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No. 129/33:

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Postmaster.

SUBJECT.

1933.

31st May.

Previous Paper.

Mr. K.V.Lellman applies to purchase specimens of Postage stamps received from the Universal Postal Union, etc.

MINUTES.

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Minute from Colonial Postmaster. 31/5/33.

*J.K. Submitted. I concur with the view expressed by the Colonial Postmaster. Specimen stamps are sent to various countries in the Postal Union for the purpose of detecting forgeries. Such stamps may be sold by Foreign Countries but not by countries and colonies in the British Empire.*

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ag es.  
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*I agree*

*J.K.*

*2.6.33*

Subsequent Paper.

Colonial Postmaster.

In your information and  
pursuance.

M. Coarji Kamma  
an. C.  
5. 6. 33

L.C.S. Wed. Letter to Mr. K.V. Tollman 3.

accordingly. ~~Mr. Kamma~~  
Colonial Postmaster  
10 June 1933

P. A.  
MCH  
13. 6. 33

Letter from Karl V. Hellman of 14. 4. 44. 4.  
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Col. Postmaster

I am not aware of the receipt in  
the Colony of "specimen" stamps & postal stationery.  
& even if this was so presumably rec(3) would  
still apply. For your observations, pl.

Alfred  
1/5/44

Hon. Col. Sec.

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As far as I am aware no such stamps  
or stationery exist in this Dept. with the exception of  
one set of Chinese stamps framed & hung in P.M.'s  
Office & in view of rec(3) I do not consider that  
these should be disposed of.

Pb. M.  
3/5/44

Letter to K.V. Hellman, Esq., of 6. 6. 44.

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PM

Stanley.

29th May. 1933.

The Colonial Postmaster,  
G.P.O. Stanley.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enquire if you are prepared to dispose of the accumulation of specimens of stamps and postal stationery received in the past from the Universal Postal Union Headquarters.

It is evident that these stamps have served their original purpose and at present are of little or no use to the Postal Department unless they can be turned into a source of revenue, which is quite possible. It is understandable that these specimens are occupying valuable storage space, and owing to the damp climate are not improving in condition, in fact it is appreciable that a certain percentage has already been spoilt, from a philatelic point of view, by dampness.

I would respectfully point out that the sale of U.P.U. specimens by other Postal Administrations is by no means unusual as these stamps in particular are easily obtainable a low prices.

In the event of your decision to dispose of the abovementioned specimens I would be pleased to make an offer for the whole or part, with or without inspection.

Yours faithfully,  
*Carl V. Hellman*

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MINUTE.

31st May, 19 33.

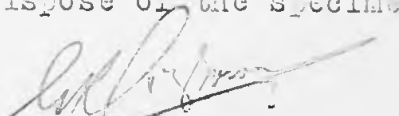
To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

From The Colonial Postmaster,  
Stanley.

I have the honour to attach an application from Mr. K. V. Lellman for the purchase of specimens of postage stamps received from the Universal Postal Union.

Notwithstanding what Mr. Lellman says regarding the sale of such specimens by other Administrations I do not think it would be considered regular to dispose of the specimens sent to this Colony in this way.

  
Colonial Postmaster.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

10th June, 1933 3.

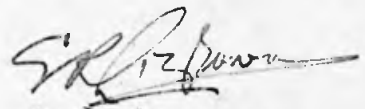
Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th of May, enquiring whether this Government is prepared to dispose of stamps and other postal matter received from the Universal Postal Union, I beg to inform you that such specimens are not sold by countries and colonies of the British Empire.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Postmaster.

Mr. K. V. Lellman,

Stanley.

(4)

14th Apl. 1944

The Honourable,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley.

Sir,

I beg to enquire if you would consider an offer to purchase the stock of 'specimen' stamps and postal stationery at present lying presumably in the Postal Department.

As no doubt you are aware these stamps are sent from the Postal Union headquarters as a notification of the stamps in use in other countries. It is quite obvious that after a few years these 'specimens' are of no further use as such.

I am led to believe that these stamps are still in the original packages as received from Berne, and owing to the ravages of moisture are hardly in a condition to be of any use in the manner intended.

The collection of these demonetized 'specimens' is, to me, an interesting sideline to philately and I have been able to purchase a number of copies from stamp dealers who generally carry a small stock. This proves beyond doubt that some Governments dispose of this type of material.

While I know that this Government has not been in the habit of making this kind of disposal I would suggest that this is an opportunity of letting the exception prove the rule. Perhaps the proceeds of such a sale might be devoted to the Red Cross ?

Hoping for a favourable reply at your convenience, when I will be prepared to make a firm and reasonable offer,

I remain, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*Francis V. ...*

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129/33.

6th May,

44.

Sir,

Recd H.

With reference to your letter of the 14th April, 1944, I have the honour to inform you that the arrangement whereby specimens of postage stamps and postal stationery were furnished to Colonial Governments was discontinued in 1939, in which year all specimens held were destroyed by a Board appointed by the Governor.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,



K. G. BRADLEY  
Colonial Secretary.

K. V. Lellman, Esq.,  
Darwin,  
EAST FALKLAND.