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OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

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Circular despatch from S. of S. 19 November, 1929.

*Colonial Postmaster.*

*To see  
G.H. B  
for C.S.  
5-2-30*

*How to be*

*seen  
L.A.B. 6/2/30*

*P.A.  
8/2/30*

Subsequent Paper.

CIRCULAR.



*Downing Street.*

*19th November, 1929.*

*Sir,*

*I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, the accompanying copies of correspondence with Mr. D. R. Armstrong on the subject of a public exhibition of postage stamps of the British Empire which it is proposed to hold in London during the winter of 1930-31.*

*2. After consulting the Postmaster-General, I do not consider that it is desirable that your Government should take any steps to furnish exhibits of stamps for display at this exhibition.*

*I have the honour to be,*

*Sir,*

*Your most obedient, humble servant,*

PASSFIELD.

*The Officer Administering  
the Government of*

Enclosure in Circular despatch dated 19th November, 1929.

THE VALLANCEY PRESS LIMITED,  
15, St. Bride Street,  
Ludgate Circus,  
London, E.C.4.

14th October, 1929.

Sir,

*Proposed Empire Stamp Exhibition.*

It is proposed to organise a public exhibition of postage stamps of the British Empire under the same auspices as the successful London Stamp Exhibition held last year. The Exhibition would take place in London some time during the winter of 1930-31, and would naturally attract entries from collectors of British Colonial stamps everywhere.

In order, however, to secure the maximum public interest in the undertaking, it is desired to secure the active co-operation of the Colonial Governments and Departments.

My object in approaching you on the matter is to ascertain whether your Office would be prepared to give official support to the exhibition to the extent of recommending the Colonial Governments under its jurisdiction to furnish exhibits of their stamps for display at the exhibition.

I need hardly point out that an exhibition of Empire stamps on the scale projected would constitute an original and by no means negligible form of Imperial propaganda, and I trust that for this reason you will accord the proposal your mature consideration.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) DOUGLAS B. ARMSTRONG,

*Hon. Organizing Secretary (pro tem.).*

“TIMES” Philatelic Correspondent and  
Assistant Editor, “STAMP COLLECTING.”

*Controller of  
Empire Marketing Board.*

61652/29.

8th November, 1929.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 14th October, regarding a proposal to organise a public exhibition of postage stamps of the British Empire to be held in London during the winter of 1930-31, I am directed by Lord Passfield to inform you that His Lordship regrets that it is contrary to the practice of this Department to recommend Colonial Governments to participate in exhibitions of this nature organised by private undertakings.

2. I am to request you to regard this letter as replying also to the letters which you addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies and to the Empire Marketing Board, respectively, on the same subject.

I am, etc.,

R. V. VERNON.

*D. B. Armstrong, Esq.*