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POSTAL
(Stamps)
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SUBJECT.

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Sale of New Issues of Stamps.

21st March

Previous Paper.

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S of S. Despatch of 21st March 1922 ----- Eval (1)

*Y.S.
Submitted
2 The Postmaster to write for guidance?*

*ttttt 16/5/22
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16 May 1922*

*Cor. Postmaster
In note*

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Gen. Col. Sec.

*Noted accordingly.
M. Craigie Parkers
18.5.22*

Subsequent Paper.

~~CIRCULAR.~~



Downing Street,

21st March, 1922.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that my attention has been called to certain notices which appeared recently in two philatelic journals in regard to new issues of postage stamps to the effect that the stamps were on sale, a statement which was not in accordance with the facts.

2. In my opinion, with which the Postmaster General concurs, it is desirable to take steps to prevent the publication of such erroneous statements, which may be the cause of considerable inconvenience to Colonial Governments and the Crown Agents for the Colonies. Factors which may contribute towards premature announcements of this kind are the period which sometimes elapses between the printing of the stamps and their being placed on sale and the practice of the Crown Agents of supplying the General Post Office, at the time the new issue is forwarded to the Colony, with the specimens reserved for distribution to other Postal Administrations in accordance with the Postal Union Convention. I am therefore instructing the Crown Agents to defer despatching these specimens in future until the receipt of an intimation from the Colony that the new Stamps are to be placed on sale.

3. I have to request that arrangements may be made to ensure due notification to the Crown Agents of the date on which any new issue will be available to the public. The notification should be made by telegram in the event of it being necessary to place new stamps on sale at short notice, or by mail if the decision to use the stamps is arrived at in sufficient time before they are actually to be issued. It is desirable that the notice should reach the Crown Agents about a month in advance of the date chosen, in order that the distribution of the specimens may be effected as nearly as possible by that date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL,

The Officer Administering

The Government of