survey (Member)
The Postmaster (Member and Secretary).

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of

- (i) a commemorative issue for the Colony during 1972, and
- (ii) the issue of the Colony decimal tablet stamps in 1973.

The meeting commenced with His Excellency stating that he wished item (ii) discussed first.

The Officer in Charge, British Antarctic Survey, said that although it had been proposed at one time that the new British Antarctic Territory definitive issue, depicting Antarctic Explorers, should be released in 1972, he now had information that the issue was planned for 1973.

In view of this, it was agreed that the Colony decimal tablet issue (which was not particularly attractive in its overprinted form) should be brought forward and released on 1st May 1972.

The question of the replacement of the £1 stamp to be considered in the light of the available art work or other material, and discussed at the next meeting.

Consideration was given to the subject for a suitable commemorative issue for the Colony and among the suggestions were -

Birds - a conservation thematic issue which might at some future date be run in conjunction with the British Antarctic Territory and South Georgia.

Ships

Mail services

Map and settlements

Kelp

Battle of the River Plate (35th anniversary in 1974)

External air service.

With the South Georgia commemorative issue, and the British Antarctic Territory commemorative issue continuing into 1972, plus the Colony's decimal tablet issue, it was agreed that in the interests of rationalising issues, no further issues should be contemplated for 1972.

It was agreed that should an external air service be inaugurated, it should be the subject of a commemorative issue to take precedence over any other Colony commemorative.

The present position regarding issues from the three territories is -

Falkland Islands

- 1971 Decimal overprint
- 1972 1st May. Decimal tablet and possible re-design of £1 stamp.
? External air service commemorative issue.
- 1973 ? External air service issue or some other issue the
subject of which has still to be decided.
- 1974 Battle of the River Plate (35th anniversary. 4 warships)

South Georgia

- 1971 Decimal overprints. Overprints to continue until new definitive
issue in 1974.
- 1972 5th January. Sir Ernest Shackleton commemorative issue.
- 1973 Nothing planned.
- 1974 15th February. New definitive issue (historical).

British Antarctic Territory

- 1971 Decimal overprints. Overprints to continue until new definitive
issue in 1973.
- 1971 23rd June. 10th Anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty (this issue to
run for one year)
- 1972 Continuation of the Antarctic Treaty issue.
- 1973 14th February. New definitive issue depicting Antarctic Explorers.

Action arising from meeting

Colony decimal tablet issue: investigate question of replacement of £1 stamp.

Colony commemorative 1972: keep in mind the External Air Service issue.

Enquire from Alginates the availability of material
and artist to produce suitable designs and attractive
backgrounds for Kelp issue of stamps.

C.S.,

I am not sure what is the next action to be taken with this file. Who should call the next meeting? The only item which is the question of a stamp higher in value than £1 - a suggestion not supported by the S.P.I. but which has yet to be put formally to the Committee. Perhaps the date for another meeting has been fixed already and an agenda prepared?

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18.10.71.

5/6

No date for a further meeting has yet been fixed. You should consult Postmaster to ascertain whether he considers another meeting necessary yet. I would think not.

18/10

Y.E.

6.11.71 / *6.11.18/3*

was obliged to rearrange the meeting of the Postage Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee from its original date to 25th March. However it now appears that O i/c B.A.S. will not be back in Stanley until the following day. Perhaps we could have a very brief meeting on Saturday, 27th March, at, say, 0930 in GH Conference Room? A proposed draft agenda is:

- (1) Phasing of Falklands and B.A.T./ South Georgia issues.
- (2) Possibility of sharing stamp revenues - Falklands/B.A.T./ South Georgia.
- (3) Handling of philatelic mail at B.A.T. Base Post Offices.
- (4) Crown Agents' enquiry regarding cancelling to order.

2. Minutes of these meetings will be kept by the Postmaster.

[Signature]
C.S. 18.3.71.

FA

S.P.T.

Note new date for meeting & inform acting O/C B.A.S. f.i. of W Clapp.

2 Please collect files & papers on the agenda - items you have proposed. (O/C B.A.S. should be informed of agenda. You can do this by memo.)

3 Postmaster to note para. 2 of my minute to H.E.

See 2.

1/4

See 2

*Pls inform
23.3.71*

[Signature]
20/3
Recd. 23.3.

No. 0283/T.

MEMORANDUM

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

23rd March, 1971.

From: The Superintendent,
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Posts & Telecommunications Dept.,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Ag. Officer-in-Charge,
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British Antarctic Survey,
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SUBJECT:- Meeting of the Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee.

It would be appreciated if you would inform Mr. Clapp that a meeting of the above Committee will take place in Government House Conference Room on Saturday, 27th March 1971 at 0930.

2. The agenda for the meeting is:

- (1) Phasing of Falklands and B.A.T./South Georgia issues.
- (2) Possibility of sharing stamp revenues - Falklands/B.A.T./South Georgia.
- (3) Handling of philatelic mail B.A.T. Base Post Offices.
- (4) Crown Agents' enquiry regarding cancelling to order.

[Signature]
SUPERINTENDENT.

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C.S.

Your instructions at folio 1 have been carried out

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25.3.71

Y.E.

Will wish to be reminded that we are due to have a short meeting of the Stamp Issues Coordinating Committee in the G. H. Conference Room at 0930 tomorrow, Saturday, 27/3, with agenda as at p. 2.

The important item is Item (1). However, I believe you intend to use tomorrow's here as a shakedown meeting & to embark upon initial examination of the problems which the agenda represents rather than as a decision-making meeting.

C.S. Record of meeting of 27/3/71 herewith. D.M. 8.4.71

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Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee

Minutes of meeting held at Government House on 27th March, 1971

Present: His Excellency the Governor (Chairman)
The Colonial Secretary (Member)
The Superintendent, Posts & Telecommunications Dept. (Member)
The Officer in Charge, British Antarctic Survey (Member)
The Postmaster (Member and Secretary)

His Excellency opened the meeting by explaining the need to meet and discuss plans for co-ordinating the stamp issues of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and British Antarctic Territory. It was inadvisable to have the three territories producing stamp issues at the same time thus flooding the market to the detriment of all.

1. Phasing of Falklands/South Georgia/British Antarctic Territory issues.

It was noted that the following issues are planned for the years indicated (in some cases, as indicated, provisional decisions only were taken).

Colony of the Falkland Islands

1971 Decimalised overprinting of the current definitive issue.
(Already effected).

1972) A decision has yet to be taken as to the year in which the
1973) current definitive issue in proper decimalised form will be
effected. The current definitive design could continue until
1974 or 1976.

Dependency of South Georgia

1971 Decimalised overprinting of current definitive issue.
(Already effected).

1972 50th Anniversary of the death of Sir Ernest Shackleton. A
commemorative issue.

1973 New definitive issue (historical). (Provisional only).

British Antarctic Territory

1971 (i) Decimalised overprinting of the current definitive issue.
(Already effected).

(ii) 10th Anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty. A commemorative
issue to run for one year.

1972 New definitive issue (Antarctic explorers).

1973 Nothing planned.

2. Possibility of sharing revenue Falklands/South Georgia/B.A.T.

From 1968 to 1970 the Falklands had two issues a year, but as there was a downward trend in sales, and as it was desirable to maintain the goodwill and image of the Falklands, it had been decided not to issue any stamps in 1971 except the obligatory decimal overprinted issue.

By following a conservative policy there was a likelihood of the Colony suffering a loss of revenue because of the issues of the B.A.T. and South Georgia; both these territories are financed by Her Majesty's Government.

In the interests of rationalisation as well as in the interest of preserving undamaged in the eyes of the philatelists the image of the three territories, the Co-ordinating Committee believes that an agreement on a formula for sharing between them, on some proportional basis yet to be decided, of revenue derived from postage stamps may be necessary. The territories are interlinked philatelically and the actions of one in
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Postmaster

the stamp issues field inevitably repercuss on the others. An agreement on revenue sharing would, it is believed, clear the way for planned co-ordination of postage stamp issues to the advantage of the territories and of philatelists.

It was decided that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office be advised of the Colony's stamp issuing policy and the proposal for sharing revenue.

Handling of philatelic mail at B.A.T. Post Offices

An increase in the number of stamp issues from B.A.T. also means an increase in the demand from philatelists for covers and franked stamps. As the B.A.T. Post Offices are listed by the Universal Postal Union, philatelists and dealers expect, and have a right to expect, their orders dealt with without undue delay.

There ^{are} inevitable delays due to the absence of an external air mail service and the inaccessibility of the Antarctic Bases during the winter, coupled with the fact that Base Commanders have other priority duties to perform during the summer season. The outcome of this situation is that a considerable amount of philatelic mail is not handled until the winter months.

The Officer in Charge, British Antarctic Survey, mentioned that he had looked into the matter on his recent tour of the Bases and at several Bases the Base Commander's responsibility for handling philatelic mail had been delegated to other personnel.

To further improve the situation, the Superintendent, Posts and Telecommunications Department, reiterated his suggestion of 23rd January 1971 to the effect that the British Antarctic Survey should consider employing one person to travel around the Bases during the season with no other duties but to attend to philatelic mail. This person should carry mint stamps with him for sale on the ship and thus relieve the Base Commander of this work when ships call.

A suggestion discussed was that philatelic mail should be cancelled on one of the B.A.S. ships which would not be dissimilar to the franking of correspondence on trains in the U.K.

The Officer in Charge, British Antarctic Survey, suggested that a general frank should be used instead of individual franks for each Base; this frank to have the date and the inscription "British Antarctic Territory". This would eliminate the need to have mail dealt with at any specific Base. Collectors seeking specific Base franks could have their covers impressed with a Base cachet.

No decisions were reached on these matters which are still under consideration by the Survey.

Cancelling of stamps to order

Consideration was given to a request from the Crown Agents to provide this service for dealers. It was pointed out that this service was already operated by the local part time philatelic bureau. It was agreed to continue operating the service locally, thus by-passing the 15% sales commission imposed by the Crown Agents. The Superintendent Posts & Telecommunications agreed to draft a letter to the Crown Agents informing them of the decision and requesting them to advertise the service as a direct facility of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Service.

Demonetisation of stamps

It was agreed that the 30th April 1972 should be the date on which all Lsd stamps of the Colony, S. Georgia and the British Antarctic Territory should become invalid for postal purposes.

The necessary Order in Council and publicity to be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Action in / 0283/111
(See p. 571/2)

Action in / 0283/111
(See p. 571)

Action in / 185/37
(See p. 137)

As a result of the recent Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee meeting we should all be endeavouring to think up ideas for future Colony Stamp Issues. Since it is likely that we shall need a new Definitive Issue in 1974, since Definitive Issues take a long time to plan and prepare, and because of the difficulty anyway of thinking up new and suitable subjects, my view is that we should give as much thought now to the nature of the next Definitive Issue as to Special Issues: above all we do not want to use for the latter a subject which we later discover we would have preferred to reserve for the former.

2. To assist in this exercise I have set out on the next sheet, in schedule form, the far from brilliant ideas which have so far occurred to me. Perhaps, over the next couple of weeks, you and P.M. will be able to add to it so that we have something ready for discussion when the Committee next meets. As you know, H.E. wishes to call another meeting soon.

J.A.J.
14.4.71

Recd. 28.4.71

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IDEAS FOR COLONY STAMP ISSUES

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Definitive or Special</u>	<u>Year of Issue (Proposed)</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Ships	S or D	1972 or 3(S) 1974(D)	Thematic
2. Transport	D	1972	Might be possible to tie it to a 'selling' event, e.g. construction of the airfield. The difficulty would lie in timing.
3. Birds	D	1974	Thematic. (The last Birds issue was in black and white and <u>was not conspicuously successful</u> .) <i>Colour would be essential.</i>
4. R.S.R.S. Anniversary	S	1972	25th Anniversary. 1972 would technically be one year too late for this issue.
5. Islands Fauna	D	1974	Not very original; but might make a successful issue in colour and some material is already available.
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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.

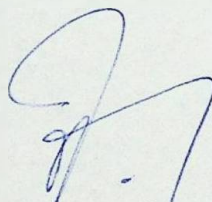
5. For 1974 (December) a suitable issue would be the 35th Anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate which lends itself to a four-stamp issue.

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

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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 the 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

Appendix 1AVIFAUNA

<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>	Cocconi; 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)

Y.E.

Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee

will recall that the meeting of the Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee which was held approximately a month ago sought only to identify some of our problems and you mentioned at the time that you would like to follow up with a further meeting as soon as convenient. I suggest we arrange a date for another meeting between the 10th and 18th May (the dates during which "Darwin" will be absent on voyage P.Q).

2. During the last few weeks I have had several ideas for both Definitive and Special stamp issues and these have been set out at some length in the file which is with S.P.T. He has been asked to add ideas which may have occurred to him and the Postmaster. I am endorsing this minute to Mr. J. Bound with a request for him to pass the file to you so that you can have a look at the material.

3. Meanwhile you will suggest a date and time for the meeting and may agree that it should again, for convenience, take place in the G.H. conference room.

J.A.J.

5.5.71

S.P.T.

The file is with you. You should pass it direct to H.E. not later than Friday of this week to enable him to have a look at our ideas before the next meeting of the committee is held.

J.A.J.

5.5.71

Y.E.

File (0283/T) herewith - please see folios 6 to 10.

It is difficult to add to the C.S.'s list. However the P.M. and I are of the opinion that a special issue for the Colony (short set - possibly 'wild life conservation') would not be out of place during 1972 with possibly ~~the~~ the decimal tablet definitive in 1973. I have discussed further with C.S. and we feel that next week's meeting of the Co-ordinating Committee should be confined to these two possibilities. I am to prepare notes on the pros and cons of the suggestions and these will be circulated to Committee members for study prior to the meeting.

S.P.T. Please let H.E. have copy
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J. B.

5.5.71

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STAMP ISSUES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the above Committee will take place in the Conference Room at Government House at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 12th May 1971.

It is proposed to discuss the following items :

1. Possibility of a special issue of postage stamps for the Colony during 1972;
2. Possibility of issuing the Colony decimal tablet definitive in 1973.

The following notes are appended for the guidance of Committee members and as a basis for discussion.

Proposed special issue for Colony 1972.

The last Colony special issue was the "Great Britain" commemorative set in October 1970. In 1971 there is a spate of issues (B.A.T., South Georgia plus the decimal overprints) and it was decided that the Colony would not issue a special or commemorative set this year. It is now thought that a special issue (short set) during 1972 would not be out of place. Research has been undertaken with a view to producing a commemorative issue in 1972 but no 'dated' event would lend itself to an attractive set which would have the desired world wide appeal. It is therefore suggested for consideration that the Colony go ahead on a special issue featuring wild life conservation (see the C.S.'s notes on file 0283/T). The subject is topical and of international interest.

If the proposal is acceptable Mr. Ian Strange should be asked to serve on a small Committee to go into the matter in detail. His knowledge of local wild life coupled with his artistic tendencies would be invaluable in producing a set of this nature. His fees should be agreed in advance.

Care should be taken to ensure that the issue date does not clash with the B.A.T. new definitive (Antarctic explorers) and the South Georgia Shackleton commemorative, both scheduled for early 1972.

Proposed Colony decimal tablet definitive 1973.

The present Colony definitive issue (Flowers) came into being in October 1968 and was decimal overprinted in February 1971. In the interests of not being accused of issuing a 'definitive which is not definitive' it has been decided not to dispense with the floral design for some time yet. It has further been decided that the next step should be to replace the decimal overprint with a decimal value overlay or tablet. The Crown Agents already have this in hand (folio 77 in 0283/S). It was initially planned to issue the decimal tablet version during 1972 but this would have clashed with the new B.A.T. definitive (Antarctic explorers). It is now suggested that the decimal tablet issue should come out during 1973. 1973 is suggested with a view to co-ordinating issues, i.e. B.A.T. has nothing planned for 1973 and the issue date for the new South Georgia definitive (historical) has yet to be decided.

The £1 stamp will of course not require an overlay but it was at one time noted that it could be redesigned, retaining the floral design. Unused colour slides and artwork are in existence. A decision whether or not the £1 stamp should be redesigned would be appreciated.

POSTS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT,
Stanley,
7th May, 1971.

Distribution: H.E., C.S., G.I.C., B.A.S., P.E., B.P.T. and file 0283/T.

Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee

Minutes of meeting held at Government House on 11th May, 1971.

Present: His Excellency the Governor (Chairman)
The Colonial Secretary (Member)
The Superintendent, Posts & Telecommunications Dept., (Member)
The Officer in Charge, British Antarctic Survey (Member)
The Postmaster (Member and Secretary).

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of

- (i) a commemorative issue for the Colony during 1972, and
- (ii) the issue of the Colony decimal tablet stamps in 1973.

The meeting commenced with His Excellency stating that he wished item (ii) discussed first.

The Officer in Charge, British Antarctic Survey, said that although it had been proposed at one time that the new British Antarctic Territory definitive issue, depicting Antarctic Explorers, should be released in 1972, he now had information that the issue was planned for 1973.

In view of this, it was agreed that the Colony decimal tablet issue (which was not particularly attractive in its overprinted form) should be brought forward and released on 1st May 1972.

The question of the replacement of the £1 stamp to be considered in the light of the available art work or other material, and discussed at the next meeting.

Consideration was given to the subject for a suitable commemorative issue for the Colony and among the suggestions were -

Birds - a conservation thematic issue which might at some future date be run in conjunction with the British Antarctic Territory and South Georgia.

Ships

Mail services

Map and settlements

Kelp

Battle of the River Plate (35th anniversary in 1974)

External air service.

With the South Georgia commemorative issue, and the British Antarctic Territory commemorative issue continuing into 1972, plus the Colony's decimal tablet issue, it was agreed that in the interests of rationalising issues, no further issues should be contemplated for 1972.

It was agreed that should an external air service be inaugurated, it should be the subject of a commemorative issue to take precedence over any other Colony commemorative.

The present position regarding issues from the three territories is -

Falkland Islands

- 1971 Decimal overprint
- 1972 1st May. Decimal tablet and possible re-design of £1 stamp.
? External air service commemorative issue.
- 1973 ? External air service issue or some other issue the subject of which has still to be decided.
- 1974 Battle of the River Plate (35th anniversary. 4 warships)

South Georgia

- 1971 Decimal overprints. Overprints to continue until new definitive issue in 1974.
- 1972 5th January. Sir Ernest Shackleton commemorative issue.
- 1973 Nothing planned.
- 1974 15th February. New definitive issue (historical).

British Antarctic Territory

- 1971 Decimal overprints. Overprints to continue until new definitive issue in 1973.
- 1971 23rd June. 10th Anniversary of the Antarctic Treaty (this issue to run for one year)
- 1972 Continuation of the Antarctic Treaty issue.
- 1973 14th February. New definitive issue depicting Antarctic Explorers.

Action arising from meeting

Colony decimal tablet issue: investigate question of replacement of £1 stamp.

Colony commemorative 1972: keep in mind the External Air Service issue.

Enquire from Alginates the availability of material and artist to produce suitable designs and attractive backgrounds for Kelp issue of stamps.

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STAMP ISSUES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the above Committee will take place in the Conference Room at Government House at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday 24th July 1971.

The following items are down for discussion :

1. Proposed commemorative issue of postage stamps on the occasion of H.M. the Queen's Silver Wedding, 20th November 1972.

In his Circular Saving Despatch No. 35/71 (restricted) of 8th June 1971 the Secretary of State announces a proposal that the above event should be commemorated by a special omnibus issue of postage stamps in the Overseas Territories has been approved by Her Majesty the Queen. It is suggested that the issue in each territory should comprise two stamps of high quality, produced by a combination of recess and lithographic or photogravure processes. The main feature of the stamps would be newly engraved portraits of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, not hitherto used on postage stamps, with borders showing details of local relevance to each territory. The latter would form the subject of correspondence later with separate administrations.

It is suggested that each territory should share the cost of the newly engraved portraits and the full cost of the particular border.

In order that arrangements may be made in good time to prepare for the issue the Secretary of State would be glad to know at an early date whether governments agree to participate in this scheme :

- (i) Falkland Islands;
- (ii) British Antarctic Territory;
- (iii) South Georgia.

2. Possibility of replacing the £1 value of the Colony definitive issue when the present overprints are replaced by a decimal tablet overlay in 1972.

Members will recall that at the last meeting of the Committee it was decided that the question of the replacement of the £1 stamp should be discussed the next meeting in the light of available art work or other material. Research has revealed that no unused material is available locally. In view of this and the proposal to have a special commemorative issue on the occasion of Her Majesty's Silver Wedding - also due out in 1972, it is now for consideration whether it would be advisable to pursue the matter further.

3. Crown Agents enquiry regarding the new definitive issue for South Georgia

The position is that during 1969 a suggestion was made from London that following the decimalised overprints, a new definitive issue for South Georgia should be produced featuring whaling scenes and come out in 1972. The issue has progressed to the extent of art work. In August 1970 Sir Cosmo Haskard informed the Crown Agents that the choice of whaling as a definitive theme for South Georgia could well be regarded as inappropriate, in view of the fact that whaling from South Georgia came to an end in 1965. The whaling illustrations might form part of a historical definitive issue which might come out in 1973. At its meeting on 11th May 1971 the Co-ordinating Committee concurred with this view, with the exception that the proposed timing of the issue should be extended until 1974. It is proposed to reply to the Crown Agents along these lines.

POSTS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT,
Stanley,
22nd July, 1971.

Distribution: H.E., C.S., O.I.C.B.A.S., P.M., S.P.T. and file 0283T.

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Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee

Minutes of meeting held at Government House on 24th July 1971

Present: His Excellency the Governor (Chairman)
The Colonial Secretary (Member)
The Superintendent, P & T (Member)
The O.i/c. British Antarctic Survey (Member)
The Postmaster (Member and Secretary)

1. SILVER WEDDING ISSUES

The suggestion contained in the Secretary of State's Circular Saving Despatch No.34/71 of 8th June 1971, for a special omnibus issue of stamps in the Overseas Territories to commemorate the Silver Wedding of Her Majesty the Queen was discussed, and it was agreed that the Falklands, South Georgia, and British Antarctic Territory should participate.

Further information was to be sought regarding the types of borders to be embodied in the stamps.

2. CHANGE OF DESIGN IN 1972 OF THE £1 STAMP OF THE COLONY DEFINITIVE ISSUE

In view of the absence of suitable art work, and the fact that the Colony would participate in 1972 in the Silver Wedding issue, and considering the adverse criticism engendered by similar changes in the B.A.T. and South Georgia issues, it was decided not to change the £1 stamp.

It was agreed that this did not preclude a change of design at a later date.

3. SOUTH GEORGIA NEW DEFINITIVE ISSUE 1974

Initially, this issue was to feature the whaling industry and had reached the stage of art work. Sir Cosmo Haskard had informed the Crown Agents in August 1970 that the choice of whaling as a definitive theme for South Georgia could well be regarded as inappropriate in view of the fact that whaling from South Georgia ceased in 1965, but thought that the whaling illustrations might form part of a historical definitive issue.

The art work was viewed and it was decided that very little would be suitable for a historical issue.

The meeting agreed that ideas should be sought locally without delay for a historical issue, as well as seeking the advice of the Crown Agents and Messrs Chr. Salvesen of Leith.

4. COMMON FRANK FOR B.A.T. BASES

The Officer-in-Charge, British Antarctic Survey, said that the idea to simplify the handling of philatelic mail by using a common frank for all Bases had been investigated by his Head Office by seeking the opinions of leading stamp dealers who considered it unwise to adopt such a procedure.

It was pointed out that the UPU Convention requires a date stamp to bear the name of the office of franking.

In view of the information obtained it was agreed that no further action should be taken.

5. COLONY DECIMAL TABLET ISSUE RELEASE DATE

The Superintendent, Posts & Telecommunications, stated that for financial reasons it had been suggested by the Treasury that the release date should be the 1st June 1972 in order that all revenue would accrue within the financial year 1972/73.

The meeting agreed to the release date being 1st June 1972.
The new date to be notified to the Crown Agents in due course.



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[See p 601 or 0283 - stamps above fl.]
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HC For Co-ordinating Comm. 27/11

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GOVERNMENT SECRETARY'S OFFICE
27 NOV 1971
FALKLAND ISLANDS

STAMP ISSUES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the above Committee will be held at Government House at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 30th November 1971.

The following items are down for discussion -

X 1. New definitive issue for South Georgia 1974 (Historical)

The position regarding material for this issue is -

- (i) Crown Agents have been asked to furnish material
- (ii) O.i/c B.A.S. has obtained some ideas from books in the B.A.S. Library
- (iii) Salvesens have been asked if they have any suitable material
- (iv) Crown Agents have suggested a commemorative issue for South Georgia for the 200th anniversary of the landing on South Georgia by Capt. Cook but we have suggested that in view of our policy of rationalising issues that the idea be embodied in the definitive issue.

In this connexion O.i/c B.A.S. has pointed out that Capt. Cook is featured in the new B.A.T. definitive issue, and that a too similar presentation may not be desirable.

1) Nov 1975.
2) Get (As, Submarine) ideas.
3) The ferry dogs can be included in theme.

X 2. Sale of stamps by Crown Agents Stamp Bureau after withdrawal date

The local sale of Lsd stamps ceased the day prior to Decimal Day but the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau continued to sell these stamps. The Crown Agents have agreed that although it is unwise to sell stamps after the withdrawal date, they consider that confidential sales of low value stamps for the small packet trade could be beneficial as this may well stimulate an interest in stamp collecting in young collectors which would continue in later years thereby increasing sales.

1) How many (1971) issues?
2) How many issues?
3) How many (the) countries?
4) Why not bulk purchase

X 3. Colony Commemorative 1973.

The following suggestions for a commemorative issue were made at a meeting on the 11th May 1971 -

Birds - a conservation thematic issue which might at some future date be run in conjunction with the British Antarctic Territory and South Georgia

- No Ships
- ? Mail Services
- but not Kelp
- No Battle of the River Plate (35th anniversary in 1974)
- No External air service

1973 - content possible

With the South Georgia commemorative issue, and the British Antarctic Territory commemorative issue continuing into 1972, plus the Colony's decimal tablet issue, it was agreed that in the interest of rationalising issues, no further issues should be contemplated for 1972.

AGREED It was agreed that should an external air service be inaugurated, it should be the subject of a commemorative issue to take precedence over any other Colony commemorative.

X Items for mention

(i) Adverse comments were expressed in the philatelic press over the overprinting of stamps by Tristan da Cunha, Falklands, South Georgia, and B.A.T. The adverse comments were that instead of making the decimal issues new ones, the places mentioned were "caught on the hop" and issued overprints to be followed at a later date by decimal values.

(ii) The bromides of the decimal tablet stamps for the Falklands have been received together with the art work of the £1 stamp which is not being redesigned and of which 12,000 stamps are being obtained from Bureau stocks.

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Present: His Excellency the Governor (Chairman)
 The Colonial Secretary (Member)
 The Officer in Charge, British Antarctic Survey (Member)
 Postmaster (Member and Secretary)

1. South Georgia New Definitive Issue

The Officer in Charge of the British Antarctic Survey produced suggestions based on his notes on South Georgia as below.

SOUTH GEORGIA

Possibly first sighted by Antonio De La Roch in 1675. First definite landings made by Cook in Resolution. At 0900 on January 14th 1775 Cook sighted what is now known as Willis Island on the North West tip of South Georgia. He did not land but on January 18th 1775 he landed at Possession Bay and laid claim. Some two or three days later he reached the South East corner of the main island and named a prominent Cape as Cape Disappointment. He named it as such because it proved beyond doubt to him that this was not, disappointingly, the continent he had been searching for (Antarctica).

To my mind, these three events are the most important in the discovery of South Georgia, and I suggest that one stamp could depict Willis Island, possibly a modern photograph taken by a B.A.S. ship this season, as seen from the direction Cook would have approached. As another stamp, I think a reproduction of the water colour of Possession Bay depicted in "A Voyage Towards The South Pole" and "Round The World" by James Cook. Another consideration to stamp motif could be Cape Disappointment, which is, I understand, quite impressive.

Motif for two stamps could very well be

- (1) The primitive first chart that Cook made of South Georgia, and
- (2) A reproduction of the up-to-date chart published by D.O.S. in 1958.

Some three or four years after Cook's discovery, sealing began at South Georgia, and it is suggested that a stamp motif could be

- (1) A fur seal.
- (2) Reproduction of an old print of sealers at work possibly clubbing seals.

After the fur seals were decimated, attention moved to oil from elephant seals and whales. Perhaps a motif on historical whaling through to modern whaling could be shown with a combination of old time prints and fairly modern photographs.

As it has already been agreed in previous years that since whaling has ceased at South Georgia an emphasis on whaling as a complete issue is not appropriate. I feel that the history of South Georgia is so tied up with sealing and whaling that we cannot get away from the subject, however a blend of old time prints comparing with modern methods might not be too inappropriate.

The King Penguin is, to my mind, the most beautiful of the South Georgia "natives". Possibly a single stamp depicting a King Penguin

in all its glory could be considered.

Land whaling was really first established in 1903 and from then on until the cessation of whaling the main emphasis was at shore-based stations. Possibly a photograph of Leith in its hey-day could be used.

I have yet to find when the Administrative post at K.E.P was first established. Possibly here is another motif showing K.E.P. in the early days with a suitable caption.

The Officer in Charge, B.A.S. suggested that as 1975 would be the 200th anniversary of the landing by Captain Cook, that the issue be deferred until 1975. The meeting agreed that this was a sound suggestion and that we should plan accordingly.

It was further agreed that the material prepared by the Crown Agents for the whaling theme should be brought together in one file and that we should await the Crown Agents proposals. A

2. Sale of stamps by the Crown Agents after the withdrawal date. (see p. 26, f. D/4/70)

This subject was discussed and it was agreed that confidential sales were not desirable as it may well be detrimental to sales. The suggestion was made that presumably there would be no objection to the Crown Agents buying stamps before they were withdrawn from sale, and selling them to dealers after the withdrawal date. In this connexion it was agreed that the Crown Agents be asked -

- (i) what stocks they hold or normally hold
- (ii) how long they would continue to sell stamps after the withdrawal date B
- (iii) what other territories' stamps are similarly sold
- (iv) what would be their reaction to the idea of bulk purchasing and selling after the withdrawal date.

3. Colony Commemorative 1973

The suggestions for a commemorative issue were discussed with the following comments:-

- Birds - fairly close to withdrawal of definitive "Bird" issue 1968
- Ships - good possibility for future definitive
- Mail Services - with reorientation of mail services this may be inappropriate at present.
- Kelp - this would be better tied to the commencement of operations by Alginate Industries, but no date was available and it appeared unlikely that operations would commence in 1973.
- External Air Service - as agreed previously, this would be proceeded with, although it appeared that it would be two years before the permanent airport was opened.

To assist in arriving at a decision it was agreed that the Crown Agents be asked to advise us of their suggestions for a commemorative issue in 1973. C

NOTE W.r.t. exhibit A, see file D/4/70, p. 26.
 2 W.r.t. exhibits B + C, letters to CAA have arisen from the relevant subject files.
sa J 9/1/73

8th November

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From: The Chief Secretary,

To: The Postmaster,

Secretary, Stamp

Co-ordinating Committee.

Meeting of Stamp Issues
Co-ordinating Committee

A meeting of the above Committee will be held at Government House at 11 a.m. on Friday 10th November 1972, to discuss and plan forthcoming stamp issues for the Colony, South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory.

2. I should be grateful if you would ensure that all members are advised in adequate time.

3. The Committee now consists of - His Excellency the Governor (Chairman), Postmaster (Member and Secretary), Deputy Chief Secretary (Member), Officer in Charge, British Antarctic Survey (Member).

4. You may wish to look over the latest stamp issue developments and relative files can be seen at this office.

(H. L. Bound)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

CB

No. _____

MEMORANDUM

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

8 November 1972



To: The Chief Secretary,
Stanley.

From: Postmaster,

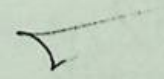
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT — Meeting of Stamp Issues Committee

I've just received your memo advising me of a Stamp Issues Committee meeting for 11 a.m. on the 10th November. Two days notice does not give me time especially when I cannot have files to my office to prepare information for Committee members. As there has not been a meeting since November 1971 can this not be postponed to give more time.

R. M. Mendenhall
Postmaster.

DCS
— M cancel meeting & advise ACS to prepare for a new one after the talks.



Dep C.S.

With the Compliments
of the
Postmaster

Agenda in Draft form
was always approved before
passed. (Approved by
C.S. who was on the Cmtee)

Draft submitted accordingly

Post Office, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

9.11.72



Draft Agenda

A meeting of the above Committee will be held in the Conference Room at Government House at _____ on _____

The following items are down for discussion

SG/2/4.
(fo.30)

1. Natural History issue for South Georgia suggested by Crown Agents

The Crown Agents are proceeding with the new definitive historical issue for South Georgia and have suggested we consider the issue of a natural history commemorative.

PT/1/1

2. Colony new definitive issue

The Crown Agents have suggested 1972 as the year for the release of our new definitive. The B.A.T. new definitive is due in February 1973 and South Georgia in 1975. In accordance with the agreed policy of phasing issues the Colony's new definitive could not be released before 1976. The current Colony definitive was released in October 1968. A planning period of about 3 years should be allowed.

The Crown Agents have suggested warship crests for our definitive. A similar theme was used recently for Tristan da Cunha (1965). The Crown Agents suggest that the idea could be improved with a silhouette of the warship.

The Dependencies Ship Issue of 1954 was a very well presented issue and it has been suggested by various persons that a ship issue for the Falklands would be a good theme as there must be an abundance of vessels from which to choose.

3. Colony Commemorative 1973

The Crown Agents have suggested we revive the Tourist theme and as we hope to move into the tourist era shortly now is the time to give this further consideration. The tourism theme could feature the temporary aerodrome, trout fishing (artwork available), birds, map of the Falkland Islands showing where we are in relation to S. America.

Crown Agents also suggest a short set to commemorate the first issue of postage stamps.

It is also for consideration whether the wool industry should be commemorated. There has been a resurgence of interest in our sole industry and suggestions for stamps are - ewe and lamb, shepherd horse and sheepdog, sheep shearing, loading wool on ship, etc. Sheep shearing and sheep have featured previously on stamps but we have never had a commemorative set on this subject.

The mail service was on the list of suggestions but was left in abeyance pending the reorientation of the mail services. Such an issue might feature the various methods of carrying mail e.g. 'plane, ship, vehicle, horse.

Kelp was also listed and it was considered advisable that it be tied to the commencement of operations.

The Battle of the River Plate has its 35th anniversary in 1974 and appeared on our list previously.

A further suggestion is a short set on warships but if we decide on a ship definitive then it would be inadvisable to have two similar issues. A warship issue could feature a crest and a silhouette and if space was short the Royal Cipher could be used.

The conservation theme is also worthy of consideration. We had the "Bird" definitive up until October 1968 so we are getting far enough away from that period to have more birds or at least consider them.

We have artist Ian Strange in our midst so would have a head start as regards material.

4. B.A.T. Programme.

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To the list of suggestions already forwarded to you I would like to add the following:-

You could release an issue featuring marine life. This is a wide topic which could feature typical mollusca, fish and sponges.

At the moment I have no design work in preparation for a BAT stamp issue. Thus if you have decided on a programme, I would be pleased to learn of it so that I may commission an artist to produce designs."

With the Compliments
of the
Postmaster



Post Office, Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee

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P&T/7/1

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7th December 1972.

The Chief Secretary,
Stanley.

The Postmaster,
Stanley.

Stamp Co-ordinating Committee

The attached draft minutes have been approved by His Excellency the Governor and may now issue.

2. I should be grateful if you would contact Mr. John Smith and Brother Venantius and seek their agreement to stand on the Committee referred to in paragraph 2, and likewise approach the Tourist Board with a view to obtaining their agreement to nominating a committee member for the Colony Commemorative Issue 1973.

(H. L. Bound)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

CB

Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee

Minutes of meeting held at Government House on 29th November 1972

Present: His Excellency the Governor (Chairman)
The Deputy Chief Secretary (Member)
The O.i/c British Antarctic Survey, Stanley (Member)
The Postmaster (Member and Secretary)
Mr Sloman of B.A.S. London H.Q. was in attendance

CG/2/4

1. Natural History issue for South Georgia suggested by Crown Agents

It was agreed that consideration of this item be deferred.

F/A/1

2. Colony new definitive issue

It was agreed that in accordance with the agreed policy of phasing stamp issues, that the Colony's new definitive stamp issue should be planned for release in 1976.

The meeting agreed that the subject of the new definitive should be ships.

To assist in the collection of material etc. a committee comprised of the Postmaster, Mr John Smith and Brother Venantius was to be formed.

The Crown Agents services should be sought in preparing material and suggestions for the issue.

3. Colony Commemorative Issue for 1973

The various items on the agenda were considered and it was finally agreed that the subject for the commemorative to be released late in 1973 should be Tourism.

Artwork for Trout Fishing and Fur Seal were already available and it was agreed that these two items plus a stamp depicting the geographical position of the Falklands in relation to South America should form part of the issue.

The meeting agreed that the Tourist Board be advised of the Tourism Issue and asked to suggest suitable subjects for two more items making five in all although it was probable that the shortage of time would preclude a five stamp issue instead of the normal four stamp commemorative issue.

A small committee of the Postmaster, Brother Venantius and a member of the Tourist Board should be formed to assist with the planning of this issue.

4. B.A.T. Programme

The O.i/c British Antarctic Survey, Stanley, suggested that he be given more time to investigate further the possibility of a commemorative issue related to a particular commemorate date. The meeting agreed that this subject be deferred for the present.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



No. 1/73

It is planned to issue a new Definitive Colony stamp issue in several years time, featuring ships which have had some connection with the Falklands.

2. The public were very helpful in providing material for the present definitive issue, and it is hoped that the same co-operation will be extended to enable the proposed issue to have as much appeal and authenticity as the availability of material will permit.

3. If anyone has photographs or drawings of any ships from the early days of the Colony up to the present day, will they please send them to the Chief Secretary marking the item with the sender's name.

4. The suggested list of ships is as follows but if anyone has good illustrations of other vessels then they would be very welcome:

- Hebe
- Galatea
- Foam
- Desire
- Carcass
- Beagle
- HMS Exeter
- Other Battle of River Plate warships
- HMS Canopus
- Cosmos line vessels that ran to and from the Falklands to South America
- PSNC line vessels that ran to and from the Falklands to South America
- Falkland
- Afterglow
- Alan Gardiner
- HMS Nymph
- Philomel
- Forrest
- Fennia
- Lady Elizabeth

Chief Secretary's Office,
Stanley.

Ref: P&T/7/1

4th April 1973.

Who is this? Capt. Collins. OCRM.

CB

Tom, I don't personally have any photos but the following department may be able to help. J.G.S. (SHIPS PHOTO SECTION.)
AV
FOXHILL
BATH. ENGLAND.

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Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee.

A meeting of the above Committee will be held in the Conference Room Government House at 10.15 a.m. on Thursday the 19th April, 1973.

Details of the Colony, South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory stamp programme for the years 1973 - 75 is requested by the FCO and the following is for consideration:-

Colony: Commemorative 1973. The Tourism Issue is well in hand and will comprise 4 stamps - Trout Fishing, Fur Seal, Rockhopper Penguin and Military Starling. The release date is to be decided when the F.I.C. Charter vessel itinerary is known.

Suggestions for 1975/75

Battle of the River Plate - 35th Anniversary on the 13th December, 1974.

Mail services - carriage of mails over the years and could consist of Horse with maletas, Ship, Vehicle, Aircraft.

Birds - a conservation theme - no doubt Ian Strange would help in providing material.

Kelp - when Alginiate Industries commence operations.

External Air Service. At a meeting of the above committee in November, 1971, it was suggested that this subject should take precedence over any other Colony Commemorative.

Wool Industry.

Stamps - this is a suggestion made by the Crown Agents to commemorate the first issue of postage stamps.

Colony: Definitive: This is planned for 1976 the subject being ships.

South Georgia Definitive: The Crown Agents are proceeding with the new definitive historical issue. In the South Georgia Stamp file it is suggested by the Chief Secretary that perhaps 2 or 3 of the whaling designs could be used as part of the issue but the whaling designs were viewed and it was decided that they were not suitable - see para 3 of folio 16 in P & T/7/1.

B.A.T. Programme: From O.i/c .

C.S.O. Files for meeting:-
P & T/7/1
SG/2/4

&T/2/10

10th April 1973

Chief Secretary

Officer-in-Charge,
British Antarctic Survey.

Postmaster.

Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee

We have been requested by the FCO to provide details of the Colony, South Georgia, and B.A.T. stamp programme for the years 1973-75 and I would be grateful for your suggestions.

2. Suggestions should reach me by the 16th April in order that the Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee can discuss the programme on 19th April at 11 a.m.

Reply at- 32

(D. R. Morrison)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

HRT.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

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Please quote in reply

No. BAT/2

PORT STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

16th April, 19 73.



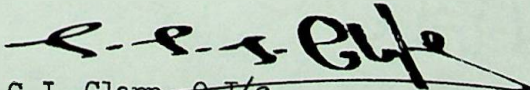
The Chief Secretary,
SECRETARIAT.

Dear Sir,

21 I refer to your Memo. P and T/2/10.

There is, as of yet, no B.A.T. stamp programme for the years 1973-75.
A suitable Commemorative subject is being investigated.

Yours faithfully,


E.C.J. Clapp, O.I/c.,
British Antarctic Survey, Stanley.

ref 26/4

Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee

Minutes of meeting held at Government House on 19th April, 1973.

- Present: His Excellency the Governor (Chairman)
- The Ag. Deputy Chief Secretary (Member)
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The letter indicated that the FCO could not approve the historical issue because the majority of the designs had been used in previous B.A.T. and South Georgia issues i.e. Explorers and Shackleton, and that we would have to think again.

It was suggested by the O.i/c., B.A.T. that a popular theme would be that depicting Conservation of Wild Life and Flora at South Georgia. It was agreed that the O.i/c contact one of the Biologists on board Bransfield as well as write to Dr. Laws in the United Kingdom for ideas.

It was further agreed the year of issue be 1977 or 1978.

The Ag. Deputy Chief Secretary stated that in view of the size etc. of South Georgia he could not see the need for South Georgia to have stamp issues as they could use Falkland Islands stamps. The Chairman said he would discuss this when on leave in the United Kingdom later this year.

British Antarctic Territory programme.

The O.i/c., B.A.T. said they had no programme planned but as a treaty on Conservation of Seals was to be signed in the future he suggested this could be the subject of a 4 stamp issue in 1975.

The meeting agreed to this suggestion.

Colony Stamp Programme

The various items on the agenda were considered and it was finally agreed the subject for the issue in 1974 be "bird conservation". It was agreed Mr. Strange be contacted with a view to producing 4 designs and he should let the Chairman have them as soon as possible. Payment would be made for work undertaken by Mr. Strange.

Done 1/5/73
He says this is not an easy request
DTH

If the airfield is completed by the end of 1975 the subject of 1975 issue should be the "External Air Service".

It was agreed that the subject of "Kelp" could make a very attractive issue and during the discussion the Chairman suggested he write to the Kelp Company in the U.S.A. requesting photographs etc.

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It was confirmed the Colony Definitive issue depicting ships be issued in 1976.

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C. O. ref:

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TELEGRAM
SAVING DESPATCH.

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

To: The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Affairs.

Date: 5th May 1973

No. 23 SAVING. COLONY

Your telex 32 of 2nd February 1973.

Stamp Programme 1973 - 1976.

The following programme has been tentatively planned:-

A. Falkland Islands

1973 Tourism Issue. Short set.

X| 1974 Bird Conservation Issue. Short set.

1975 or early 1976 Opening of Permanent Aerodrome. Short set.

1976 New Definitive Issue featuring ships.

B. South Georgia

No issues are in hand for South Georgia at present and the Definitive issue which was in the early stages of preparation has been deferred for several years as the historical designs were too similar to the recent British Antarctic Territory issue.

C. British Antarctic Territory

1975 Conservation of Seals. Short set.

Grateful for approval in principle to the above programme with the exception of the Tourism issue which received approval in your telegram under reference.

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GOVERNOR

HRT.

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Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee.

A meeting of the above Committee will be held in the Conference Room, Secretariat at 10 a.m. on Tuesday the 12th June, 1973.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the issue of a commemorative or short set stamps in June, 1974.

The following are suggestions for consideration:-

Bird conservation (this subject was approved for 1974 at the last meeting of the above Committee).

Battle of River Plate - 13th December, 1974.

Wool Industry

Warships - Crest and silhouette with the Royal Cipher

Fish - Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Mullet,

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TELEGRAM
SAVING DESPATCH.

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

To: The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Date: 14th June 1973

No. 30 SAVING.

COLONY

Reply at (40)

My Saving Telegram No. 23 of 8th May 1973. Stamp Programme 1973 - 76.

In the light of the need to increase the revenue of the Falklands it has been decided to expand our stamp programme to cater for two short issues in 1974.

Grateful amend the Colony's stamp programme to read -

A. Falkland Islands

1973 Tourism Issue. Short set.

June 1974. Wool Industry. Short set.

December 1974. Battle of River Plate commemorative issue for 35th anniversary.

1975 or early 1976. Opening of Permanent Aerodrome. Short set.

1976. New Definitive Issue featuring ships.

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AG. GOVERNOR.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

No. B8/73

Stamp Issues

The following stamp issue programme is planned -

June 1974: A short set featuring the wool industry; December 1974: A short set commemorating the 35th anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate; 1976: a new definitive issue featuring ships.

To enable plans to be made and ideas to be forwarded to the Crown Agents it will be necessary to have as much material as possible. If you have any photographs, illustrations or suggestions for designs depicting the Wool Industry, the Battle of the River Plate, or ships for the new definitive issue, please forward them to the Chief Secretary as soon as possible. Please mark your material with your name and address.

Secretariat,
Stanley.

Ref: P&T/7/1

14th June 1973.

HRT.

Minutes of Stamp Co-ordinating Committee held at the
Secretariat on the 12th June, 1972.

Present: His Excellency the Acting Governor (Chairman)
The Ag. Chief Secretary (Member)
The O.i/c., British Antarctic Territory (Member)
The Ag. Postmaster (Member & Secretary)
Mr. H.T. Luxton (Postmaster designate)

The Chairman opened the meeting saying that to increase revenue Messrs Comben and Waller recommended that the Colony should have a twice yearly stamp issue and in view of this it was decided to call a meeting of the above to discuss the subject for an issue in June 1974.

After much discussion it was decided that the subject of the issue be that of the Sheep Farming Industry which has never been depicted on stamps. It was agreed that 4 stamps should be produced and they could consist of -

1. Sheep being shorn
2. Ship being loaded with sheep for export
3. Shepherd with sheep dog
4. Ewe and lamb

It was decided that the Ag. Chief Secretary have a broadcast notice prepared asking for suitable photographs or drawings on this subject.

The meeting then went on to discuss the issue for the second half of 1974. The subject "Bird Conservation" approved by the above committee on the 19th April was thought to follow too closely on the Tourism Issue - which is having two stamps depicting birds - it should be abandoned for a year and a new subject chosen. This was agreed.

As the 35th Anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate falls on the 13th December, 1974, it was decided this be the subject for the second issue and should consist of 4 stamps. The Broadcast notice requesting photographs and drawings for the Sheep Farming Industry issue should also include material for this issue.

Action taken at 41 24th 14th 73



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3rd July 1973

Chief Secretary

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Officer-in-Charge & Postmaster,
Posts & Tels. Department.

Design Committee for Wool Industry stamp issue

Please let me have your recommendations for this Committee at an early date. Councillor S. Miller, J.P. may well be a starter?

(D. R. Morrison)
AG. CHIEF SECRETARY

HRT.

MEMORANDUM

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Reference

Date 10th July, 1973.

From

Postmaster



To Chief Secretary

Design Committee - Wool Industry Stamp, Issue

Your Memorandum dated 3rd inst. refers. I am not sure how many persons you envisaged but I recommend the following to form, at least the nucleus of a committee:

- No - Chief Secretary
- Postmaster
- Hon. S. Miller - Industry
- Miss M. Biggs - Philately

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 Postmaster

BY BAG

SAVING TELEGRAM

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M FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

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TO ROUTINE FALKLAND ISLANDS TELNO 13 SAVING OF 19 JULY 1973.

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YOUR TELNO 23 SAVING: STAMP PROGRAMME 1973 - 76

YOUR PROPOSED PROGRAMME IS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE.

DOUGLAS-HOME

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SIR D WATSON

COPIES TO:

CROWN AGENTS 'H' DEPARTMENT
ST NICHOLAS HOUSE
ST NICHOLAS ROAD
SUTTON SURREY



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Ref: PaT/7/1

20th August

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter BAT/2 of 13th August regarding your suggestion for an RRS Discovery stamp issue and correspondence on the subject of a definitive issue for South Georgia. The suggestion and information will prove helpful when the issues are considered further.

Yours faithfully,

(D. R. Morrison)
AG. CHIEF SECRETARY

Officer-in-Charge,
British Antarctic Survey,
Stanley.

HRT.

MEMORANDUM

Reference

Date 30th November, 1973.....

From Postmaster



To Chief Secretary

Telegram to F.C.O.

Following yesterday's meeting of the Stamp Co-ordinating Committee may a telegram please be sent to F.C.O. requesting information on the stamp issue to commemorate the Centenary of the Universal Postal Union.

[Handwritten Signature]
Postmaster

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STATPRIORITE	PRODHOME	LONDON	SW1	A/C HC

UNCLASSIFIED TO ECO FROM FALKLANDS TELNO 351 OF 4TH DECEMBER. STAMP ISSUES.
 We understand that Centenary of the Universal Postal Union is to be commemorated in 1974 by special issue of stamps. If this information is accurate presumably it would be an omnibus issue and we would be expected to participate.

2. Grateful for early information as we are already planning stamp issue of 13th December which we do not wish to clash with another.

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STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at Government House on 29th November, 1973.

Present: His Excellency the Governor
The Acting Chief Secretary
Officer in Charge, B.A.S.
Postmaster

His Excellency explained the purpose of the meeting was to review our present Stamp Programme and to ensure that all relative information be passed to the appropriate personnel in London. Copies of minutes will in future be forwarded to Dr. Laws, (B.A.S.), Dr. Roberts, (S.P.I.), Mr. D. Hall, (F.C.O.), and to the Crown Agents.

The following is the suggested Stamp Programme for the next few years:

- 1974 Tourism Issue (Colony) 6th March
- Battle River Plate (Colony) 13th December

- 1975 Ratification of Seal
 Conservation Treaty (B.A.T.)
- Wool Industry (Colony)

- 1975/76 Opening of Permanent
 Airfield (Colony)

- 1976 New Definitive Issue - Ships (Colony)

- 1977 New Definitive Issue - Wild Life/Fauna (South Georgia)

After a short discussion it was agreed that the Colony was well catered for with short sets but that B.A.T. and South Georgia were not so 'well off'. The Postmaster advised that he had heard unofficially of an omnibus issue to commemorate the Centenary of the Universal Postal Union in 1974. An issue of this nature would be most welcome for B.A.T. and South Georgia but it was noted that another short set during the latter part of 1974 could clash with the proposed River Plate Battle Issue. As nothing official was known about this issue it was decided to telegraph FCO for particulars.

Action taken

The Acting Chief Secretary advised the meeting that clearance had been obtained to portray the "Graft Spee" on the River Plate Battle Issue and that Crown Agents were pursuing designs etc.

With regard to the proposed South Georgia Definitive Issue the Postmaster commented that a number of the suggested subjects were already portrayed in the present South Georgia Issue. His Excellency agreed it was important that we avoid duplication of subject matter if at all possible. It was appreciated by all present that it was very difficult to obtain suitable material in small territories such as ours. The Postmaster was asked to submit notes on the material involved. The matter would then be followed up with Dr. Laws.

BY BAG

SAVING TELEGRAM

(YFP 8/492/1)

FM FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE 101350Z

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TO ROUTINE FALKLAND ISLANDS TELNO 27 SAVING OF 10 DECEMBER 1973.

YOUR TELEGRAM NO 351: UPU CENTERNARY COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE.

NO OMNIBUS ISSUE AS SUCH HAS BEEN PROPOSED BUT MANY ADMINISTRATIONS ARE TAKING UP THE SUBJECT FOR STAMP ISSUES. WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO SOUTH GEORGIA ONLY HAVING THE UPU ISSUE IN ADDITION TO THE WHALES ISSUE. WE NOTE THAT 1974 PROGRAMME FOR FALKLAND ISLANDS ONLY IS TOURISM AND BATTLE OF RIVER PLATE.

DOUGLAS-HOME

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L AM D (POLAR REGIONS)

SIR D WATSON

COPIES TO:

MR MORTON H DEPARTMENT
CROWN AGENTS ST NICHOLAS HOUSE
ST NICHOLAS ROAD
SUTTON SURREY

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To	LTP CROWN BUTTON			HO A/C

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REFERENCE PGO SAVING TELEGRAM 27 10 DEC UPU CENTENARY
 ISSUE COPIED MR NORTON . CONTEMPLATING PARTICIPATING
 ABOUT JULY/AUGUST WITH THREE OR FOUR STAMPS 2P 5P 8P
 PLUS ONE OTHER . DESIGN SIMILAR OR SAME OTHER
 DEPENDENT TERRITORIES BUT APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE NUMBER
 STAMPS, TOTAL VALUE IS PRESUMED ECONOMICALLY TOTAL
 VALUE SET SHOULD APPROXIMATE 20P AND IF POSSIBLE
 PRODUCE BY JULY . VIEW LIMITED TIME PREPARED LEAVE
 ISSUE MAINLY YOUR HANDS . NEITHER BAT NOR S GEORGIA
 PARTICIPATING . REQUIRE PDCS . AS DIRECT SHIPMENT
 UNLIKELY WOULD HAVE TO AIRFREIGHT

SECRETARY

CB

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FKLY CY GBLA 061
LONDONLA TLX YQ EP QWWI P1/50

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SECRETARY

PORTSTANLEY

YRTEL NO 15 UPU ISSUE NOTE BAT AND SOUTH GEORGIA NOT
PARTICIPATING . AFTER DISCUSSING WITH MR COMBEN RECOMMEND MOST
STRONGLY THAT YOU INCLUDE COINAGE ISSUE INSTEAD OF UPU
ISSUE TO COMPLETE YOUR PROGRAMME OF THREE ISSUES THIS YEAR .
GRATEFUL EARLY REPLY AS ESSENTIAL DISCUSS SPECIAL

COL ETATPRIORITE 15 UPU . .

OLY182X TX267PE ETATPRIORITE SEC P2/11'

PROJECT FOR COIN ISSUE WITH COMBEN ON FIRST FENRUARY
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To	STATPRIORITY PRIORITY CROWN LONDON SW1 <i>Sulton</i>			HO A/c

No. 20

YOURTEL 30JAN COINAGE STAMP ISSUE STOP AGREE YOUR SUGGESTION
 PROVIDED YOU GUARANTEE COINS WILL BE ISSUED 1974 AND WE DO
 NOT LOSE OPPORTUNITY FOR UPU BY POSSIBLE DELAY OF COINS UNTIL
 1975

CHIEFSEC

Time

T. S. L.

Extract from a letter received from Mr J E Comben dated 22 1 74

COINAGE

The energy crisis here is bound to make it difficult for some industrial concerns to keep to agreed time-tables but I still hope that the Mint will be selling your coins as undertaken, during the third quarter of 1974. It is still part of the plan to combine the issue of the coins with a special stamp issue and Cornell of the Mint is seeing Crown Agents about this tomorrow. I will keep you informed.

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LTF PROGRAMS LONDON SW1	EO A/C
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YOURLET IMP 5/5 14 AUGUST 73 COMMEMORATIVE COINAGE .
 IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT VITAL PART IN MARKETING
 PROJECT WILL BE SUPPORTING COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ISSUE
 WHICH CROWN AGENTS WILL PRODUCE . GRATEFUL APPROVAL
 INCLUDE 1974 COLONY STAMP PROGRAMME / YOUR SAVING
 TELNO 18 SEPTEMBER 18 REFERS . IF COINAGE NOT READY
 FOR ISSUE 1974 WISH SUBSTITUTE UPN COMMEMORATIVE AS
 THIRD COMMEMORATIVE FOR 1974

DEPICTING

COINAGE

EARLY

LEWIS

CB

Time

Ref: P&T/7/1

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1st February 74.

Dear Sirs,

Coinage Stamp Issue

Further to my telegram of the 1st February agreeing that the coinage stamp issue may take precedence over the UPU issue, I should like your advice as to whether there would still be time for the UPU issue in July/August 1974 if the release of coins does not take place until late 1974 or 1975, assuming we could get the approval of the FCO for the UPU issue.

Yours faithfully,



(D. R. Morrison)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

Reply at Rbx

Crown Agents for Oversea
Governments and Administrations,
H Division,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton,
Surrey.

F.I. ref: P&T/7/1

C.O. ref:

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SAVING DESPATCH.

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

To: The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Date: 1st February 1974.

No. 16 SAVING. COLONY

STAMP ISSUES

Grateful if I may be provided with a copy of the latest instructions governing issues of stamps in dependent territories.

GOVERNOR

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CB

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ZCZC ATS222 OLY378X TX267103

FKLY HL GBLA 072

LONDONLA TLX 72 5 1210 1/50

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CHIEFSEC

PORTSTANLEY

HAVE FIRM OFFER OF SALE OF AT LEAST 50,000 SETS
POSSIBLY 100,000 STAMP ISSUE COMMEMORATING CENTENARY BIRTH
OF CHURCHILL 30TH NOVEMBER 1974 STOP STAMPS
WOULD BE AFFIXED FIRST DAY COVERS
BY AMERICAN FIRM AND SENT YOU FOR FRANKING AND
RETURN STOP RECOMMEND BAT AND SOUTH GEORGIA BOTH

OLY378X TX267103 LTF CHIEFSEC

PORTSTANLEY P/22

HAVE TWO STAMP ISSUE WE CAN PROVIDE DESIGNS
STOP F AND CO SUPPORT THIS RECOMMENDATION
STOP YOUR DECISION URGENTLY REQUIRED

CROWN SUTTON

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To
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(Note: no number)

Your Tel 5 February: CHURCHILL STAMP ISSUE.

1. With River Plate issue 13 December and likelihood coinage issue letter part 1974, am concerned lest too frequent issues harmful sales as we could have three commemoratives on sale at same time.
2. If you consider above issues unlikely incur philatelic criticism harmful future issues, am prepared agree issue provided FCC approval took into consideration proposed coinage issue.
3. Are official First Day Covers proposed, or just covers of American firm?
4. BAT and SG will also participate.

LEWIS

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ZCZC AT310 MOY293X VWA586 GLC152 TX038

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FKLY BS GWLH 042

SUTTON SURREY 42' 11 1255

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PORTSTANLEY

YRTEL 6TH CHURCHILL ISSUE ONLY FOR BAT AND SOUTH
GEORGIA STOP FALKLAND 1974 PROGRAMME STANDS AS
FOLLOWS TOURISM MARCH COINAGE SUGGESTED FOR SEPTEMBER
RELEASE RIVER PLATE DECEMBER STOP WILL FOWARD
COINAGE DESIGNS FOR YOUR APPROVAL SOONEST

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CROWN SUTTON ??

COLL 6TH 1974

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LONDONLA TLX 35/34 7 1448

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CHIEFSEC

PORTSTANLEY(FALKLANDIS)

Ref. R55

YRTEL 6TH CHURCHILL ISSUE PROPOSED FOR BAT AND SOUTH GEORGIA
NOT FOR FOLKLAND BECAUSE OF CLASH WITH RIVER PLATE ISSUE STOP
WE PROCEEDING PRODUCE DESIGNS FOR BAT AND SGEORGIA

CROWN SUTTON

COL LTF 6TH

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ZCZC ATS471 OLZ161X TX267103

FKLY BY GBLA 035

LONDON LA TLX 35 19 1240

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SECRETARY

PORTSTANLEYFALKIS

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YRLET PT7/1 FEBRUARY 1ST FCO ADVISE THEY MAY BE PREPARED TO ALLOW
4 ISSUES IN 1974 PROGRAMME ONLY STOP RECOMMEND YOU SEEK FORMAL
FCO APPROVAL IN VIEW LIMITED PRODUCTION TIME

CROWN SUTTON

COL PT7/1 1ST 4 1974

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Enclosed

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27.2.74.

To

I/T/ FROBENE LONDON SW1

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STAMP ISSUES 1974

MAY WE HAVE YOUR APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING FALKLAND ISLANDS ISLANDS ISSUE AS TIME FOR DESIGNS ETC IS GETTING SHORT AND WE SEEM TO BE GETTING WINDS CROSSED WITH CROWN .

2. TOURISM ISSUE MARCH UPU ISSUE JULY/AUGUST COINAGE COMMEMORATIVE SEPT/OCT BATTLE OF RIVER PLATE 13 DEC .

3. WE REALISE THAT THIS IS HEAVY PROGRAMME , BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO COPE AND WE STILL HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE COINAGE BEING ISSUED IN 1974 .

4. GRATEFUL ALSO APPROVAL TWO STAMP ISSUES FOR SOUTH GEORGIA AND BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY COMMEMORATING CENTENARY BIRTH CHURCHILL 30TH NOVEMBER

LEWIS

PSH
CB

Time

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HE The
25/2 Governor
Falkland
Islands

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With the compliments of

COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS SECTION

With reference to your Swip
telegram No 16 of 1st February

19/2/74

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FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
LONDON, SW1A 2AH

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH

SAVING DESPATCH

CIRCULAR No. 21/71

15 April 1971

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POSTAGE STAMPS

1. The boom in sales of new postage stamps is tapering off and revenue from this source may well decline. In this situation the revenue of countries which continue to follow a sensible stamp issuing policy will be more secure than that of countries which try to exploit the market without regard to the effect on their reputation. Postage stamp policy has been reviewed against this background, and the Memorandum enclosed with this Saving Despatch lays down the policy and procedure which should now be followed. There is no significant departure from the policy set out in the Memorandum which accompanied Circular Despatch No 377/65 of 14 September 1965. Changes are of emphasis rather than substance.

2. Your attention is directed to the outline of policy at the beginning of the Memorandum and to the sections on choice of themes, frequency of issues, designs and use of The Queen's portrait. Great importance is attached to observance of the time-table in paragraphs 9 and 10: in the long term the correct timing of issues, the right choice of themes and the production of high quality stamps can only be assured if issues are planned well ahead and sufficient time is allowed for each stage of design and production.

3. This Saving Despatch is addressed to the Governors of Bahamas, Bermuda, British Honduras, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Pitcairn, Seychelles and St Helena; the High Commissioners in British Antarctic Territory and the Western Pacific High Commission; the Resident Commissioners in Gilbert and Ellice Islands and New Hebrides; and the Administrators of British Indian Ocean Territory, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and Turks and Caicos Islands.

POSTAGE STAMPS

(Enclosure to Circular Saving Despatch No. 21/71 dated 15 April 1971).

OUTLINE OF POLICY

1. Although postage stamps are primarily intended for the pre-payment of postage, their sale to collectors constitutes a direct source of revenue important to many countries and to almost all British dependent territories. Most developing countries also expect their stamp issues to enhance their international standing and their tourist trade.

2. Responsibility for postage stamp policy in the dependent territories and for approval of individual issues and designs rests with H.M.G. except where it has been transferred to the Governments of certain territories in the course of constitutional development. Authority to use The Queen's portrait or the Royal Cypher on postage stamps has in no case been so transferred.

3. Policy in the case of dependent territories is:-

- (a) to protect The Queen's image overseas;
- (b) to protect the reputation of governments and postal administrations;
- (c) to prevent the use of postage stamps for political purposes; and
- (d) subject to (a) above, to contribute to the revenue of dependent territories by attracting the interest of dealers and collectors.

(11) In the case of territories to whom the power to issue postage stamps has been transferred, Her Majesty's Government nevertheless retain responsibility for ensuring that any proposals by such territories to use the Royal portrait or cypher on a postage stamp are first approved by Her Majesty. Implementation of the policy set out at (a) to (d) above (for dependent territories) involves restraint in the number and face value of stamp issues and care over the choice of designs. The quality of both design and production must be high, marketing arrangements must be effective and the temptation to lower standards for short term financial gain must be eschewed. The world-wide reputation of Commonwealth issues for "respectable" philatelic practices is an incalculable asset that must not be allowed to decay.

CHOICE OF THEMES, AND FREQUENCY AND FACE VALUE OF ISSUES

4. The following guide lines in respect of dependent territories have long been established and are generally understood.

DEFINITIVE ISSUES

5. ✓ (a) A new definitive issue should not normally be made until the current definitive issue has been on sale for 5 years.
- ✓ (b) Themes should relate to the issuing territory.
- ✓ (c) The number and values should be determined by genuine postal requirements. There should never be any need to exceed 15 denominations (already excessive in most cases).

COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES

6. The term "commemorative" is loosely used to describe all postage stamp issues other than definitive issues. Revenue depends above all on the nature and frequency of these issues but only to the extent that the practice is not abused. Ideally, a commemorative issue should mark an event or achievement with which the issuing territory is closely associated, but it has become accepted practice to commemorate somewhat remote anniversaries (i.e. the birth of Dickens, the foundation of the Red Cross etc.). There will always be a temptation to use commemoratives to illustrate a general theme likely to attract "thematic" collectors who might have no interest in the territory's stamps as such. Such subjects must not be too blatantly chosen, however, for the sole purpose of attracting collectors. To a large extent maintenance of revenue depends, in the long term, upon retaining the interest of the ordinary collector in territorial, as distinct from thematic, stamps. Experience has shown that too frequent, and too costly, issues are counter productive and lead to a falling-off in interest in that territory's stamps as a whole.

7. As a general rule, therefore, the face value of a single issue should not exceed the equivalent of 30p. and the total face value of commemorative sets issued in a year should not exceed the equivalent of £1 (or less when a definitive issue appears in the same year). Similarly, in normal circumstances not more than three issues (including any definitive issue) should be planned for one year. This is the upper limit and a commemorative issue should not be proposed if its only justification is to fulfil the "quota" or to maintain philatelic revenue in that year. The practice of the United Kingdom Post Office is no argument for increasing the frequency of issues in dependent territories since the circumstances are very different and the Post Office, far from seeking excuses to print commemorative stamps, rejects many proposals which would be fully justified if the policy were not to limit the number of issues.

8. Commemorative stamps should normally be withdrawn from sale three months after the date of issue or when stocks are exhausted, whichever may be the sooner.

QUALITY OF DESIGN AND PRODUCTION

9. In order to maintain respect for the Monarchy and to uphold the reputation of the issuing territory, the quality of design and production must be as high as possible. To achieve this it is not always enough to commission a competent designer.

Time must be allowed to complete each stage properly and without haste. Modifications to designs may be necessary before or after submission to The Queen. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, approval in principle for a year's programme of new issues should be sought eighteen months before 1 January of the year in which the issues are to be made. The application should specify the proposed face values of the issues and the subject matter of the designs. The designs (artwork) for each issue should be ready for submission to The Queen not less than six months before the proposed date of release. In cases where there is a possibility that foreign countries might take offence at the design, extra time must be allowed for the necessary enquiries.

ROYAL APPROVAL AND RELATED MATTERS

10. With certain exceptions the postage stamps of dependent territories must bear The Queen's portrait or the Royal Cypher, and must be approved by Her Majesty. Other territories which control their own postage stamp policy but wish to mark their residual links with the United Kingdom, may also use The Queen's portrait or the Royal Cypher on their stamps provided they have first obtained the specific approval of Her Majesty. In this case applications for Royal approval should be submitted at least six months in advance of the proposed release date.

11. The Queen cannot be advised to approve a design which in itself, or because of the circumstances in which the stamp would be issued, could be held to exploit the Monarchy for commercial purposes or otherwise to bring the Monarchy into disrepute. Nor can a design be submitted which in the opinion of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary falls below a reasonable standard of excellence or fails in some other way to conform with the policy set out above. Public announcement of the details of a proposed issue should accordingly not be permitted until Her Majesty has signified her approval. This approval should never be taken for granted.

12. The Queen's portrait, or the Royal Cypher may not be associated in any design carrying a reproduction of another living person. The portrait should normally be crowned with the St Edward's Crown or the Diadem of Maltese crosses. When use of The Queen's portrait might be considered incompatible with the balance of the proposed design the Royal Cypher may be substituted, but in the case of dependent territories the Secretary of State is not prepared to submit designs for a definitive issue in which The Queen's portrait is omitted from more than a few of the stamps. Only portraits and silhouettes which Her Majesty has specifically approved may be used for postage stamp purposes. (For example, Her Majesty has not yet approved the use of the new Annigoni portrait). Certain other restrictions exist on representing The Queen or Royal Family in postage stamp designs and the advice of Aviation and Telecommunications Department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office should be obtained in cases of doubt.

13. The final artwork for each stamp, together with a stamp-size "bromide", is required for submission to The Queen.

EMPLOYMENT OF AGENTS

14. Dependent territories which do not have the resources necessary to arrange and supervise the design and production of postage stamps and their sale in overseas philatelic markets may find it necessary to appoint an agent. For most dependent territories such an agent may not be appointed without the approval of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. In the experience of Her Majesty's Government the interests of dependent territories are best served by appointing the Crown Agents and approval will not normally be given for the appointment of any other agent.

15. The governments of dependent territories to whom the responsibility for issuing their own postage stamps has been transferred do not require Her Majesty's Government's approval for the appointment of agents. Nevertheless, these governments are strongly advised to use the services of the Crown Agents and to avoid entering into any commitment with agents who promise an immediate and substantial increase in revenue from philatelic sales. Such increases are rarely attainable other than at the expense of the issuing territory's reputation and future revenue. The F.C.O. keeps the activities of agents under review and is in a position to give advice and information to the governments of dependent territories.

MARKETING

16. It is the responsibility of the Crown Agents, acting for the government of the issuing territory, and in consultation with the F.C.O. as necessary, to organise sales outside the territory in such a manner as to produce the optimum revenue consistent with securing and retaining the goodwill of collectors and dealers.

17. In many territories there may be advantage in setting up a Stamp Bureau to stimulate local philatelic sales and provide services for overseas collectors. The Bureau should be staffed and managed by the postal administration and in its simplest form may only require the part-time attendance of a postal clerk. The Crown Agents are prepared to offer advice on the operation of such a Bureau.

18. Internal sales can be increased by expanding the market among local residents, although this is a long process. Quicker results can be obtained by interesting tourists in stamps as souvenirs. For this purpose attractive packaging and presentation are necessary and stamps must be placed on sale at key points. The Crown Agents are prepared to advise on methods of presentation.

SERVICES TO COLLECTORS AND DEALERS

Accounts and Credit Facilities.

19. Provided that the accounting arrangements are adequate, there will be no objection to acceptance of deposits from collectors or dealers to cover the cost of future purchases or of standing orders. In no circumstances should stamps be supplied on credit.

20. Arrangements for handling remittances received by post must be secure. Forms issued to the public for ordering stamps by post

● should stipulate that remittances should take the form of banker's drafts, money orders or crossed postal orders. Cash remittances should not be rejected, but the senders should be informed of the stipulation.

Credit for Returned Mint Stamps

21. The conditions under which postage stamps may be exchanged for current postage stamps at Post Offices are laid down in territorial legislations. In order to support the market it may sometimes be necessary to authorise the Crown Agents to give credit (for the purchase of subsequent issues of the territory's stamps) against the return by dealers of bulk quantities of stamps. In that case a percentage of the face value should be deducted to cover administrative costs and the commission paid to the Crown Agents on the original sale. A deduction of 15% would be reasonable.

First Day Covers

22. First day covers are used to mark the day of issue of new postage stamps. They must be postmarked with great care. A small charge may be made to cover the cost of the extra work involved. The value of the stamps used, however, is often much higher than the postage rate so that the service can be profitable in itself, in which case the imposition of a handling charge is best dispensed with.

23. Advance orders for first day covers to be made up at Post Offices should be encouraged, and it is permissible to fix a cut-off date for such orders if the volume of work makes it necessary.

24. All first day covers must be addressed but there is no objection to "peel-off" labels being used by dealers for this purpose. They should pass through the post in the ordinary way. However, if the originator so wishes, a quantity of covers for a single addressee may be enclosed in one outer cover to protect them from damage and simplify handling. The individual covers should, of course, be addressed and date-stamped.

Cancellation of Stamped Envelopes

25. Some collectors send stamped and addressed covers in bulk to Post Offices for cancellation and return through the post. There is no objection to this practice.

Cancellation of Stamps to Order

26. It has been normal policy to reject requests for the supply of sheets of date-stamped mint stamps on the grounds that the reputation of the administration assisting in a deception of this sort would suffer. Governments which are under pressure to introduce the service and consider that it would provide a worthwhile addition to revenue should seek the advice of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. In no circumstances should sheets of mint stamps be date-stamped for sale at less than face value.

Recommendations of Agents to Dealers or Collectors

27. Members of postal administrations should not undertake the responsibility of recommending private persons or firms to act as agents for dealers and collectors.

Postage Due Labels

28. There is no objection to the sale of postage due labels through a philatelic bureau, or from the Head Office of the Postal Administration.

Special Selection of Stamps

29. Postal officials should not be authorised to take stamps at request from some special portion of a sheet.

OFFICIAL STAMPS

30. Experience has shown that the introduction of "official" stamps raises a number of difficulties and can lead to malpractices. It is recommended therefore that such issues should not be made.

DISTRIBUTION OF NEW POSTAGE STAMPS

31. When the stamps are ready for distribution the Crown Agents send to the territory concerned the quantities ordered for local use, retaining an agreed quantity for sale to the stamp trade. At the same time the Crown Agents supply the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union with sufficient numbers of specimen stamps for distribution to the member nations, including the United Kingdom Post Office, to fulfil the requirements under the Detailed Regulations of the Universal Postal Convention. One corner block of four stamps is sent forward by the Crown Agents for the Royal Collection, as is a printer's proof of each issue and First Day covers where applicable.

WITHDRAWAL AND INVALIDATION OF STAMPS

32. A new definitive postage stamp of a particular denomination should not be placed on sale until the previous issue of that denomination in the definitive set has been withdrawn. There is no objection to the concurrent sale of commemorative and definitive stamps of the same denomination. There is no objection to continuing the sale of old patterns of embossed stationery, and stamps in roll or book form for a limited period after new definitive stamps have been issued. Crown Agents should be advised preferably not less than one month before hand, of the date on which a stamp will cease to be sold in the Post Offices of the territory so that the sale of that stamp to dealers may be discontinued from the same date.

33. Stocks of stamps should be destroyed immediately after withdrawal under the supervision of a responsible officer.

34. In normal circumstances stamps should be invalidated two years after they are withdrawn from sale. Notice of invalidation should be given in the official Gazette and should take effect not less than six months after the date of publication. The notice should provide for a period of grace (normally not less than six months) during which holders of invalidated stamps may exchange them for equivalent stamps in the current series. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office should be informed of invalidations. The Crown Agents should also be informed so that they can publish the information in their Stamp Bulletin.

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ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE

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Our ref H1/S GEORGIA 4/05921/1

Your ref

Date 19 February 1974

The Chief Secretary
Stanley
Falkland Islands
SOUTH ATLANTIC

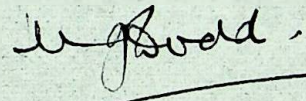
Dear Sir

SOUTH GEORGIA "CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH
OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL" STAMP ISSUE

With reference to our telegram of 7 February, we now confirm that ~~the~~ stamp designer has been commissioned to produce two designs for your consideration.

The designs are expected to be sighted at this office by the beginning of April. As soon as they are available, they will be sent to you for inspection and comments.

Yours faithfully



Mrs M G J Dodd
for the Crown Agents

MGJD/MIS



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ETATPRIORITE
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FALKLANDISLANDS

FM FCO LDN 051656Z MARCH UNCLASSIFIED TO ROUTINE PORT
STANLEY TEL NO 72 OF 5 MARCH YOUR TELEGRAM NO 84
1974 STAMP PROGRAMME . 1. YOUR PROPOSALS ARE APPROVED
IN PRINCIPLE . 2. WE SEE THAT SOUTH GEORGIA IS NOW
SCHEDULED TO HAVE THREE ISSUES IN 1974

COLL ETATPRIORITE 051656Z ~~72~~ 5 84 1974 1. 2. 9174

LHC120 XLH614 TX GOVERNOR P2/50

(WHALES UPU AND CHURCHILL) AND THAT BAT IS CURRENTLY
SCHEDULED TO HAVE ONLY ONE SPECIAL ISSUE (CHURCHILL) .
IN LIGHT OF NEED TO KEEP UP BAT REVENUE WE SUGGEST THAT
BAT SHOULD ALSO TAKE UP UPU CENTENARY THEME . PLEASE
TELEGRAPH WHETHER YOU AGREE IN ORDER
THAT WE

COLL NIL ✓

LHC120 XLH614 TX GOVERNOR P3/11 ✓

MAY INFORM CA ACCORDINGLY TO ENABLE THEM TO PREPARE 4 DESIGNS
CALLAGHAN

COLL NIL ✓

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YOURTEL 72 . IN VIEW IMPOSSIBILITY OF GETTING STAMPS
 AND COVERS INTO SOUTH GEORGIA AND BASES BEFORE NOVEMBER
 1974 WE ARE NOT CONTEMPLATING ANY ISSUE FOR DAT OR SOUTH
 GEORGIA OTHER THAN CHURCHILL ISSUE 30TH NOVEMBER .

2. DO NOT PROPOSE PURSUE WHALES ISSUE FOR SOUTH GEORGIA
 LEWIS

Time

CB
[Signature]

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To	LTF CROWN SUTTON			HO A/C

NO 42 YOURTEL 19FEB STAMPS: FCO HAS APPROVED FOLLOWING PROGRAMME
 1974 . COLONY: UPU JULY/AUGUST COINAGE SEPT/OCT RIVER PLATE BATTLE
 DEC . UPU WOULD ONLY BE PRODUCED IF COINAGE ~~ISSUE DATE~~ ^{DELAYED UNTIL} 1974 OR
 1975 SEE MY LETTER 1ST FEBRUARY .

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2. ONLY ISSUE FOR BAT AND SGEORGIA 1974 IS CHURCHILL ISSUE

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STAMP ISSUES 1974

MYTEL NO 84 AND YOURTEL NO 72 OF 5TH MARCH . WHEN SUBMITTING MY PROGRAMME AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGEMENT I WAS ADVISED TO LEAVE OUT THE CHURCHILL CENTENARY ISSUE FOR THE COLONY .

2. ALTHOUGH THE DATE OF 30TH NOVEMBER IS CLOSE TO THAT OF THE COMMEMORATIVE FOR THE BATTLE OF THE RIVER PLATE I STILL FEEL THAT THE COLONY SHOULD TAKE PART IN A CHURCHILL ISSUE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS

- A. IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT THE COINAGE STAMP ISSUE WILL IN FACT BE COMMISSIONED THIS YEAR AND
 - B. MR CHURCHILL AS FIRST SEA LORD WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING THE BATTLE CRUISERS TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS IN 1914 AND THUS SAVING THE COLONY FROM INVASION .
- IF WE DO NOT TAKE PART IN THIS ISSUE THERE ARE BOUND TO BE QUESTIONS LOCALLY AS TO WHY WE WERE EXCLUDED

HENRI LEWIS

CB

Time

17 April

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Dear Mr Barton,

Thank you for your letter of the 26th October 1973 which I regret I have not answered before this.

Mr Vevers has been and gone and we had an interesting chat and from what I heard I think he spent a very enjoyable time in the Falklands and managed to get in some research work.

Thank you for your offer to provide some photos or illustrations for our Definitive issue. I am not a member of the Design Committee so have passed your letter on to the Postmaster.

It is interesting what you say about our stamps and wonder how we can boost our sales. Could you let me have your opinion of the Crown Agents regarding production and sales of our issues. This is a private enquiry and I would not want it to be known not even to the other members of your study group, but I would appreciate an outside opinion.

The Guernsey stamps you enclosed are certainly a fine product. They too have been passed on to the design committee.

I met your father at a social gathering one night and had quite a chat with him. He was very interested in all aspects of life in the Falklands and a staunch ally of the Keep the Falklands British campaign.

Yours faithfully,

D R Morrison
D R Morrison

Mr M Barton,
"Marchants",
Sandle Manor,
Fordingbridge, Hants.

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NEWS LETTER

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

The Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee which plans and co-ordinates the issues of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and British Antarctic Territory meets at fairly regular intervals and makes suggestions for the stamp issues for the three stamp issuing territories. When the programme is finalised it is submitted to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and then the approval of Her Majesty the Queen is sought. When the designs are prepared they are also submitted to Her Majesty who is a keen philatelist.

The following stamp programme up to the 31st December of this year has been approved -

A set of four stamps commemorating the centenary of the Universal Postal Union ~~are~~ to be released about August. This set is based on the theme of postal transport through the ages and although the designs have no particular relevance to the Falklands it is fitting that this anniversary should not pass without being commemorated, as not only is the Universal Postal Union the oldest international organisation but mail plays an important part in the life of the inhabitants of these Islands. The First Day Cover will depict a Beaver seaplane flying over a map of the Falklands.

A set of two stamps commemorating the centenary of the birth of Sir Winston Churchill will be released on the 30th November in which South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory will also participate. It is unlikely that there will be a First Day Cover for this issue but there will be a souvenir sheet instead and all in all it should be a very important set. Sir Winston Churchill was responsible for sending the battle cruisers to the Falklands which saved the Colony from invasion.

On the 13th December a four stamp set for the 35th anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate will be placed on sale. This set will depict the four warships which took part in the Battle which was the first major naval engagement of the Second World War; and apart from this has a special significance for the people of the Falklands, as many will remember the gallant crew of HMS "Exeter".

The Secretariat,
Stanley.

8th May 1974.

CB

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Ack'd

16.5.74

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May 2nd 1974.



Dear Mr Morrison

Thank you very much for your letter of
April 17th.

Yes, my father and Wilfred Vevens had
a wonderful time out there. I do not
think that my father would have gone
all that way alone, owing to his age, so it
was fortunate that I knew that Wilfred
Vevens, a FISG member was going out, and
my father had a helpful companion.
Went with my father's slides, and
Wilfred's too (300+), and a 30 minute
film made by Maurice Waldron which

he shared to a meeting we had in York,
I can imagine everything but the fresh
clean air!

I seem to have written for an hour or
more in answer to your query - but we do
take an interest in the Islands seriously!!

Yours sincerely,
Malcolm Baston

STAMP ISSUING POLICY.

On the whole the Falkland Islands and Dependencies have maintained a high level of popularity since the war, despite the enormous competition, and the need of almost ^{every} collector nowadays to limit his collecting interests.

There have been major changes in collector tastes since the war.

1. The need to limit expenditure in the face of a flood of issues.
2. The break up of the British Empire.
3. The exploitation of stamp collectors by certain countries of the British Commonwealth in Africa and the West Indies which in the long run has led to a decline in sales.

4. There has been an increase in sales of stamps in Cyprus, Gibraltar and Malta, partly owing to good individual designs, but most mainly because thousands of ^{new} European collectors include them. There is no doubt that tourism helps. A souvenir set from a visit is often a starting point.

5. There has been an increase in sales in certain UK off shore islands, who have taken over their own philatelic policy from the U.K. e.g.

The Channel Islands and recently the Isle of Man.

However there has been ^{unwelcome} speculation in certain issues particularly the Channel Islands, which in the long run may do harm. (The Mailboats 1 sent now retail at a ridiculous £2) and that is enough to put off potential collectors. (Of course tourists help here too.)

6. The Falkland Islands however have managed to maintain their popularity despite the fact that very few collectors ever visit the islands. I often ask new members why they collect Falkland Islands, and the most popular answer was the purchase of a particular set or stamp they liked. In the early stages of collecting, investment is not a key factor. The Falkland Islands do actually benefit from their remoteness, and the fact that they are islands. Tristan da Cunha, Pitcairn, Norfolk, St Helena and Ascension are all popular, St Helena and the Falklands having certain advantages in that they have issued stamps for nearly a hundred years.

7. The present sales, and I quote from memory, of a Falkland or dependency ~~set~~ commemorative set is about 12,000 total sales out of a total 55,000. The days of larger sales 1946 Victory 200,000+, or 1953 Coronation 186,000, really are almost over.

The opening of the new Airport at Cape Pembroke by the Queen would probably treble the sales of a Commemorative Stamp issue, (and to my mind a visit by the Queen to the British Falkland Islands is long overdue.)

Present Sales of the stamps are in the hands of the Crown Agents. They do advertise widely in the philatelic press, they do have experience of current marketing trends, they do ~~give~~ give you a less guarantee for a sale of 50,000 + sets, and 25000 plus sets of definitives including the £1 value. To go it alone, as the Channel Islands have done would be very difficult owing to ^{your relatively} poor communications. London dealers do not wish to have to write to Stanley, although they will happily write to the Philatelic Bureau in Jersey. To sell yourselves into the hands of American or other agents, who might well guarantee doubled sales (initially) is courting disaster.

Better the devil you know!

Some countries have gained popularity / notoriety by

issuing:-

- (a) Self adhesive stamps. (A horror to collectors of used stamps!)
- (b) Se-tenant designs. Several designs for the same value is unwise unless there are very sound design reasons for it. There are no postal reasons!

(c). Miniature sheets. They are popular with collectors of "philatelic" material, but it is a gimmick which in the long run has yet to prove itself. Personally I would hate to see it, but then I like to have a postal need for the issue of a stamp or value.

(d). Free form stamps. We have had stamps the shape of Tonga Island, Corsica, and Gibraltar Rock. Fortunately the Falkland Islands would make this difficult.

(e). Presentation Packs. These consist of a unit set mounted in glassine strips, stuck to stiff paper on which details of the design, printing etc is given. The U.K. Post office do this well.

On the whole I would with one possible exception of (e) not recommend these for the Falkland Islands and Dependencies.

Future Policy.

Having few of the advantages of countries with an established tourist industry, and little publicity in the national press, except when the news is bad, sales are heavily dependent upon standing ads placed by dealers with the C.A.S.B., and upon a consistently high standard of stamp design. The design of

Falkland stamps has been in the hands of U.K. designers ^{since the war} and printers, so inevitably there is a certain sameness about many C.A.S.B. territories. The Falklands Battle recently printed by De La Rue, and the SSGBritain issues alone match up to the higher standards of the definitive issues. The current Tourism set is uninspiring and the Defence Force was poor. On balance the Falklands have been better served than the United Kingdom (whose designs have only recently began to maintain a reasonable standard).

To maintain or increase sales I have a few small suggestions.

1. The production of a ^{set of} stamp, ~~a high value~~, depicting a portrait of the Queen ~~for each~~ ^{and} each member of the Royal Family (and you cannot get more British than that!) (New Zealand has depicted most of the royal children now in Health stamps, but none yet has produced a set of the whole family.) 1933 was the last time there was a Falkland Islands stamp to honor the monarchy.

2. For the definitive set of 1976, consideration to be given to having the top (two) values 50% longer than the current definitives, and the 1976 low values. Strips lend themselves to length. G. B. did it in 1970 with the ^{value of the} ~~of~~ Mauritania and the SS. Great Britain, and Island have ^{had} even larger (too long for real postal use) strips. Strips are thematically popular.

3. If the January tourist season warrants it, I suggest the provision of presentation packs of definitive mint sets of B.A.T., South Georgia and Falkland Islands.

I gather that a philatelic counter is opened.

The CASB might be prepared to produce these packs, which would certainly justify the ~~cost~~ in publicity for the islands themselves.

There would be a London demand for such packs

which might detract from sales of normal mint
until the packs (10,000?) are sold out, but on balance
the sales would increase on a permanent basis.

The sale of such packs would speed up sales at the
counter. Packs are philatelically preferable to
miniature sheets, which involve extra printing costs,
and irritate purists!

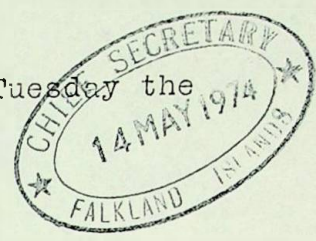
4 The Channel Islands ^{sell} ~~market~~ Postage Due stamps, booklets
of stamps & postal stationery, and gold coins! I do not think

that local use justifies there in the islands,
except that members of F.I.S.G. and other collectors too
would welcome at least the name FALKLAND ISLANDS
printed on Aerogrammes and

Formula Registered covers which are
already partly printed locally. The cost of
printing would be more than outweighed by
increased sales, and publicity. (It has taken us a
while to detect the second printing of blue formula envelopes).

STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held at Government House on Tuesday the 7th May, 1974.



Present: His Excellency the Governor
Deputy Chief Secretary
Officer-in-Charge, B.A.S.
Postmaster

The Colony Commemorative Programme is as follows and the Deputy Chief Secretary opened the meeting by outlining the current position regarding these issues:

- U.P.U. July/August, 1974.
- River Plate November, 1974.
- Churchill November, 1974.
- Coinage Early 1975.

BAT and South Georgia are to participate in the Churchill Issue. O.I.C. BAS advised he had heard nothing from his Head Office regarding the issue and agreed to telegraph London to make sure that the project had not "gone to ground".

Future Issues. The Postmaster advised that work was still progressing with regard to collecting suitable material for the Wool Industry Issue. It was thought that the 1974/75 Financial Year was well catered for with regard to Commemoratives and that the Wool Industry Issue would be a good starter for the 1975/76 Financial Year. Other possible commemoratives discussed were:

- (a) Opening of the Air Field
- (b) Kelp
- (c) An Easter Issue
- (d) Historical Issue (Port Louis, Saunders, Keppel etc)

*Done
See P/12/13*

D.C.S. advised that the spade work had been done on the Air Field Issue and that nothing more could be done until we had further information on the actual project. H.E. advised he would 'follow up' a previous letter on the subject of a Kelp Issue and undertook to do some research on the Historical theme. With reference to the proposed New Definitive Colony Issue the Postmaster felt that an issue depicting ships that had been connected with the carriage of Colony Mails would be more appropriate than a general ship series. The Crown Agents had experienced difficulty in obtaining photographs of the suggested ships. Both D.C.S. and Postmaster had discussed the problem with Mr. John Smith who had offered to prepare sketches of the vessels concerned. H.E. wished to do further research on this matter and called for the relative file.

It was agreed that the following subjects were possibly suitable for South Georgia Commemoratives:

- RRS "Discovery" - Centenary
- Harbours of Historical Interest in South Georgia

O.I.C. BAS thought than an Ice Crystal Issue would be more appropriate to B.A.T. than to South Georgia.

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ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE
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Our ref H1/1618

Your ref

Date 19 August 1974

Chief Secretary
The Secretariat
Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS



Dear Sir

On the 2 August we had the pleasure of meeting Mr Morrison and during his visit the opportunity was taken to discuss the Falkland Islands stamp issuing programme.

2 It is understood that your general policy will be to issue either two or three issues per year with the exception of 1976, when the new definitive is scheduled for release when it is possible that you will issue either three issues or four issues. With regard to the individual issues now "on the stocks", the following were discussed:

New Definitive Issue 1976 (3/01739)

It is understood that nothing definite has yet been decided upon, but that there is a gentleman in the Falkland Islands who thinks that he will be able to provide sufficient authenticated designs to support a Ship definitive issue. As explained to Mr Morrison during his visit, if the designs produced by your local artist are sufficiently good to use as finished artwork then we will do so, merely adapting the lettering etc to a suitable format. It was also suggested that you might like to consider the release of a new top value of £2 as well as the £1 which is in existence at the moment.

Wool Industry 1975 (3/22477)

? Mr Morrison was a little surprised that nothing had been forthcoming on this issue, as he was under the impression that the reference material had been compiled. We await, therefore, your further instructions on this issue, and also some advice as to whether the issue should be released in the middle of the year or towards the end of 1975.

Opening of the Aerodrome (3/30261)

It is understood that the tender for the building of the aerodrome has now been awarded and it is suggested that the release date be deferred until approximately April 1976, which is when the completion date is expected.

/You

To Chief Secretary

Date 19 August 1974

You very kindly advised us of the contractors of this work and we will therefore contact them for any design aspects of the airport that can be provided. An ideal issue would, in our opinion, comprise the airport building and various aircraft such as the helicopter from the HMS ENDURANCE the Fokka and Beaver float plane which will be landing. Should you know of any other aircraft that will be using the airport then these could, of course, be included, but we would stress that we should avoid any American aircraft as these do not usually find favour with Her Majesty the Queen. A top value depicting Her Majesty the Queen has also been suggested, but we understand that this will be given more consideration by the Stamp Advisory Committee.

Churchill Issue (4/12297)

An order has been placed with Enschede En Zonen of Holland who were the only printers able to produce the issue by the required despatch date. We will, of course, continue to give you up to date information on this particular issue.

New Coinage (4/05313)

This was originally scheduled for release late in 1974, but as it coincided with both the Churchill and River Plate issues, was deferred. Mr Morrison was unsure as to whether this issue would now be continued with. We would appreciate it if you would advise us, as soon as possible, of your decision in order that we may avoid any undue expense. At the present time designs have not commenced as we are still awaiting photographs of the coins from the Royal Mint.

Reprint 1/2p Definitive (4/21932)

An order has now been placed with Harrison & Sons Ltd for the production of 41,000 of the 1/2p definitive, 40,000 of which will be for sale in the Crown Agents' Stamp Bureau. Delivery of this order is not yet known and we will, of course, keep you advised of its progress.

2 On checking through our records, it would appear that the 1975 stamp programme is almost complete but that the 1976 programme onwards is very sparse. We have the following suggestions to make, and would be grateful if you along with the advisory committee would give them consideration:-

- a) 1977 is the 10th anniversary of the telephone link with the United Kingdom.
- b) 1977 is also the 25th anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's succession to the throne (Silver Jubilee).

/c) 1978

To Chief SecretaryDate 19 August 1974

- c) 1978 is the 30th anniversary of the Falkland Island air services.
- d) A Polar Bird issue which could comprise the Falkland Islands thrush, Gentoo penguins, upland geese, Steamer ducks, black-brown Albatross, Silver Grebe, King Cormorants, etc. possibly with a conservation theme spread over a number of years.
- e) Scenes of the Island e.g. the church with the whalebone arch, and Government House etc.
- f) Maps of the Islands; this could comprise two stamps, one of the West Falklands and one of the East Falklands, with the possibility of a souvenir sheet, showing their relationship to the mainland of South America
- g) Local transport - this could comprise the Beaver plane, working boats, fishermen's vessels, horses, Landrovers, etc.
- h) Pastimes - it is understood that you hold an annual rifle club competition and this could feature the trophy of this particular event. Also if any other local competitions are held this could comprise a very interesting issue.

3 Other suggestions made by Mr Morrison during his visit were issues to feature the fishing industry, the activities of HMS ENDURANCE, cruise vessels which we understand will be calling at the Island when your tourist industry is firmly established, and of course, any royal weddings, etc. which may take place at short notice.

4 It was also noted that the Falkland Islands have never had an Easter or Christmas issue, but following our discussions it was understood that you would not be able to handle the volume of mail at Christmastime; and the Christmas suggestion was therefore deferred. There is, however, no apparent reason why an Easter issue should not be included in your stamp programme, and old masters are still a popular theme. If this topic appeals to you then we will be pleased to forward further suggestions.

5 We look forward to hearing from you in connection with these suggestions and discussions, as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

M. Vaughan.

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BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY

*With ref. to Mr. Clapp's telephone
conversation.*

*Stamp Issues Co-ordinating
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WITH COMPLIMENTS

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ST NICHOLAS HOUSE
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30 August 1974

Dear Mr Clapp

BRIT STAMP PROGRAMME

In March 1973 we put forward via BAS London Office a number of suggestions for future stamp issues with a view to getting designs completed sufficiently far in advance to avoid the last minute rush and the difficulty in finding printing capacity which we have experienced recently and which we are continuing to experience in the case of the forthcoming "Channell" issue.

In case you did not receive a copy of the original list of subjects, I have drawn up the following amended list:-

1. The Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1977.
2. Whales of the Borquais species. The Blue Whale, Fin Whale, Hump-backed Whale, Sei Whale, aptly depicted would be an interesting issue. This could be linked with Conservation and, consequently, with other animal issues.
3. Seals, of which I believe there are six species in the vicinity of the Antarctic territory, eg Leopard Seal, Ross Seal, Crabeater Seal etc.
4. Birds which visit the British Antarctic territory, eg Wandering Albatross, Wilsons Petrel, Diving Petrel, Shearwater, Great Skua, McCormick Skua.
5. Fish, such as the Antarctic Cod, the Antarctic Dragon Fish, the Ice Fish, and the Plyader Fish.
6. Penguins, which might include the following, Emperor Penguin, King Penguin, Chinstrap Penguin, Gentoo Penguin, Rockhopper Penguin.
7. Mammals, eg Reindeer, Brown Rat etc.
8. Plankton specimens which, when magnified, would make an unusual issue.

E C J Clapp Esq

9. Flora, eg Deschampsia Antarctica, Colobanthus Cassifolus.
10. Molluscs, which might include Adamsium Colbecki, Limopsis Marionensis, Turris Meridionalis, Trochus Langstaffi, Yoldia Eightis, Neobuccinum Latoni, Cuspidaria Tessellata, Lutraria Elliptica, Cyclonorbis Antarcticae.
11. Fossils, which were found on Antarctica might provide the basis for an issue depicting continents with a specimen fossil from each, the sixth continent being Godevanland which was partly comprised of Antarctica. These continents would be as they were in the time of the fossil.
12. Places of geographic interest which might include scenes like the Ice Caves on Ross Island or maps of Antarctica through the ages, which might include the Piri Reis maps.

NB The Piri Reis maps were maps of the Antarctic land mass, i.e. without the embellishment of ice, which belonged to a 15th century Turkish admiral (Piri Reis), 15c. before the exact seismological mapping of the Antarctic land mass this century.

13. Places of geological interest.
14. The volcano on Deception Island might provide the basis for an issue depicting the volcano or minerals such as sulphur crystals, pomice etc.

I believe that current policy for your territory is one issue per year with a face value of about 40p.

If possible we should like to start work immediately on producing designs for an issue to be released in 1975 and in this connection I should point out that we normally require about one year's notice of the intended release date so that artwork etc may be drawn up and approved in good time via the formal channels. Longer notice is in fact preferable in the case of BAP because of the shipping difficulties peculiar to that region as we are anxious that you should avoid as far as possible the additional expense of air freight.

I look forward to receiving your comments on the above in the near future and if I can provide any further information I shall be pleased to do so.

Yours sincerely

M VADDEAN

STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Secretariat on Monday the 11th November, 1974.

Present: Chief Secretary
Financial Secretary
Deputy Chief Secretary
Officer-in-Charge, B.A.S.
Postmaster



The progress report relating to the forthcoming stamp programme was discussed and the following comments made:

COLONY Coinage Issue. It was noted that Crown Agents had not yet finalized designs for this issue. It was also noted that the actual coin values do not represent postage rates. The Postmaster suggested that all 5 coins could possibly be portrayed on each of the 3 or 4 stamps comprising the set, the stamps could then be related to actual postage rates. It was agreed to refer this suggestion to the Crown Agents. The Financial Secretary suggested the release date could possibly coincide with the release of the Gold Coins. Financial Secretary also asked that all correspondence relating to the Coinage Issue be copied to Mr. Comben.

Wool Industry Issue. Postmaster reported that suitable material was not to hand and suggested that perhaps Mr. Hadden of Goose Green could be commissioned to obtain the necessary photographs on behalf of Government. It was agreed to follow this suggestion but to firstly clear the matter with the Camp Manager - Mr. Hardcastle.

Definitive Issue (Ships). The drawings, to date completed by Mr. John Smith, were viewed and all present were of the opinion that they could form the basis of an attractive issue. It was however thought that at least one drawing should be forwarded to the Crown Agents for their comments as to whether they consider the drawings suitable for reproduction into stamps. Postmaster is to contact Mr. Smith on this matter.

SOUTH GEORGIA Churchill Centenary Issue. Postmaster reported that neither the stamps or the First Day Covers for this issue had been received. OIC BAS agreed that if necessary the stamps could be affixed to First Day Covers either en-route to, or at South Georgia, by the B.A.T. Philatelic Officer - Mr. Peter Biggs.

B.A.T. Churchill Centenary Issue. OIC BAS advised the meeting that because of adverse ice conditions the "John Biscoe" had been unable to visit Argentine Islands. The Official First Day would therefore be at Signy Island, possibly on the original release date of 30th November.

A general discussion followed on the Stamp Issuing Policy as detailed in the Crown Agents letter dated 17th October, 1974. The proposed higher maximums for new stamp releases were noted, but it was thought that 4 new issues per year for the Colony and 2 each for South Georgia and B.A.T. would be 'the exception rather than the rule.' The proposed programme was studied at some length and the following points raised for submission to the Crown Agents:

SOUTH GEORGIA It was thought the following would be more appropriate to B.A.T. (a) Ice Crystals (See minutes of meeting held on 7th May, 1974) (b) Seals - in connection with Ratification of Seals Conservation Treaty (See minutes of meeting of 29th November, 1973).

COLONY

Heraldic Arms Unless there was some specific purpose (apart from the 50th Anniversary) for a Heraldic Arms Issue, i.e., popular present day theme etc., it was thought that a Historical Issue, depicting settlements at Port Louis, Keppel Island etc. would perhaps be more popular.

Conservation. It was agreed that an issue depicting nature reserves of the Colony would be both popular and appropriate.

10th Anniversary of Telephone Link. There was a lengthy discussion on this subject with nothing definite being resolved. The Deputy Chief Secretary thought perhaps a general telecommunications issue may be more appropriate, the Postmaster however favoured an issue commemorating some specific anniversary. In this context the following dates were noted: 1890 - First Telephone service. 1917 - Opening of Fox Bay Radio Station. 1929 - Introduction of Rediffusion Service (Falkland Islands was first Colony to operate such a service).

B.A.T.

It was thought that 1977 was too soon for a new Definitive Issue - the "Explorer" Issue was only released in 1972.

Silver Jubilee. It was noted that HRH Prince Phillip did in fact visit B.A.T. during 1956.

Any other business The Deputy Chief Secretary mentioned the possibility of a stamp issue depicting methods of mail transportation, past and present, in the Colony. Postmaster suggested that such an issue would be ideally suited to the centenary (1979) of the Colony's admission to the Universal Postal Union.

OIC B.A.S. advised that when he departs from Stanley next year the Antarctic Territory interests will be vested in the Chief Secretary.

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Date 17 October 1974

E G Lewis Esq
Governor of the Falkland
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FALKLAND ISLANDS

Dear Mr Lewis

STAMP ISSUING POLICY

Recently we here at Crown Agents in conjunction with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office have been looking at the stamp programmes for the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, and British Antarctic Territory, particularly thinking of the various factors which link them together, and have become convinced that the programmes of these three stamp issuing authorities should really be considered as a whole.

I am therefore writing to you as Governor of both the Falkland Islands and of the Falkland Islands Dependencies, and also as High Commissioner for the British Antarctic Territory, seeking to pull together a coherent plan for the three territories for the next three years. I have set out in detail unified proposals for each territory, on separate sheets. These carry further and refine our previous proposals as contained in our letter to the Chief Secretary of the Falkland Islands on 19 August, ref H1/1618; our letter to Mr Clapp on the BAT stamp programme dated 13 August, ref H1/1918; and our detailed discussions with Mr D R Morrison about South Georgia when he visited us in Sutton on 2 August. May I please stress that all the proposals which I have set out have been agreed in principle with the F&CO.

In addition, there are a number of points which emerged during our programme discussions with the F&CO:

1. We understand that the F&CO political policy is to separate South Georgia and BAT as much as possible in the eyes of the world from the Falkland Islands, and therefore, with rare exceptions such as the forthcoming 'Silver Jubilee' in 1977, their stamp subjects in any one year should not be the same.

/However

cc: F&CO.

To E G Lewis Esq

17 October 1974

Date

However, the subjects naturally available from the environment are similar in all three areas and often overlap, and careful work is therefore desirable to avoid using a subject for, say, Falkland Islands which may obviate its depiction for South Georgia or BAT, bearing in mind the political policy.

2. The F&CO now hold the view that the former official limit of two issues a year for the Falklands could be increased to four. Similarly, the normal maximum for South Georgia and BAT could be raised to two per year.

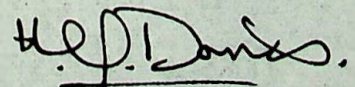
As your philatelic advisers, we agree wholeheartedly on the new limit for the Falklands and South Georgia, but feel that, in view of the limited postal use in BAT and the possibly more limited subject material that we have available, the practical maximum will be one per year for BAT.

3. There are considerable transportation difficulties for South Georgia which mean that if we are to have two issues per year the issue dates will have to be timed to fit in with the vessels of the BAS visits at the beginning and end of the Antarctic summer.

The other alternative is to have the stamp issue for the beginning of a summer available in South Georgia before the onset of the previous winter. This would have the advantage that First Day Cover work can be completed without haste during the winter, but would also imply that our programme plans must be pushed much further ahead than they are at present.

You will see from the attached programme sheets that there are a number of decisions which need to be taken in the very near future and I would be most grateful if you could let us have your comments on these, together with your general reaction, as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



H Q Davies
Controller of Security Printing

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the much noted request.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

PROPOSED STAMP PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

- 1975 ✓ Coinage
✓ Wool Industry
50th Anniversary of Heraldic Arms ? *Historical?*
- 1976 New Definitive - Ships ✓
Conservation ✓
Airport Opening? ← *Historical?*
- 1977 Airport Opening?
Silver Jubilee
10th Anniversary Telephone Link
*telecommunications (old & new)
bays since F Bay
station opened.*

NOTES

- 1975 Coinage
Already approved.
We are still awaiting the designs from the Royal Mint and understand you wish this issue to coincide with the new coinage issue date.
- " Wool Industry
Already approved.
We understand that reference material has been compiled but await its arrival. In the meantime we have arranged for one of our panel of artists to produce speculative designs.
- " 50th Anniversary of Heraldic Arms
There have been three arms granted since 1925 when the first was given, and we feel that this theme could be developed into a most attractive and popular three-stamp issue. We would like your outline approval please.
- 1976 New Definitive - Ships
Approved.
We are waiting for the rough artwork from your local artist. Perhaps you could give us some idea of when this will be available. In addition to your source in the Falklands, we have now contacted another gentleman in this country who also has source material and whom we could use to check the authenticity of the issue. We may be able to supplement your designs if there is a lack of suitable subjects.

/1976 Conservation

1976

Conservation

There are two approaches to this theme we suggest. One is to depict the interaction of animals and plants inhabiting the same ecological niche. An example is the competition between sheep and the Upland Geese who feed on the same pasture. We would need to research other examples if this approach appeals to you.

The other option is to feature the nature reserves on the Falklands.

1976/7

Airport Opening

Approved in outline.

The date of opening (scheduled for April 1976) seems doubtful and could we have been told slip into 1977.

Your stamp advisory committee is considering whether the top value should feature Her Majesty The Queen. This seems less likely, in view of the Silver Jubilee issue; but in any event we are collaborating with the airport contractor and hope to be able to produce suggested designs in due course.

/1977 Silver Jubilee

1977

Silver Jubilee

We are sure that you will wish to join with the other countries in the Commonwealth in marking the 25th Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne by an issue of stamps.

In preparing outline plans for an overall treatment of this we feel that the traditional uniform omnibus approach with one design should be modified on this occasion. Our proposal is that each country should have two stamps. The first will show Her Majesty's Coronation - a different scene for each territory. The second will show the Queen or a close member of the Royal Family during a visit to the issuing country.

This is, of course, the first reign where the Monarch has travelled so extensively and it seems fitting that this unique characteristic of Her Majesty's 25 year reign should be so depicted. We propose that there should not be a common design of border from country to country. Instead, the surrounds to the central pictures should show, as far as possible, the national character of the country. So the unity within the Commonwealth will be symbolised by the Queen herself both in the Coronation scene and in her visit and, at the same time, the diversity and uniqueness of all the participating countries indicated.

There are, of course, ample photographic sources of material from the Coronation available in this country and in order that all the major features of the occasion are covered we will have to make the initial selection. However, perhaps you have more comprehensive material for Prince Philip's visit in 1956. If so we would be glad to hear from you.

In order that plans may be finalised in good time, we would like to have your outline approval within the next month or so.

1977

10th Anniversary of Telephone Link

At this stage we would like to have your approval in principle so that design ideas can be developed.

SOUTH GEORGIA

PROPOSED STAMP PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

- 1975 Cook Bicentenary
50th Anniversary of Initiation of
Discovery Investigation.
- 1976 ✓ New Definitive - Ice Crystals/
Plants
- 1977 Seals/Plants
Silver Jubilee.

NOTES

1974-75 Cook Bicentenary

This issue is at final artwork stage and will be the only one in the 1974-75 season.

1975-76 50th Anniversary of Discovery Investigation

December 1925 saw the initiation of the Discovery Investigation which has continued uninterrupted since then. The possible ways of approaching the subject are many and we strongly advise that this should be the first issue in the 1975-76 summer. There is ample source material in this country.

New Definitive

This is of course now very overdue but we feel that the first opportunity for its issue will be at the end of the 1975-76 summer in March or April 1976. Even for that, the timetable is rather tight.

If there is sufficient variety we recommend that the subject should be Ice crystals in all their diverse forms and refracted colourings. This should make a unique and very worthwhile definitive. Perhaps you would let us have your outline approval or otherwise as soon as possible.

In case this subject does not prove suitable - and we are checking with Dr Roberts of the Scott Polar Research Laboratories that there are sufficient colourful and distinctive variations - the other suggested subject is Plants. The current Falkland Is definitive depicting the same general subject will be obsolete then and we are confident that the artistic approach adopted can make the issue distinct from the Falkland's one and as successful. There are certainly plenty of attractive species to be featured.

SOUTH GEORGIA...cont'd....

1976-77

Seals or Plants.

We suggest the spring issue in November/December 1976 should be either Plants (if this subject is not utilised for the definitive) or seals. There are four seals indigenous to South Georgia which would make a fine issue. Perhaps you could include your reaction to this suggestion with your decision on the definitive subject.

/1977 Silver Jubilee

1977

Silver Jubilee

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In preparing outline plans for an overall treatment of this we feel that the traditional uniform omnibus approach with one design should be modified on this occasion. Our proposal is that each country should have two stamps. The first will show Her Majesty's Coronation - a different scene for each territory. The second will show the Queen or a close member of the Royal Family during a visit to the issuing country.

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There are, of course, ample photographic sources of material from the Coronation available in this country and in order that all the major features of the occasion are covered we will have to make the initial selection. However, perhaps you have more comprehensive material for Prince Philip's visit in 1957. If so we would be glad to hear from you.

In order that plans may be finalised in good time, we would like to have your outline approval within the next month or so.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

PROPOSED STAMP PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

1975 Gondwanaland
1976 Birds
1977 Silver Jubilee
New Definitive - B.A.S. Research

NOTES

1975 Gondwanaland

Now that the concept of 'Continental Drift' has become an accepted scientific theory, it seems appropriate that Gondwanaland, the sixth Continent, should be commemorated by a stamp. It is timely also since a series of six maps showing the development of Gondwanaland has just been published by B.A.S. Our suggestion would be that four of the maps be shown on separate stamps if that is possible with perhaps representations of typical animals that lived in the area at the time of the map.

The issue date would be November/December 1975, and your approval in principle is required in the near future if the issue is not to be unduly rushed.

1976 Birds

Issue date November/December 1976.

Subjects could include Wandering Albatross, Wilsons Petrel, Diving Petrel, Sheathbill, Great Skua, McCormick Skua.

/ 1977 Silver Jubilee

Shd not limit to 1/yr.

1977

Silver Jubilee

We are sure you will wish to join with the other countries in the Commonwealth in marking the 25th Anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne by an issue of stamps.

In general our proposal is that such an issue should consist of two stamps. The first will show Her Majesty's Coronation - a different scene for each territory - and it was thought that the second might show the Queen or a close member of the Royal Family during a visit to the issuing territory. Here, however, we have difficulty in that our records have produced no evidence of any such visit to B.A.T., but a suitable alternative might be a recent portrait of Her Majesty within a border design directly relating to B.A.T.

We shall be giving further thought to the matter and, in order that we may start on detailed researches and planning, should be grateful if you would give your outline approval within the next month or so.

New Definitive - B.A.S. Research Activities

Due for release in 1977

We suggest that the range of B.A.S. research activities could amply fill a definitive set. We suggest a fairly abstract approach and would be happy to commission some design studies for your consideration should you approve of the idea.

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11th November 1974

His Excellency E. G. Lewis Esq., CMG, OBE,
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My Dear General,

Philately - P&T 7/1

Major Spafford of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group has sent me "a list of ships, with design sources, which might well be considered should the Falkland Islands decide to feature ships on the next definitive issue of stamps." I have told him that I am sending a copy of his list to you for the possible use by the Stamp Design Committee. It is enclosed herewith. He has sent copies to CAs and FCO.

Major Spafford also tells me that he is compiling a list of possible subjects for future commemorative issues and that he is taking it up to the year 2000 (sic). He has promised to send me the first instalment of this covering the next 3 or 4 years when it is ready.

I have taken it upon myself to do all I can to encourage this Study Group since it seems to me that they have an unmatched reservoir of detailed knowledge about stamps and above all of enthusiasm for their subject. After I met them it seemed to me that these qualities ought to be harnessed to the purposes of Government. If there is co-operation they could be very useful. If there were none they might well retreat into a position of sniping criticism. I have in mind particularly that if you want to go further with the Joe Urch proposal it would be a very good thing to have the Group on our side and even to have their assistance in ensuring that the evils they fear do not eventuate. I look forward to receiving your instructions as mentioned in the last paragraph of mine of 25th October.

Yours sincerely,
Joe

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~~P&T~~

We can use a photo
of a Kosmos ship

FALKLAND ISLANDS STAMPS

PROPOSED DEFINITIVE ISSUE FEATURING SHIPS

Should a definitive issue of stamps for the Falkland Islands, featuring ships connected with the islands' past be proposed, the following are suggested for consideration. Sources of designs, which may be considered suitable are included in most cases.

1. The DESIRE It is accepted by most historians that ~~the~~ Falkland Islands were first sighted by John Davis on 14th. August 1592, when his ship DESIRE was driven off course in a storm.

Source: None exists, but it is suggested that a typical Ship of C.1590 is used, as was used for the bronze model on top of the Battle Memorial, Stanley.

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2. H.M.S.DOLPHIN On 12th. January 1765 Commodore John Byron, sailing as Captain of H.M.S.DOLPHIN arrived in the Falkland Islands and claimed them for King George III. Landing on Saunders Island, off West Falkland, Byron staked out the ground for a settlement, naming the harbour Port Egmont.
H.M.S.DOLPHIN was a 24 gun Frigate of length 113ft, tonnage 511t, built at Woolwich in 1751.

Source: National Maritime Museum, London. B4941; engraving.

Major R.N.Spafford has a photo print of this engraving.

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3. H.M.S.CLIO On 2nd. January 1833, H.M.S.CLIO, commanded by Captain Onslow arrived at Port Louis, repossessed the Falkland Islands in the name of King William IV and established the permanent settlement of the islands.

H.M.S.CLIO was a 18 gun Brig built at Mistleythorne, Essex in 1807 and later converted into a surveying vessel.

Source: National Maritime Museum, London. sketch

'The 1933 Centenary Issue of the Falkland Islands' Fig5,
Page 4.

Major R.N.Spafford has a photoprint of this sketch.

4. H.M.S.BEAGLE In March 1833, Charles Darwin called at the Falkland Islands during his famous world voyage in H.M.S.BEAGLE. Flora, fauna and natural features unique to the Falkland Islands were identified for the first time.

Source: National Maritime Museum, London. A1741 colour sketch.

'The 1933 Centenary of the Falkland Islands' Fig 38, page 31

'Darwin and the Beagle' by Alan Moorhead - several plates.

Major R.N.Spafford has a photoprint of the colour sketch.

5. The ONEIDA On 1st. August 1861, the Royal Mail ship ONEIDA left Port Stanley with the first Paid mail for England, ^{ON} ~~under~~ the orders of the Governor (Captain Thomas Edward Laws Moore. R.N.)

The ONEIDA was an iron screw Steamer of 2,293 tons and length 306.8ft., built by Scott at Greenock in 1855.

Source: The Strand Stamp Journal of July 1958, page 291.

Major R.N.Spafford has a clear photocopy of the illustration.

An original of the magazine could be obtained.

6a. The FOAM The Schooner FOAM, purchased by the Colonial Office on behalf of the Falkland Islands' Government, carried the mails from Stanley to Montevideo between the years 1863 - 1872 to connect with the River Plate mail steamers. The FOAM made 6 return trips annually, starting on 29th April 1863. The journey to Montevideo took 13 days. She made 59 return voyages without mishap in rough waters and continual storms.

The FOAM was an oak frame Schooner of 88 tons built at Portsmouth in 1848. With a crew of 10, she was capable of carrying 4 passengers and 50 tons of cargo. She had previously belonged to Lord Dufferin. She remained in Falkland Islands waters until May 1890, when she went ashore on Carcass Island in thick fog followed by a gale.

Source: Availability unknown, perhaps an illustration exists in the Falkland Islands.

OR

6b. The BLACK HAWK The Schooner BLACK HAWK was purchased by the Falkland Islands Company, who took up the mail contract. She entered the mail service on 2nd. January 1873 and carried 8 mails a year between 1873 and March 1880, when the Falkland Islands Company terminated the contract.

The BLACK HAWK was a Schooner of 110 tons.

Source: Availability unknown, perhaps an illustration exists in the Falkland Islands.

7. The MEMPHIS In 1880 an agreement was entered into by the Falkland Islands Government with the German KOSMOS shipping line to provide a regular bi-monthly mail service by steamer. The arrangement operated successfully for 20 years from 1880 to 1900. The steamers called at Harwich or Falmouth, Montevideo, Punta Arenas and Stanley, picking up and delivering Falkland Islands mails. Many different steamers of the Company were used and included the MEMPHIS. The passage from Stanley to England took about 5 weeks and to Montevideo about 5 days.

Source: Mr R.F.Barnes has a photo of the MEMPHIS which can be made available.

8. The ORAVIA In 1900 the Pacific Steam Navigation Company took up the mail contract, which provided for calls at Stanley at four weekly intervals. The steamers travelled from Liverpool to Stanley via Rio de Janeiro and Montevideo, went on to Punta Arenas and Valparaiso and then returned by the same route to Liverpool. The homeward run from the Falkland Islands took 27 days. Many steamers were used but included the ORAVIA. The ORAVIA eventually ran ashore and was wrecked on the Billy Rock near Cape Pembroke lighthouse on the night of 12th. November 1912.

The crew and passengers were taken ashore and accommodated by the people of Stanley.

Source: Major R.N.Spafford has a superb coloured line drawing.

9. The REINA DEL PACIFICO Although the mail contract with the Pacific Steam Navigation Company was terminated on 7th. September 1917, the ships of the Company called at the islands from time to time with mail. One of these ships was the REINA DEL PACIFICO, the Company's Flag Ship and luxury liner, which called at Stanley from time to time during the 1930's.

The REINA DEL PACIFICO, a motor Liner of 17,702 gross tons, was launched at Belfast in 1931. At that time she was the highest powered motor ship and accommodated 888 passengers.

Source: "1933 Centenary Issue of the Falkland Islands" Fig 64, page 52.

Major R.N.Spafford also has 2 superb photographs of the ship.

10. R.M.S.FALKLAND In 1913 the Falkland Islands Company bought from Messrs. Spiller Bros. & Baker a steamer WHEATSHEAF and renamed her the FALKLAND. Since there are no roads linking the settlements in the Falklands, apart from horse or foot, the only method of transportation for people cargo and mails was by boat, before ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{internal} Air Service was introduced in 1948. This service was performed by the Falkland Islands Company coaster R.M.S FALKLAND from February 1914. A contract for local mail was drawn up between the Government and the Company, which continued until September 1919, and she had her own post office handstamp "R.M.S. FALKLAND" Thereafter the FALKLAND was used by her owners on local trading, which included voyages to Montevideo, Punta Arenas and South Georgia. From 1930 she carried on board a portable postal box for loose letters from outlying settlements, which was opened at the Post Office on arrival at Stanley.
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The 452 G.R.T. S.S.FALKLAND was built as the WHEATSHEAF by Ailsa Ship^{building}~~ping~~ Co. Ltd. in 1906. She had a top speed of 14 knots. She left the Falkland Islands for the last time on 23rd. January 1934 bound for Magallanes, where she was sold in 1935 and renamed TERESA.

Source: Falkland Islands Co Ltd., London. Photograph

11. H.M.C.S.AFTERGLOW Following legislation in 1921 to protect the seal fisheries, the Falkland Islands Government purchased the Admiralty Drifter AFTERGLOW. From 1922-1926 H.M.C.S. AFTERGLOW was used to augment the inter-insular mail service. The gunner was appointed mail officer, stamps were offered for sale, and a special ship's handstamp inscribed 'H.M.C.S."AFTERGLOW" POSTED ON BOARD' was provided. H.M.C.S.AFTERGLOW, 112 G.R.T., was built in the United Kingdom in 1919 and was sold at Punta Arenas in 1927. Later she returned to Stanley under the name PORT RICHARD and was wrecked in the harbour during a gale in 1945.

Source: Availability unknown, perhaps an illustration exists in the Falkland Islands.

12. The LAFONIA (FITZROY) In 1913, to supplement the visits of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company ships, the Falkland Islands Government entered into a contract with the Falkland Islands Company to provide a passenger, cargo and mail service from Stanley to Montevideo, in accordance with the actual needs. At Montevideo the mails would be transferred to vessels of the Royal Mails Line. The vessel used was the S.S.LAFONIA.
by Henry Robt Ltd of Leith in 1931
The 768 gross ton S.S.LAFONIA, built ~~during the 1930's~~ was renamed FITZROY in 1936, when a succession of newer and larger vessels owned by the Falkland Islands Company took the name LAFONIA.

As S.S.FITZROY, she was to be confined to an inter-insular service; however the requisition in 1941 and ultimate sinking of the new LAFONIA in 1942 caused the FITZROY to revert to her original role of the overseas mail link through Montevideo. She was the only ship to maintain communications with the islands throughout the second world war. In 1945, she took part in Operation Tabarin, the installation of the British Antarctic Survey Bases. She left the colony in 1957 for a breakers yard in Essex, England.

Source: "1933 Centenary Issue of the Falkland Islands" Fig 71 page 57.

N.B.Whether a stamp featuring this ship would be named the LAFONIA or the FITZROY is a matter of opinion, and possible argument.

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13. R.M.S.DARWIN A new vessel, R.M.S.DARWIN was built for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. and arrived in Stanley on her maiden voyage in August 1957. Her main role was to provide the link with Montevideo, averaging 12 round trips annually, carrying mail, freight and passengers. In addition she made various calls at settlements in the Colony and at South Georgia. She was withdrawn from service early in 1972 and left Stanley for the last time at 2.45 pm. on 19th. September 1973. She was sold to a Greek Company and renamed CHRISTOS K. The 1,793 gross ton DARWIN was built by Gool Shipbuilding & Repair Company and driven by reciprocating triple expansion low pressure steam engines, built by Charles D.Holmes & Co of Hull.

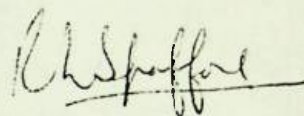
Source: Major R.N.Spafford is able to provide many photographs including scale drawings.

14. The A.E.S Owned by Messrs A.E.Sørensen of Svendborg, Denmark, the M/S A.E.S. was chartered by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. from 1957 to bring supplies from the United Kingdom and to take back the wool clip. She made 4 annual voyages in each direction and when the charter was not renewed at the end of 1973, she had made 62 round trips. She is capable of carrying 12 passengers, had a crew of 21 and took about 30 days on the voyage, between the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands. The M/S A.E.S , of G.R.T.1579, was built in 1957 by Svødborg Skibsværft and is powered by a M.a.K. 1530 horse-power motor. Source: "1933 Cenenary of the Falkland Islands" , Fig 17, Page 13 Major R.N.Spafford has a good photograph.

15. The MONSUNEN Owned jointly by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. and Jeppesen Heaton Ltd., the Monsunen was purchased in 1972 to provide inter-insular communication. Built in 1957 at Marstal, Denmark, the MONSUNEN , gross tonnage 223 and lengthened in 1964, has a crew of 6. She sailed from London on 22nd. August 1972 and arrived at Stanley on 28th. September. Source: "The Postal Service of the Falkland Islands". Page 36. The Falkland Islands Company Ltd. have an excellent photograph and a painting.

Further Alternatives: R.R.S.JOHN BISCOE - a number of photos exist.
H.M.S.PROTECTOR. " " "
H.M.S.ENDURANCE. " " "
M.V.FORREST.
The FAIRY (1853-1932) availability of photos unknown.
R.M.S.COLUMBUS(1911-1913) " " "

It is suggested that simple designs on the lines of the Falkland Islands Dependencies set of 1954 would be very acceptable to philatelists of all shades of opinion.



(R.N.SPAFFORD)

NOVEMBER 1974

Editor "The Upland Goose" and Research
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BMT/2



4th December,

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M. Vaughan, Esq.,
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Sutton.

Dear Mr. Vaughan,

I refer to your letter HL/1918 of 30th August 1974, and my message to you of 1st October 1974. My reply has been delayed until the letter of Mr. H.Q. Davies (ref: HL/1945 of 17th October 1974), had been discussed in Stamp Co-ordinating Policy Committee.

It was agreed in Committee that the Falkland Islands Chief Secretary would answer HL/1945 on behalf of all three centres, (B.A.T., F.I. and F.I.D.). My reply to your letter will cover ground already covered in his letter.

May I take your list in sequence:-

- (1) Silver Jubilee. The Territory should participate but, of course, all will depend upon the date of release. We cannot effectively participate in any release during the months May to November as none of the Territorial Post Offices are accessible to mail facilities during this period. It could be argued that as long as the stamps were delivered to the Bases before the onset of the Antarctic winter, release dates between this limiting period could be held, there are, however, one or two drawbacks to this in that
 - (A) no settlement of philatelic demands would leave the Antarctic Territory until at least January/February of the following year and
 - (B) all the overseas demands received in normal mail, unless received before the final relief ship to the Antarctic, would not be received at Antarctic Post Offices until at least the following December or January.
 COULD YOU PLEASE SUBMIT DESIGNS FOR THE SILVER JUBILEE.
 - (2) Whales. I personally feel this subject could be linked, as you say, with a Conservation Issue or other Animal Issues. I have reservations about a single issue based upon whales as the Territory has had no real connections with whaling since the 1920's.
 - (3) Seals. I am personally keen to see this subject issued to commemorate the Conservation of Antarctic Seals Treaty Ratification. My understanding is that the Treaty has not yet been ratified by all countries but possibly will be during 1975. Perhaps designs could go ahead and we will keep you informed on the Treaty progress, - you may, however, be in a better position to keep a continued eye on ratification progress than we are able to out here. I therefore suspect that 1975 could be a seal year. If 1975 clashed with another more pertinent commemoration, then possibly 1976 could be used as a "First Anniversary" celebration.
 - (4) Birds. My understanding is that this subject is under consideration for South Georgia.
 - (5) Fish, (6) Penguins, (8) Plankton, (9) Flora, (10) Molluscs,
 - (12) Geographical Interests, (13) Geological Interests, (14) Deception Island.
- One of the main policies of the B.A.T. has been to ally issues outside of the Definitives to commemoration subjects and dates, perhaps the policy will change. Whilst all could be extremely attractive designs, there would seem to be no "special occasion" theme apart from possibly (14). Perhaps we could think a little longer on this, in the meantime it would be of no harm for you to commission designs and this letter can be your authority to do so.

I wonder if a regular series of "Special Issues", say one every two years, covering these subjects, would be a viable proposition.

- (11) Fossils. This could tie in with recent B.A.S. publications on Godwanaland (as indicated in HI/1945, the release date would presumably have to be clear of the possible Treaty on Seals mentioned previously. It would be just a matter of deciding which comes first.
COULD YOU PLEASE SUBMIT DESIGNS.
- (7) Mammals. This would be more appropriate to South Georgia issues.

To sum up:-

1975 (December) possibly:-
Treaty on Conservation of Antarctic Seals. (See alternative 1976).
Fossils, (Continental Drift).

1976:-
First Anniversary of Treaty on Conservation of Antarctic Seals.

1977:-
Silver Jubilee.

1979:-
New Definitive, (possibly covering your (2), (3), (4), (5), (8), (9), (10), (11) Fossils).

It has been mentioned loosely at meetings and in conversations that the Territory could participate in two issues a year. Apart from the difficulties mentioned earlier in my letter, (in connection with a winter issue), the only way the Territory could participate in two issues a year are January through to March, and November through to December. In practice this is not possible as late ship arrivals etc., would cause issues on the end of one year to run over into the new year. The other practical effect is that of two issues in the same Antarctic relief season, the Antarctic Post Offices find it difficult enough to cope with one issue in the relief season let alone two.


Yours faithfully,

E.C.J. Clapp,
Sub-Accountant
British Antarctic Territory.

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Our  H1D/1618P
Your ref

Date 3 December 1974



[The Chief Secretary
The Secretariat
Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS]

Dear Sir

STAMP PROGRAMME

We refer to our letter reference H1/1945 of 17 October in connection with your stamp issue programme for the years 1975/78.

2 At the present time all United Kingdom, and indeed overseas, printing houses are becoming fully booked for 1975. In fact, the current delivery period being quoted for a commemorative issue contract placed in November 1974 is March/April 1975 (4 months).

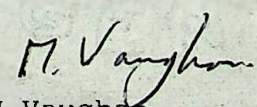
3 We feel, therefore, that we must stress the urgency of the situation as issues for 1975 should either be in the hands of the requisite printer or at least be at finished artwork stage.

X 4 In view of this present print situation we would be grateful to hear from you in connection with the suggested 1975/76 stamp issues. With regard to 1975 issues we would suggest that the tenders are adjudicated in this office on your behalf and the orders placed with the printer offering the best delivery and price.

5 Turning to 1977 stamp issues, although this is technically two years hence it is not too soon to start design work and in view of this it would be appreciated for your approval in principle of the 'Telephone Link' issue.

6 We look forward to hearing from you in this connection as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully



M Vaughan
for the Crown Agents



JMV/AO

18th December 74

Dear Sir,

Stamp Issuing Policy

I write in reply to your very helpful letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor: your suggestions and opinions have been read with interest.

2. I note that the proposals have all been agreed in principle with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The replies to the points raised are given below seriatim.

1. I note that the Foreign and Commonwealth office wish to separate South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory from the Falkland Islands so far as stamps are concerned. This will be somewhat restrictive but I will keep it in mind.

2. Although the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has approved a maximum of four issues a year for the Falkland Islands I doubt if we shall ever need to make use of this other than in exceptional circumstances. As regards the maximum of two issues per year for South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory it is also extremely unlikely that we shall reach this level in view of the difficulties of getting stamps to South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory.

3. Turning to the Falkland Island proposed stamp programme I have the following comments:-

1975 Coinage

Please see my recent letter no. PAT/2/17 of 13th December 1974

Wool Industry

Strange as it may seem in a wool producing country, we are having difficulties in obtaining suitable material for this and have had to commission a photographer to take photographs of various aspects of the industry such as sheep shearing. The late submission of material may well result in a delay of this issue until later in 1975 but this will not be an inconvenience; from the fiscal point of view it may well be better as it will fall within our next financial year, commencing on 1st July.

Heraldic Arms

We would appreciate further information on the subject of the Heraldic Issue particularly how this would be received and whether it is a popular theme. As an alternative we have in mind an Historical Issue which would depict the early settlements at Port Louis, Keppel Island etc. This subject could replace the Heraldic Issue or be used if the 1976 Airport Issue had to be deferred because of delays in completing the airport.

1976

Plans are in hand for a Definitive issue which will depict those ships which carried mail in and around these waters. I am writing separately on this subject.

Conservation

I think that this issue should feature the Nature Reserves of the Falklands.

Airport Opening

This is very much in our minds and preliminary thinking is that the airport may not take so long to complete as has been thought. We look forward to the receipt of designs. In view of the possibilities of a Silver Jubilee Issue it would seem appropriate to hold over featuring Her Majesty the Queen until the Silver Jubilee Issue but we would not wish to rule out the possibility of depicting Her Majesty in the Airport Issue.

1977

We should most certainly wish to participate in commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Accession to the throne of Her Majesty the Queen. We will have a look at the material available locally and see if there is anything suitable.

10th Anniversary of Telephone Link

By itself it is thought that this is a bit weak but if it could be expanded into a telecommunications issue, it could embrace the 60th Anniversary of the opening of Fox Bay radio station (which falls in 1977) and still depict the telephone service. It might perhaps depict the old and the new telecommunications.

4. The difficulties of getting stamps and covers in and out of South Georgia during the short summer season has proved a problem for years and for this and other reasons it is considered that there should be no more than one commemorative issue a year. The present Churchill Issue is a case in point as this has had to be postponed from 30th November until some time in January 1975 because the stamps and covers failed to arrive in time to connect the first shipping opportunity.

New Definitive Issue

It was agreed some time ago that the Definitive issues of the three stamp-issuing territories should be kept apart i.e. if the Colony's definitive issue is released in 1976 then South Georgia should not have a definitive issue in the same year. There appears to be every reason to continue with this policy and the South Georgia Definitive should be deferred one year. The subject of Ice Crystals would be more appropriate to the British Antarctic Territory and so would the

subject of Seals in connection with the Ratification of Seals Conservation Treaty. This means that the South Georgia stamp programme will be:-

1975	Cook Bicentenary
1976	50th Anniversary of Initiation of Discovery Investigations. A subject to be decided.
1977	New Definitive Silver Jubilee

5. British Antarctic Territory

The programme as set out in your letter is in order except that, as British Antarctic Territory only recently issued a new definitive, a change of definitive is not warranted in 1977 and should be deferred.

Yours faithfully,

A.J.P. Monk
CHIEF SECRETARY

CROWN AGENTS FOR OVERSEAS
GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS
H Division
St Nicholas House
Buxton
Surrey

c.c. Officer in Charge
British Antarctic Survey

Post Master

DCS

This morning Ian Strange showed me two drawings he had done of birds of the Falklands and these have been issued in a limited edition of 250: the detail and colouring are of a very high standard indeed and will sell extremely well in the art galleries in England.

2. When discussing wild life generally with Mr Strange I mentioned to him he might like to consider themes for the future stamp issues. He said he had already given some thought to this and one idea he had was to produce a set of four stamps which would give a composite picture of wild life but, when divided into four, each would be separate on its own: this has its attractions particularly if we are going to issue souvenier sheets.

3. I have said I would let you know the position and perhaps you may like to discuss it with him some time.

E G Lewis

19th December, 1974

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Note: Mr Strange is submitting ideas on above question of a stamp issue featuring his drawings
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9th February

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Crown Agents for Overseas
Governments and Administrations
H Division,
St. Nicholas House,
Sutton, Surrey.

Dear Sirs,

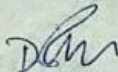
Stamp Programme -97

Please refer to your letter BID/1618P of 3 December, 1974. I note the difficult position regarding the printing of stamps and hope that this will not hold up any of our issues.

2. My letter of 18 December sets out the position regarding our future programme up to 1977.

3. With regard to paragraph 4 of your letter we would prefer to continue the policy of deciding on the firm to undertake the printing, and if you send a telegram with the particulars of the tenders I will see that a quick reply is sent.

Yours faithfully,



D. R. Morrison
for Chief Secretary

cc Postmaster

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SAVING TELEGRAM

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands
To: The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Date: 20th January 1975
No: 9 SAVING COLONY - Reply (100)

My saving telegram 30 of 14th June 1973 and your Saving Telegram No 13 of 19th July 1973.

The following revised stamp programme up to 1977 is submitted for approval. Most of the earlier issues have been approved but as the release dates in some cases have been revised, it is considered advisable to submit an up to date programme.

A. FALKLAND ISLANDS

- 1975 Coingge Issue. Short set
Wool Industry Issue. Short set
Heraldic Issue. Short set
- 1976 Opening of permanent aerodrome. Short set
New Definitive Issue. (Ships)
Conservation theme. Short Set.
- 1977 Silver Jubilee. Short Set
Telecommunications. Short Set

B. SOUTH GEORGIA

- ~~1975~~ Cook Bicentenary. Short Set
- 1976 50th anniversary of Initiation of Discovery Committee Investigations. Short set.
- 1977 New Definitive
Silver Jubilee. Short set

C. BRITISH ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

- 1975 Treaty on conservation of Antarctic Seals; or
- 1976 First Anniversary of Treaty on Conservation of Antarctic Seals. Short set
- 1975 Gondwanaland. Short set - Definitive
- 1977 Silver Jubilee. Short set

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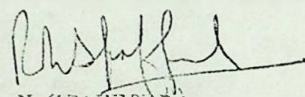
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FALKLAND ISLANDS STAMPS

PROPOSED COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES FOR THE PERIOD 1975 - 1979

It is suggested that the following list of anniversaries concerned with the Falkland Islands are ideal subjects for consideration as Commemorative Stamp Issues for the Falkland Islands. An attempt has been made to suggest subjects based on up to four Commemorative Issues per year and the idea has been borne in mind throughout, that these issues should seek to publicise the history and the way of life of the Islands, through the hobby of Stamp Collecting. It is suggested that all the issues proposed have appeal to Thematic Collectors as well as to those philatelists specialising in the stamps of the Falkland Islands. It is hoped that the adoption of these suggested issues or some such similar issues will obviate the need for the Falkland Islands Government to take part in meaningless "Omnibus Issues", except on important Royal Occasions; at the same time it is pointed out that serious philatelists do not like or approve of such sales gimmicks as Miniature or Souvenir Sheets, which are designed solely to increase the Post Office revenue at the expense of the Collector and to the detriment of the hobby.


(R.N. SPAFFORD)

30 JANUARY 1975

RESEARCH CO-ORDINATOR, THE FALKLAND ISLANDS PHILATELIC STUDY GROUP & EDITOR
'THE UPLAND GOOSE'.

1. DISCOVERY COMMITTEE SHIPS

1975 is the 50th. Anniversary of the purchase of the first of the Discovery Committee ships 'DISCOVERY' by the then newly formed Discovery Committee, whose expeditions were based on the Falkland Islands. The 'DISCOVERY' was also registered at Port Stanley in 1925, as were subsequently all the other ships. "Discovery Investigations", as the Discovery Committee's expeditions were called comprised thirteen separate voyages to the Antarctic, lasting over one or two seasons each, including several circumnavigations of the Continent.

It is suggested that the issue should consist of three stamps featuring all three ships owned by the Discovery Committee. Presumably the precise date of registration of 'DISCOVERY' at Port Stanley can be found from the shipping records there or from Lloyds Register of Shipping.

- a. R.R.S.DISCOVERY (A wooden auxiliary barque of 736 tons gross; built at Dundee, and launched by Lady Markham on 21st. March 1901; registered tonnage 485, length 172 feet, breadth 34 feet.) In 1925 Captain Scott's old ship H.M.S. Discovery was purchased and refitted as a deep sea research vessel to carry out studies of the environment and food supply of whales and also to make hydrographic surveys. In that year the first expedition took place under the leadership of Dr. Stanley Kemp and by April 1927, nearly 1,700 whales had been examined. In 1928 she was taken over for the British, Australian and New Zealand Antarctic Expedition (1929 - 31). She was replaced by the Committee in 1929 and now lies on the Thames beside the Embankment, London.

Source Photos: Major R.N. Spafford has a photograph available of Discovery at the Falkland Islands of this period and photos of the ship at this period are available from the National Institute of Oceanography.

- b. R.R.S.WILLIAM SCORESBY (324 tons gross)
In 1926 the ship Discovery was joined by R.R.S. William Scoresby, which carried a commercial otter trawl and equipment for limited oceanographical work; she incorporated some of the features of a whaler and some of a trawler. From 1929 - 30 she acted as base ship for Sir Hubert Wilkins' air reconnaissance of North West Grahamland and Bollinghausen Sea (Hubert Wilkins 2nd. expedition). From 1939, she was on charter from the Discovery Committee to the Ministry of Transport, and as H.M.S. William Scoresby took part in the British naval expedition "Operation Tabarin I & II" (1943 - 45), when the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey Bases were established, and in the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey Expedition from 1945 - 46.

Source Photos: Different photos. are available from the British Antarctic Survey, London and from the National Institute of Oceanography.

- c. R.R.S.DISCOVERY II (An oil burning steamship of 1,036 tons gross with some protection against ice and a maximum cruising range of 10,000 miles.)
In 1929, the old 'Discovery' was replaced by the new and more powerful steel ship Discovery II, which was especially designed for oceanographic research. Including chemical and biological laboratories, all normal operations were provided for, and spares were carried to allow for prolonged and intensive work.

In 1939 she was on charter from the Discovery Committee to the Ministry of Transport, but resumed work for the National Institute of Oceanography from 1950.

(In 1949 the Discovery Investigations were amalgamated with the now National Institute of Oceanography and both ships transferred to that body which exists today.

Source Photos: National Institute of Oceanography.

2. 25TH. ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE NEW TOWN HALL AND POST OFFICE (24th. May)

It is suggested that the issue comprise two stamps: the first featuring the old Town Hall/Post Office, and the second featuring the new building.

a. THE ORIGINAL TOWN HALL/POST OFFICE.

The old Town Hall, which housed the Post Office, in use from 1917 and completed in 1918, was totally demolished by fire on 16th. April 1944. With the Post Office, perished the entire postal records of the Colony. Mails immediately following were cancelled with damaged 'handstamps', which impressions are much sort after by philatelists, and new cancelling handstamps had to be provided. This was an historic event in Falkland Islands philately.

b. THE NEW TOWN HALL/POST OFFICE.

On 24th. May 1950, the new Town Hall was formally opened. Besides the Post Office, located on the ground floor, it contains the Legislative Council Chamber, Supreme Court, the Museum and the Library as well as a Dance Hall, Stage etc. The new Post Office, being only one of two in the Falkland Islands is of intense interest to philatelists. No one should worry that either building is not particularly beautiful architecturally. This is quite immaterial.

Source Photos: Major R.N.Spafford has a large photo print of the old post office, but no doubt photographs of both can be obtained from Stanley.

3. 50TH. ANNIVERSARY OF GRANTING OF THE 1ST. ARMS TO THE COLONY (16th. October)

It is suggested that the issue consist of three stamps based on the three Badges/Arms in use throughout the Colony's history to date; all to be printed in full correct heraldic colours.

a. THE ORIGINAL PUBLIC SEAL AND BADGE

Known to have been in use from as early as 1846, the badge, used on the Public Seal and Flag consisted of a Bullock Triumphant, standing in pasture of Tussock Grass, backgrounded by an estuary on which sails a nineteenth century ship against distant hills.

Source Designs: Major R.N.Spafford has a photocopy of the design, and believes he knows from where he could obtain a coloured print.

b. 1ST. ARMORIAL BEARINGS

These were officially granted to the Colony by H.M.King George V in a Royal Warrant dated 16th. October 1925. They are described as follows: 'Per bend Azure and Cr, sinister a representation of the ship 'Desire' dimidiated and issuant Argent Flag and Pennon charged with Cross Gules and dexter a Sea Lion proper, with the Motto 'Desire the Right'. It is said that the motto is a punning allusion to the discovery of the Islands by John Davis in the ship 'Desire' and to the Southern 'Right' Whale, which inhabits these waters. These armorial bearings are also the cap badge and collar dogs of the Falkland Islands Defence Force

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Source Designs: Major R.M.Spafford has a coloured sketch and a photocopy of the design.

c. PRESENT ARMORIAL BEARINGS

These were officially granted to the Colony by H.M. King George VI. in December 1948. They are described as follows: 'Per Fesse wavy Azure and Argent in chief a hornless Ram statant upon Turfed Grass Issuant proper and in base two bars wavy of the first surmounted by a representation of the ship 'Desire' Or the flag and pennons charged with a Cross and the Mainsail with five Estoiles Gules. with the Motto 'Desire the Right'.

Source Designs: Major R.M.Spafford has a coloured sketch, the Colonial Office was issued with an official copy. No doubt the Falkland Islands can supply ample copies.

The fact that the 1st and present arms have already appeared on stamps more than once, as parts of other sets, would not in any way deter philatelists from collecting such a new issue. The Public Seal and Badge has never appeared on a stamp, and the three together, would make for a very collectable set, attractive, colourful and full of historic interest.

4. Two Centenaries in 1975:- THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRE SERVICE

It is suggested that two stamps, one commemorating each event, should be issued simultaneously as a set. (November)

a. ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The first Roman Catholic priest, the Reverend James Foran, of the Diocese of Hexam and Newcastle arrived in the Islands in November 1875. Previously the Roman Catholic population had been served by the Church of England Chaplains for weddings and burials and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Buenos Aires had allowed a visit by a priest to the Islands every seven years. In 1873, the first Roman Catholic Church, a chapel to seat 120 people was opened in Dean Street and was moved to its present site in Ross Road in 1900. About 20% of the population are Roman Catholics.

It is suggested that the stamp should feature St. Mary's Church.

b. THE FIRE SERVICE

Operated by the Police Force, the first fire engine was purchased through Messrs. Dean Bros. for £295.16s.8d. In 1898, a new fire engine, a Merryweather & Sons double cylinder vertical steam fire engine, the 'Gem of the Tournament' was obtained. In 1971, the Stanley Fire Service was re-equipped with six Coventry Climax fire pumps.

It is suggested that the stamp should feature the 'Gem of the Tournament' fire engine. There may, however, be a case for an issue of three stamps: i. The first fire engine. ii. Gem of the Tournament. iii. Coventry Climax fire pumps in action being manned by the Police.

This set would satisfy at least two themes much collected: 'Police' and 'Fire Engines'.

1. VISIT OF H.M.S. CHALLENGER TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

23rd? or 24th? Jan

In 1872, the corvette H.M.S. Challenger, skipper Captain George Nares (later Sir George), sailed from Portsmouth on a journey, that was to circum-navigate the World, covering 68,000 nautical miles and lasting 1000 days. The voyage was a pioneer expedition of immense importance from a scientific point of view, alone. 1976 is the Centenary of her visit to the Falkland Islands and she landed in January on either the 23rd. or 24th.?

An issue of three stamps is suggested. The book 'The Voyage of the Challenger', by Eric Linklater, published by John Murray in 1972, contains a wonderful selection of illustrations from which suitable designs could be selected, including a sketch of Stanley made by one of the ships company at the time and used to illustrate 'The Report'. Major R.N. Spafford can provide a copy of the book if necessary.

2. OPENING OF THE PERMANENT AIRFIELD AT CAPE PEMROKE

The Airfield, now under construction is due to be completed during 1976 and should offer an excellent opportunity for an issue of stamps to mark this most important event. This is the largest scheme ever financed by the British Government in the Falkland Islands, and of course it will be an event of the greatest magnitude to those interested in the mails and philately. An issue of three stamps is suggested illustrating the various stages of construction up to near completion. Suitable photographs for designs should be taken now in the Falkland Islands, during construction. It is assumed that special first flight covers will be available together with a special postmark. Sales should be especially good in view of the large and growing interest in Aero-Philately, which now has it's own International Exhibitions.

3. 125TH. ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY

January or April.

In January 1851, a Committee was appointed to form a Company for the purchase of the rights and interests in the Islands of Samuel Fisher Lafone and interests in certain vessels. On 24th. April 1851, a preliminary meeting of the Falkland Islands Company was held. The Company was incorporated in 1851 having taken over the business on 1st. January 1851 and received it's Charter on 10th. January 1852. The subsequent importance of the Falkland Islands Company to the Islands and their development is well known and need not be detailed here. Further details about the Company and it's many activities can be obtained from the Company itself, who should be fully consulted about the designs for the stamp issue.

It is suggested that a set of three or four stamps be issued and which might include some of the following subjects:

- a. The Company's Coat of Arms, which is most attractive.
- b. The Company Charter.
- c. The Company's premises at Stanley.
- d. View of one of the Company's farms.
- e. Portrait of Samuel Fisher Lafone: after whom Lafonia, the southern half of East Falkland is called.
- f. Portrait of F.E. Cobb.
- g. Map of the Colony showing Falkland Islands Company property.

Source Designs can all be obtained from the Falkland Islands Company Ltd.
94A Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7QY.

1. H.M. THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE

6th. February

It is accepted that the Falkland Islands will take part in a worthy Omnibus Issue in this case. It is suggested that the frame of the stamps should incorporate some feature of the Islands, in similar style as the Royal Wedding Issue of 1972.

2. 50TH. ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNVEILING OF THE BATTLE MEMORIAL 26th. February

The Memorial, designed by Mr Frank Ransome and erected by public subscription was unveiled on 26th. February 1927 by Lt. Col. A.E. Beattie C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C., the Colonial Secretary and Officer Administering the Government. The Rt. Revd. N.S. de Jersey D.D., a very popular Bishop of the Falkland Islands officiated at the ceremony at which a landing party of sailors and Royal Marines from H.M.S. Caretown and the Falkland Islands Defence Force formed a Military Parade and Honour Guard.

A set of three stamps is suggested as follows:

a. THE BATTLE MEMORIAL

The Battle viewed looking towards the North East with the town of Stanley in the background. This view of the Memorial has never been featured on stamps.

b. THE INSCRIPTION ON THE BATTLE MEMORIAL

Shown as a photograph of the plaque alone, filling the whole stamp.

c. UNVEILING CEREMONY ON 26TH. FEBRUARY 1927

Source Photos: Photographs of a. & b. could be taken locally. Major R.N. Spafford has 2 different photos of the unveiling ceremony.

3.A. 25TH. ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST DIRECT AIR FLIGHT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

28th. April

The first direct flight to the Falkland Islands was made by Aquilla Airways with their Hudson flying boat G-AGJN. The flying boat carrying mail and passengers departed from Southampton water just after midnight on 21st. April 1952. Flying via Madiera, the Cape Verde Islands, Brazil and Montevideo, it arrived at Stanley Harbour on the afternoon of 28th. April. The return trip left Stanley with mail at midday on 2nd. May and the flying boat arrived back at Southampton by 8th. May. A special cancellation was used for the mail brought back to England and also specially printed Aerogrammes were used. It is suggested that there be a set of three stamps as follows:

a. HUDSON FLYING BOAT OVER AN AERIAL VIEW OF STANLEYb. MAP OF THE ROUTE

A map of the route from Southampton, via Madiera, Cape Verde Islands, Brazil and Montevideo to the Falkland Islands.

c. FIRST FLIGHT CANCELIATION

A reproduction of the special postmark used or a reduced reproduction of the special Aerogramme used including the special postmark.

Source Designs:

- Could easily be constructed from one of the aerial views of Stanley available with a Hudson aircraft superimposed.
- Could be easily drawn.
- Major R.N. Spafford can provide.

OR

3.B. FIRST OVERSEAS AIRMAIL FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

2nd. May

This is an alternative suggestion to 3A; similar designs for the stamps could be used as suggested above.

Sales should be especially good in view of the large and growing interest in Aerophilately.

4. 130TH. ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTRODUCTION OF SHEEP TO THE COLONY

any suitable date.

The chief industry of the Colony, Sheep Farming, on which half the population are employed, has never been featured on stamps in it's own right. It deserves to be. What better year for this subject to be featured than 1977, which is the 130th. Anniversary of one of, ~~67~~ maybe the first attempt to farm sheep seriously in the Islands. There could be some dispute about which was the first serious attempt to farm sheep, but, although from 1840. some unsuccessful experiments had been made to raise sheep as part of mixed farming ventures, Capt. R.C.Packe in 1847, took a lease on farming land on East Falkland and imported a number of sheep together with the first trained shepherd in the Islands. It is suggested that there should be a series of 8 stamps, illustrating the different breeds, which have contributed to the present flocks found today in the Islands.

- a. ENGLISH SOUTHDOWN RAM)
- b. ENGLISH LONGHAIRRED LEICESTER RAM *) The first breeds introduced.
- c. ENGLISH CHEVIOT RAM
The predominant strain at the end of the 19th. Century.
- d. NEW ZEALAND ROMNEY RAM
First introduced to the Islands at the turn of the Century and the predominant strain for many years.
- e. ENGLISH LINCOLN RAM *
Used to develop the crossbred Corriedale
- f. MERINO EWE * Used to develop the crossbred Corriedale
- g. NEW ZEALAND CORRIEDALE
The Corriedale was established in New Zealand by mating Lincoln* and Leicester*Rams to Merino*Ewes, and inter-breeding the cross
- h. FALKLAND ISLANDS SHEEP (RAM OR EWE)
Atypical Falkland Islands present day sheep with full wool.

Source Designs: Apart from the present day Falkland Islands sheep, Major R.N.Spafford is able to provide a selection of good photographic sources and photographs to cover all the breeds listed above

It may be felt that perhaps this is a subject ^{better} left for a later full issue of Definitive Stamps. There are other breeds that could be included and it might be thought a good idea to include some designs featuring wool and its production.

5. Alternative Anniversaries which could be celebrated

- a. 50th. Anniversary of the establishment of the Telephone and Telegraph Service.
- b. 30th. Anniversary of the establishment of the Town Council in Stanley.

This year has few important anniversaries of old historic importance except for the Centenary of the First Issue of Postage Stamps. However there are some anniversaries of more recent events, which in the light of the political situation can be assessed nearer the time, which may be worthy of celebrating through special issues of commemorative stamps.

1. CENTENARY OF THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMPS IN THE COLONY 19th. June

On 19th. June 1878, the first postage stamps were put on sale in the Colony. There were two values 1d. Claret and 6d. Blue-green. At sometime during the Autumn a third value 1s. Bistre-brown was issued and a fourth value 4d. Grey-black added in 1879. 20,000 of each value were issued and there was only the one printing of this set.

Previous to this time handstruck "Paid" stamps, commonly known as the "Franks" were applied at the Colonial Post Office before despatch of pre-paid mail. There is some conjecture about the date of the first use of the "Black Frank", but this was replaced by the "Red Frank" at some time between August and 15th. November 1876. It is suggested that the designs of the issue should be similar in format to those of the Jamaica 1971 Tercentenary of the Post Office Establishment Issue and should be of four stamps. Apart from the intense interest of the Falkland Islands specialist philatelists, such an issue will satisfy the desires of thematic collectors of 'Stamps on Stamps'.

a. THE BLACK FRANK ON COVER

Some 40 examples of the Black Frank on cover are known, the earliest being postmarked at Stanley on 4th. January 1869 and initialled by the Governor Sir W.C.F. Robinson; the last known was sent from Stanley in about August 1876. These covers are much sort after, being amongst the best known Falkland Islands philatelic material. The current market price, which has been rising rapidly of late is around £1,500 (as at 1974).

b. THE RED FRANK ON COVER

Some 23 examples of the Red Frank on Cover are known, the earliest being addressed to Alresford, Hampshire and post-marked at Stanley on 15th. November 1876, and the latest being addressed to James Aldron at Wallingford, Berkshire on 13th. May 1878. The current market price for such covers is now around £2,500 (as at 1974).

c. THE 1d. CLARET

20,000 of these stamps, featuring ~~HERBERT BOURNE'S~~ the engraver Herbert Bourne's head of Queen Victoria, were printed and are now valued at £35 mint and £38 used. On cover they would be worth hundreds of pounds. The outer frame of this very attractive stamp was designed with the use of a Pantograph and recess printed by Messrs. Bradbury Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. Herbert Bourne's head of Queen Victoria was also used on the stamps of the Transvaal, the Revenue Stamps of Griqualand West and the Peer Tax Stamps of Tasmania.

d. THE 6d. BLUE GREEN

20,000 of these stamps were also produced at the same time as the 1d. Claret. There are collectors of Falkland Islands stamps, who specialise solely in the Queen Victoria issues, which all carry similar designs, entirely because of their aesthetic beauty.

Source Designs: Major R.N. Spafford can provide an example of the 'Black Frank' on cover and of the 1d. and 6d. stamps.

He can provide some excellent colour photographs of examples of the 'Red Frank' on cover

The only other events which have old historic events this year are

- a. 100 th. Anniversary of the First Peat Slip at Stanley. This was not so disastrous as the second one some years later.
- b. 50th. Anniversary of the Founding of the Falkland Islands & Dependencies Sealing Company. This is now defunct and to celebrate such an anniversary might find ill favour with the conservationists.

More modern anniversaries which it may be thought more worth while to commemorate are as follows:

2. 21ST. ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISIT OF H.R.H. PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH, 7th.-9th. January

On 7th., 8th., and 9th. January 1957, His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, visited the Colony. Arriving on the Royal Yacht Britannia, accompanied by H.M.S. Protector, he landed at Stanley Harbour, receiving a hearty welcome from the Islanders, many of whom had travelled in especially from the Camp. His Royal Highness visited both East and West Falkland touring settlements as well as carrying out many engagements in Stanley. This was the first time that a member of the Royal Family had visited the Islands since 1871.

It is suggested that there be 2 stamps:

- a. THE ROYAL YACHT BRITANNIA SAILING OUTSIDE STANLEY HARBOUR
- b. PORTRAIT OF H.R.H. PRINCE PHILIP

3. 10TH. ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE March.

The Falkland Islands Committee was formed in London in March 1968, with the object of assisting the Islanders to make known in Britain their views on the questions of their future and the sovereignty of the Islands.

4. 10TH. ANNIVERSARY OF "KEEP THE FALKLANDS BRITISH"

2nd. October

The year 1968 is likely to be remembered in the Falkland Islands as one of political activity quite outside the normal experience of the Colony. On 2nd October 1968, an unprecedented gathering of the inhabitants of Stanley took place on Arch Green in affirmation of their very strong desire to "Keep the Falklands British". This demonstration was orderly and impressive. It is suggested that one stamp be issued featuring the scene on Arch Green, of which many photographs exist.

5. 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VISIT OF LORD CHALFONT

23rd. November

On 23rd. November 1968, Lord Chalfont, the first British Minister ever to visit the Colony, arrived accompanied by Sir Arthur Galsworthy and Mr Diggins of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The object of Lord Chalfont's visit was to explain Her Majesty's Government's policy and to learn the views of the Falkland Islanders at first hand. Following Lord Chalfont's return to London, the Secretary of State, the Rt. Hon. Michael Stewart gave an explicit assurance that Her Majesty's Government would not transfer sovereignty against the wishes of the Falkland Islanders.

It is suggested that one stamp be issued showing the patriotic scenes greeting Lord Chalfont.

Stamps featuring the anniversaries in 3, 4 and 5 above could be combined into one set of three stamps, issued on the same day.

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FOR OVERSEA GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS

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SUTTON

SURREY



Our ref H1D/1618P

Your ref

Date 6 February 1975

Chief Secretary
The Secretariat
Stanley
FALKLAND ISLANDS
SOUTH ATLANTIC

Dear Sir

STAMP PROGRAMME

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Further to our recent correspondence culminating in your letter of 18 December, I now enclose copy of further stamp issuing suggestions provided by Major Spafford of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group.

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As you can see from the suggestions some of these were already included in our letter of 17 October, but I feel sure that you will wish to give all the issues mentioned some serious thought.

I look forward to hearing from you in connection with these ideas in the near future.

Yours faithfully

M Vaughan
for the Crown Agents

JMV/HLE

Enter, record + b/v

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From:

J. E. COMBEN, O.B.E.

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15th February 1975

A. J. P. Monk Esq.,
Chief Secretary,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Monk,

P & T 7/1

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In my letter of 11th November I referred to Major Spafford's enthusiastic preparation of a list of occasions for commemorative stamp issues. He has now sent me two copies of the of the instalment mentioned in my second paragraph. I enclose one of them for your use.

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*yours,
John Comben*

PMT/7/1

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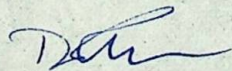
6th March

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Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 15th February and thank you for Major Spafford's proposals for stamp issues.

Yours faithfully,



(D. R. Morrison)
for CHIEF SECRETARY

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SAVING TELEGRAM



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BY BAG

FROM F C O

UNCLASSIFIED

TO PORT STANLEY TELNO 3 SAVING OF 26 FEBRUARY 1975

Your Saving telno ~~30~~⁹ Revised Stamp Programme.

The Stamp Programme up to 1977 as proposed is approved in principle. Crown Agents informed

Callaghan

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Revised
Programme.
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STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Secretariat on Friday the 21st February, 1975.

Present: Chief Secretary,
Financial Secretary,
Deputy Chief Secretary,
Postmaster.

Coinage Issue The design of the First Day Cover was considered suitable, but it was thought the actual size of the cover rather small for 5 stamps. Financial Secretary was to contact Mr. Comben regarding progress with the coins, and if stamps and coins are to be issued seperately the Crown Agents were to be asked to increase the size of the First Day Cover.

Wool Industry Issue Postmaster reported that, in accordance with the minutes of the last meeting, he had written to Mr. Hardcastle and Mr. Hadden. Hadden had agreed to take suitable photographs, but to date nothing has materialized, although Postmaster has spoken to him a number of times. Chief Secretary suggested that a local artist could perhaps be asked to produce some suitable designs and it was agreed to ask Mr. M. Peake if he would prepare some paintings of the required subjects.

Heraldic Issue All agreed that the Colony Badge, prior to 1925, should be included in this issue. After a short discussion it was decided that all four crests should be portrayed in an issue of this nature.

Silver Jubilee Issue A design committee was currently selecting suitable material from photographs of Prince Philip's visit to the colony in 1957. The second stamp of this issue would depict a scene from the Coronation Ceremony.

Definitive Issue - Artists Name It was decided to discuss this matter at a future meeting.

Urch Harris Project Chief Secretary advised the meeting that Mr. Comben was in favour of Urch Harris taking over the advertising agency for our stamps. Copies of all correspondence have been submitted to F.C.O. for their comments.

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STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE



Meeting to be held at Secretariate on TUESDAY
the 22nd April at 2.30 p.m.

A G E N D A

Minutes of Meeting of 21st February, 1975

Forthcoming Stamp Issues:

- Colony - Coinage
 - Wool Industry
 - Airfield
 - Definitive
 - Silver Jubilee

- B. A. T. - Gondwandaland
 - Seals
 - Whales

Artists name on locally designed stamps

First Day Cover - Bulk supplies to Overseas Clients

Any other business - S.G. Definitive file
S.G./2/AS.

Mrs Booth to note pl.

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Mrs. Booth has seen.

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Stamp Co-ordinating Committee

Meeting - 22nd April 2.30 p.m.

Agenda

Minutes of meeting of 21st Feb.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

- Colony Coinage
- wool industry
- Airfield
- Definitive
- Silver Jubilee

BAT Godwandaland

 Seals

 Whales

Artists' names on locally designed stamps

First day covers - bulk supplies to overseas clients

Any other business

STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE



Minutes of Meeting held at the Secretariat on 8th and 9th May, 1975.

Present: Deputy Chief Secretary
Financial Secretary
Postmaster
Ag. Postmaster

The Deputy Chief Secretary chaired the meeting as the Chief Secretary was indisposed.

Coinage and Heraldic Arms Issues. Nothing further was to hand from the Crown Agents regarding these issues, but it was thought that stamps etc. for one of the issues would have to be flown to the Colony to avoid a clash in release dates.

Wool Industry Issue. It was decided to ask Mr. Peake to prepare another painting of a 'gathering scene', bringing the sheep into the fore and the horseman into the background. His paintings would then be submitted to the Crown Agents for their artist to produce the required stamps. The wording - Falkland Islands, should be decreased in size. The values of this set should be 2p, 6p 8p and 16p or other relating postage rates.

Airfield Issue; If nothing was forthcoming from the Crown Agents during the next few weeks regarding the New Airfield Issue it was decided that Mr. Monk, Mr. H.L. Bound and the Ag. Postmaster should constitute a design committee. Suggested designs are:-

- (a) Cape Pembroke Peninsular showing the location of the Airfield.
- (b) A scene during construction of the Airfield
- (c) The completed Airfield
- (d) Her Majesty the Queen
- (e) Aircraft that would probably use the field

Definitive Issue. There was a lengthy discussion on the "Mail Ships" Definitive Issue regarding denominations, possibility of a £2 stamp, number of stamps forming the set, order of stamps in the set, size etc. It was agreed that the Postmaster should visit the Crown Agents during his forthcoming leave and discuss these matters. To give a wider choice of material John Smith was to be asked to produce a further painting - S.S. "Lafonia". On John Smith's suggestion it was agreed that a panel of Stanley residents should 'look over' the paintings before they were finally forwarded to the Crown Agents.

Silver Jubilee Issue. All agreed that the photograph of Prince Philip taken during his visit to the Stanley Race Course (suggested by the design committee) would be suitable for the local stamp in the Jubilee Issue.

Gondwandaland Issue. The Crown Agents suggestion that 'Gondwandaland' should be the theme for the next Definitive Issue was accepted by those present.

Seals Issue. The proofs of the 'Seals Issue' were well received and it was agreed that this issue should be the next BAT Commemorative in connection with the ratification of the Conservation of Seals Treaty. EXTRACTED
TO B.A.T. 1/2

Whales Issue. The 'Whale' proofs were also well received. It was thought that an issue of this nature should not follow too closely on the 'Seals Issue'. The proofs should therefore be kept in 'Cold Storage' for future use. EXTRACTED
TO B.A.T. 2

Artists Name. It was agreed that the Artists name should not at this stage appear on our stamp issues. EXTRACTED
TO P.T. 1/1

First Day Covers. Bulk supplies of First Day Covers. There was a general discussion on this matter. It was generally agreed that in certain circumstances FDCs should be sold in bulk to recognised agencies at a reduced rate. The advice of the Crown Agents was to be sought regarding minimum quantities supplied. EXTRACTED
TO
SG/2/9

Urch Harris Project. Deputy Chief Secretary advised the meeting that Government had decided, upon the advice of the FCO, not to pursue further the Urch Harris project. EXTRACTED
TO
P.T. 7/2

South Georgia Definitive Issue. No reply had been received from the Crown Agents to Chief Secretary's letter regarding the next South Georgia Definitive Issue. As this issue is some 2½ years distant it was decided to leave this matter for discussion at a future meeting. EXTRACTED
TO
SG/2/418

For record purposes it is recorded that this meeting adjourned after two hours discussion on the 8th May and re-convened for a further hour on the 9th May.



copy for
The Governor,
Falkland Is.

With the compliments of

COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS SECTION

(Miss N. Farrell)

[To connect up with the
copy of ~~Miss~~ Mr. Baxter's letter
of 14 November 1974 sent
earlier]

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Miss Johnson (COB)

Baxter

15/11
P. 9
NY 2/12

14th November, 1974

Dear Brian,

Thank you for your letter of 14th
November about the level at which British
Territories assume the prerogative of issuing
their own stamps.

I have laid your letter before The Queen,
who was interested to read it.

[Handwritten signature]

Bee Heald

B. J. Baxter, Esq.

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STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Secretariat on Wednesday the 25th June, 1975.

Present: Chief Secretary
Financial Secretary
Deputy Chief Secretary
Ag. Postmaster

EXTRACTED TO: - P+T/2/10
Coinage Issue. With new overseas postal rates shortly to be increased it was agreed that the following denominations should appear on the stamps of this issue. 2p, 5½p, 8p, 10p, and 16p. The Crown Agents to be notified and requested to forward half the issue by airfreight and the remainder by charter vessel unless the issue was delayed.

EXTRACTED TO: - P+T/2/19
Heraldic Arms. 2p, 7½p, 10p, and 16p were recommended as values for this issue starting with the original 'Flag Badge' at 2p the remainder in chronological order. The words 'Flag Badge to be inserted as a title on the 2p. stamp.

EXTRACTED TO: - P+T/2/15
Airfield Issue. On studying the Crown Agents letter it was agreed to appoint a Design Committee, members to be The Chief Secretary, Mr. H.L. Bound and the Ag. Postmaster. Suggestions already put forward being:-

Airport Building
Map of the Islands in relation to South America
Location of Airfield
Completed Airfield
Her Majesty the Queen
Aircraft that would use the Airfield.

EXTRACTED TO: - P+T/2/13
New Definite. This issue was discussed as Mr. John Smith had just completed the final ship in this series. It was agreed that Mr. Smith be allowed to photograph his pictures of the ships for record purposes only. Artists name not to appear on the stamps.

EXTRACTED TO: - B.A.T. 28
B.A.T. Definite. No decisions were taken on this issue.

TO: - B.A.T. 28
South Georgia. That latest correspondence was noted and it was decided to continue with the 50th Anniversary of the Initiation of Discovery Investigations (which has already been approved by the FCO) as the next South Georgia commemorative.

EXTRACTED TO: - SS/2/19 P+T/7/11
Sale of covers to Dealers. The Crown Agents advice was noted. Finally it was suggested that information be sought from the Crown Agents on what happens to designs etc. sent to them for the preparation of stamp issues, could this material be returned to the Colony?.

STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

P+T/7/11

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Minutes of Meeting held at the Secretariat on Wednesday the 25th June, 1975.

Present: Chief Secretary
Financial Secretary
Deputy Chief Secretary ✓
Ag. Postmaster



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- Map of the Islands in relation to South America
- Location of Airfield
- Completed Airfield
- Her Majesty the Queen
- Aircraft that would use the Airfield.

EXTRACTED TO P+T/2/13

New Definitive. This issue was discussed as Mr. John Smith had just completed the final ship in this series. It was agreed that Mr. Smith be allowed to photograph his pictures of the ships for record purposes only. Artists name not to appear on the stamps.

EXTRACTED TO 3A7 28

B.A.T. Definitive. No decisions were taken on this issue.

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SCS/2/9 P+T/7/1

Sale of covers to Dealers. The Crown Agents advice was noted.

Finally it was suggested that information be sought from the Crown Agents on what happens to designs etc. sent to them for the preparation of stamp issues; could this material be returned to the Colony?.

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Extract the last two items to files indicated
This copy wd be better on P+T/7/1?
R

DCS,
Extracts been made to relevant files.
Susan

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CROSS REFERENCE

FOLIO 114 REGARDING Material for Stamp

Designs - to CA from DCS 10.7.75

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STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Secretariat on 4th August, 1975

Present: Chief Secretary
Financial Secretary
Deputy Chief Secretary
Acting Postmaster

1. HERALDIC ARMS ✓ EXTRACTED TO P+T/2/19

As a result of the recommendation made by the Postmaster, Mr. Jaxton, it was agreed that the release date for this issue should be the 16th October, 1975, which is the anniversary of the date of the granting of the Colony's first coat of arms.

2. COINAGE ISSUE ✓ EXTRACTED TO P+T/2/17

As it was considered desirable to have the coinage issue in the same year as the release of the Falkland Islands coins for general circulation, it was agreed that the release date should be as far as possible away from the Heraldic issue, but not too close to Christmas. The date agreed upon was the 10th December, 1975.

3. AERODROME ISSUE ✓ EXTRACTED TO P+T/2/15

The Committee did not find it easy to decide on designs for this issue but taking into consideration the suggestions made at the previous meeting and by Mr. H. L. Bound, it was agreed to consider -

- a. a map of the Falklands in relation to South America;
- b. a map of the peninsula (site of the aerodrome)
- c. a map of the Falkland Islands;
- d. a picture of the construction of the aerodrome (from a photograph).

4. WOOL INDUSTRY ✓ EXTRACTED TO P+T/2/14

The artist's designs produced by the Crown Agents, based on the drawings of Mr. Peake, were considered by the Committee. It was decided to ask Mr. S. Miller, the sole resident member of the Design Committee, to have a look at the drawings to see if they were accurate in detail.

It was recommended to pay Mr. Peake an honorarium of £25 for the drawings on which this issue is based.

5. B.A.T. PENGUIN ISSUE ✓ EXTRACTED TO

The proofs submitted by the Crown Agents were viewed, and although the penguins were considered accurate in detail there was some doubt as to whether the Gentoo penguin inhabits the Antarctic. The background needs checking. It was decided that this issue should be looked at further with a view to linking it to a conservation theme for the three stamp-issuing territories.

D/w.

D/w

Action proceeding

D/w

Action taken

D/w

Stonehouse asked to check background etc.

6. SOUTH GEORGIA DEFINITIVE ISSUE ✓

EXTRACTED TO PTT/2 SG/2/4

It was agreed that the new South Georgia definitive issue should be a pictorial one. Some doubt arose as to the wisdom of accepting the offer of Crown Agents to obtain the services of Mr. Duncan Carse to provide material. It was decided to appoint a Design Committee under the Chairmanship of the Postmaster, with Mr. D. Borland, (a former resident of South Georgia) and one other member to be selected by the Postmaster.

D/w

7. 1. Consideration was also given to formulating ideas for the Colony's future stamp programme and it was agreed that the following action should be taken -

7. 2. 1977 Silver Jubilee ✓

EXTRACTED TO PTT/2/20

An enquiry was to be made of the Crown Agents regarding the progress of this issue.

D/w.

7. 3. Telecommunications ✓

EXTRACTED TO PTT/ ?

It was decided to appoint a Design Committee for this issue with the Postmaster as Chairman, and the Manager of Cable and Wireless and Mr. W. Roberts as member.

Appointed

7. 4. Early Settlements - Historical sites ✓

EXTRACTED TO PTT/

It was considered that this would form a suitable subject for a commemorative issue and research was to be undertaken to collect suitable material.

New file made

7. 5. 100th Anniversary of the first postage stamp in the Falkland Islands. ✓

EXTRACTED TO PTT/

This was also considered a suitable subject to be commemorated; appropriate material to be collected as soon as possible.

New file made

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CROSS REFERENCE

FOLIO 116 REGARDING material for Stamp

Designs - letter from CA 11.8.75

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STAMP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held at the Secretariat on Friday
22nd. August, 1975 at 3 p.m.

Agenda

Matters arising from previous meeting.

FDC- Heraldic and Coinage issues.
Wool Industry:- values and date of issue.
Forthcoming Issues :-

- Aerodrome —
- Conservation —
- Definitive —
- Silver Jubilee —
- Telecommunications

Materials held by C.A. from Stamp designs.
Any other business.

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STAMP ISSUES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Secretariat on 22nd August, 1975

Present: Chief Secretary (Chairman)
Financial Secretary (Member)
Deputy Chief Secretary (Member)
Acting Postmaster (Member)

Heraldic Arms and Coinage Issues

P+T/2/19 - P+T/2/17.

At the previous meeting the stamp values were agreed for the above issues but no prices were fixed for First Day Covers; it was agreed that the Heraldic Arms First Day Covers should be sold at 45p and the Coinage First Day Covers at 50p.

It was decided to ask the Crown Agents if our First Day Cover prices were economic bearing in mind the cost of envelopes, printing, labour etc.

Wool Industry Issue

P+T/2/14

The provisional release date for this issue to be 14th April, 1976 with the following denominations: 2p, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ p, 10p, 20p, and First Day Covers at 50p.

Colony Definitive

P+T/2/13

With reference to a recent letter received from Crown Agents on various methods and costs of producing stamps, it was decided to ask for quotations of full costs for the different methods of printing stamps.

Aerodrome Issue

P+T/2/15

It was agreed to ask Crown Agents for advice on abstract designs for this issue, as little progress had been made locally with ideas and designs.

Conservation Issue

P+T/2/26

Deputy Chief Secretary was already in contact with Mr. I. Strange in connection with this issue. It was also suggested to approach Mr. Harrow with a view to encouraging the school children to produce drawings on conservation.

Silver Jubilee Issue

P+T/2/20

Committee were waiting for further information from the Crown Agents.

Telecommunications Issue

P+T/2/23

Agreed to proceed with appointment of design committee for this issue.

Materials held by Crown Agents for Stamp Designs

It was decided to inform Crown Agents that no materials used by them for Stamp Designs had been returned to the Colony. Their reply to our previous letter was noted.

Any other business

P+T/1/11.

It was agreed that Government should seek suggestions from the public for ideas and designs for future issues of postage stamps.

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CROSS REFERENCE

FOLIO 120 REGARDING Stamp Design material
(Minute of Stamp meeting 22.8.75)

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Extracts made



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STAMP ISSUES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Secretariat on Friday
the 10th October, 1975.

Present: Chief Secretary
Financial Secretary
Deputy Chief Secretary
Postmaster

First Day Covers

Sg/24.

The Chief Secretary thought we should aim for a higher standard of First Day Cover - both in design and envelope quality.

Silver Jubilee Issue

P+T/2/20.

It was noted that no action had been taken regarding material for the B.A.T. and South Georgia Jubilee Issue. Postmaster was to enquire from BAS regarding photographs of Prince Phillip's visit to Bases and South Georgia.

Airfield Issue

P+T/2/15.

The Chief Secretary advised the meeting that the Official Opening of the Cape Pembroke Air Field would be in November, 1976. The designs submitted by Mike Peake were viewed. It was agreed to take no further action on this issue until a reply was received from the Crown Agents.

Conservation Issue

P+T/2/26

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Early Settlements

P+T/2/24.

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First Postage Stamps
and Franks

P+T/2/25.

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South Georgia
Discovery Issue

P+T/2/22.

It was agreed that the values for this issue should be: 5p, 7½p, 10p and 20p. These were all genuine postage rates. If possible we should submit designs for a First Day Cover - Postmaster has some ideas.

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Definitive Issue

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BAT/2/1

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P+T/7/11

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Stanley.

10th October, 1975.



Dear Sir,

With regard to your recent announcement for persons interested in being considered as members of a Stamp Design Committee, I should like to put my name forward for consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A. Peake.

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Ack pl

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Ack 23/10
CWS

P+T/7/11

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Stamp Co-ordinating Committee

Meeting to be held at the Secretariat on Thursday 27th
November at 3 p.m.

AGENDA

Arising from minutes

Silver Jubilee Issue
Airfield Issue
Conservation Issue
Early Settlements Issue
First Stamps Issue
Discovery Issue - South Georgia
South Georgia New Definitive Issue

Sheep Farming Issue
Colony New Definitive Issue
Letter from C/A re Ian Strange
Suggestion for future issues.

STAMP ISSUES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held at the Secretariat on Friday
the 10th October, 1975.

Present: Chief Secretary
Financial Secretary
Deputy Chief Secretary
Postmaster

First Day Covers

The Chief Secretary thought we should aim for a higher standard of First Day Cover - both in design and envelope quality.

Silver Jubilee Issue

It was noted that no action had been taken regarding material for the B.A.T. and South Georgia Jubilee Issue. Postmaster was to enquire from BAS regarding photographs of Prince Phillip's visit to Bases and South Georgia.

Airfield Issue

The Chief Secretary advised the meeting that the Official Opening of the Cape Pembroke Air Field would be in November, 1976. The designs submitted by Mike Peake were viewed. It was agreed to take no further action on this issue until a reply was received from the Crown Agents.

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Stamp Committee

Draft Minutes of Meeting held at the Secretariat on Thursday the 11th December, 1975.

Present: Chief Secretary
Financial Secretary
Deputy Chief Secretary
Postmaster

1. Arising from minutes of meeting held on 10th October, 1975.

1.1. Silver Jubilee Issue The Postmaster reported that BAS were unable to produce photographs of Prince Phillip's visit to British Antarctic Territory or South Georgia. Crown Agents should be asked to ~~make~~ ^{to} enquire from the Admiralty, The Palace and BAS Headquarters in Cambridge ^{for} regarding suitable material.

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Nature Reserves - (Postmaster to call for suitable material)
Kidney Island, Bird Island Jason Island etc.

BAT: Seals or Penguins
S.G.: Whales?

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~~And~~ Further information from Crown Agents is ^{awaited}.

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2 Sheep Farming Issue

Roughs of this issue have been received and the relevant comments submitted to Crown Agents. It was agreed to accept the Crown Agents design for the First Day Cover subject to modification of the shepherd's hat.

3 Colony New Definitive Issue

It was agreed that this issue should be printed by the Lithograph process as discussed with Postmaster and Mr. H. Davies of the Crown Agents. The following wording etc. should appear on the stamps in addition to the ships:

- (a) Her Majesty's Head
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- (d) Mail Vessel and date

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~~Advice also to be sought from the Crown Agents regarding 'framing' the subjects.~~ It was generally thought ^{an} that/unframed ~~subjects would~~ presentation would be better. ^{than an ornamental presentation} but advice was to be sought from the C-A ^{on this point} The ~~set~~ set to comprise a £2 stamp, the lowest value being the 1p denomination.

4 Suggestions for future issues

Various letters from the public regarding material for future issues had been circulated and it was thought the following might be useful for future stamp issues:

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