

Anguilla's Quest For Identity

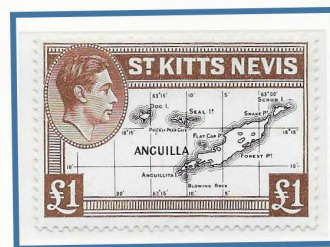
Anguilla is the most northerly of the Leeward Islands. This Crown Colony comprises a main island of 16 X 3 miles, plus many smaller islands and cays. Its capital is The Valley, and the population numbers about 15,000. Most of the islanders are of African slavery descent, from a time when there were many sugar plantations in the Caribbean. In 1967 The British Government granted Associated Statehood to St Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla jointly. Governance would be led by St Christopher (often known as 'St Kitts', capital Basseterre). Anguillians, having for many years received little support from Basseterre, held a referendum and overwhelmingly decided to declare independence.

"In years to come, a student of the history of Anguilla will be able to recognise various milestones on Anguilla's path from St Kitts to a recognised Independence. The first of these was the issue of special Anguillian Stamps, and their recognition by the world..." 2 March 1968 edition 'The Beacon'.

This display of stamps used in Anguilla illustrates the arrogance of the British Empire over many years, and the abuse of power by politicians in St Christopher in the 1950's and 60's. When did Anguilla first get recognition? In 1950 maybe? However, when did it first get support, and respect? Not until after there was a 'Revolution'! Even after the legals were done...it took ages

- A map in 1938
- The Stamps that were used
- 1885 Nevis is there but no Anguilla
- King George V 1929
- War Victory
- Initial recognition 1950
- Leeward Islands & St Christopher Nevis Anguilla 1956
- St Kitts Nevis Anguilla Definitives 1963
- The Overprints 1967
- New Definitives, & No Stamps 1967
- Independence (& Invasion again) 1969
- New Proud Definitives 1970
- Definitives marking Achievements 1972
- New Constitution 1976
- A Royal Visit and the Jubilee 1977
- Autonomy/Separation 1980

Notice anything about the below stamps? They feature Anguilla in 1938 on the ST Kitts Nevis Definitives, but do not name the island in the Title. (SG 77e and SG77f).



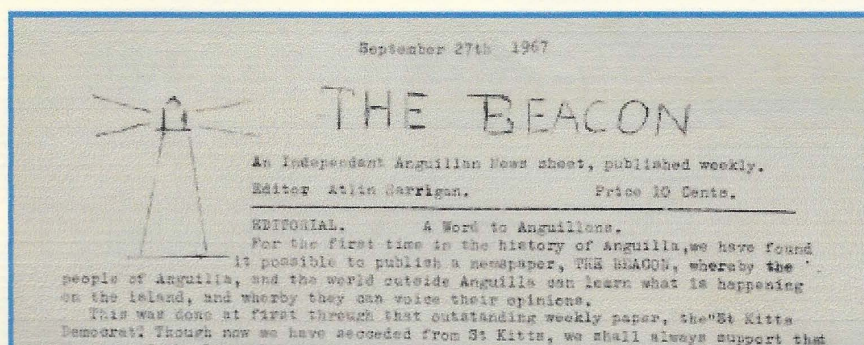
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The Stamps being used on the Islands of Anguilla, Nevis and Saint Christopher/St Kitts 1862 to 1980

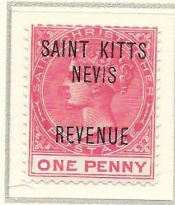
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1862		<i>Nevis</i>	
1870	<i>St Christopher</i>	<i>Nevis</i>	<i>St Christopher</i>
1890	<i>Leeward</i>	<i>Leeward</i>	<i>Leeward</i>
1903	<i>Leeward or St Kitts Nevis</i>	<i>Leeward or St Kitts Nevis</i>	<i>Leeward or St Kitts Nevis</i>
1952	<i>Saint Christopher Nevis Anguilla or Leeward</i>	<i>Saint Christopher Nevis Anguilla or Leeward</i>	<i>Saint Christopher Nevis Anguilla or Leeward</i>
1956	<i>Saint Christopher Nevis Anguilla</i>	<i>Saint Christopher Nevis Anguilla</i>	<i>Saint Christopher Nevis Anguilla</i>
1967	<i>Anguilla</i>	<i>Saint Christopher Nevis Anguilla</i>	<i>Saint Christopher Nevis Anguilla</i>
1980	<i>Anguilla</i>	<i>Nevis or St Kitts Nevis</i>	<i>Nevis or St Kitts Nevis</i>

Banner for "The Beacon" - first edition published on 27 September 1967



St Christopher Surcharge and Revenue Stamps 1885 to 1888

1885 Revenue Overprint Wmk Crown CA Perf 14



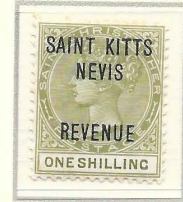
SG R3



SG R4



SG R5



SG R6

1886 Surcharges



SG 24

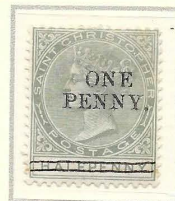


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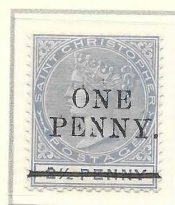
SG 25a No
stop after d

1887 Surcharge



SG 26

1888 Surcharge



SG 28

During the period 1860 to 1890 Anguillan post and revenue items carried a St Christopher postage stamp. There were shortages of the one penny and four penny stamps so surcharges were introduced between 1884 and 1888. In 1890 the Stamps of St Christopher were superseded by the issue of Leeward Island Stamps.

King George V St Kitts Nevis Definitives 1920 to 1929

King George V Leeward Island Definitives 1912-1922

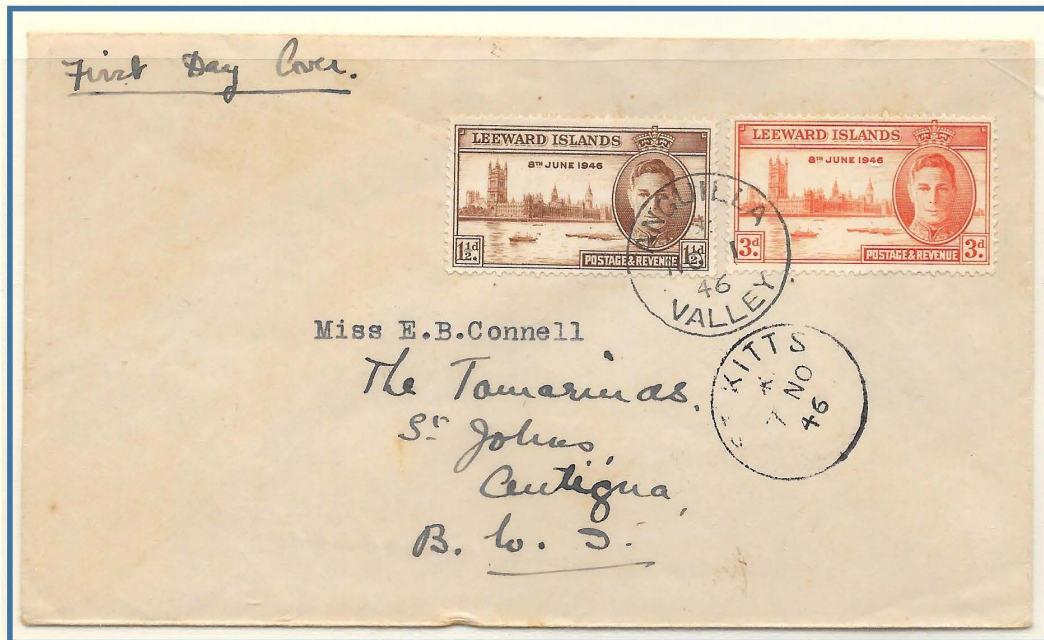
Look at the postmarks



Anguilla and the Leeward Islands

1 November 1946

Leeward Islands Victory Covers 1 November 1946—Miss E.B. Connell



St Kitts, Nevis & Anguilla Stamps 1950 & 1952

Anguilla finally made an appearance on a postage stamp when an overprint on the St Kitts Nevis Stamps marked its Centenary.

Anguilla Tercentenary 10 November 1950 Wmk Multiscript CA perf 13 X 12.5 Sg 86 to 88, and perf 13 x 12.5 on Sg 89 to 91; Chalk Surfaced Paper .



SG86



SG87



SG88



SG89



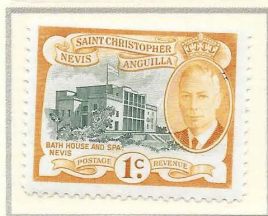
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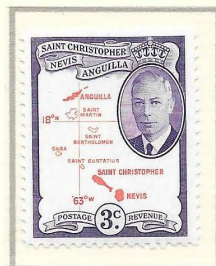
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St Christopher, Nevis, Anguilla Definitives 14 June 1952.

Although Anguilla was named, only one of the 12 stamps showed a scene from the Island.



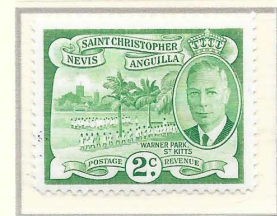
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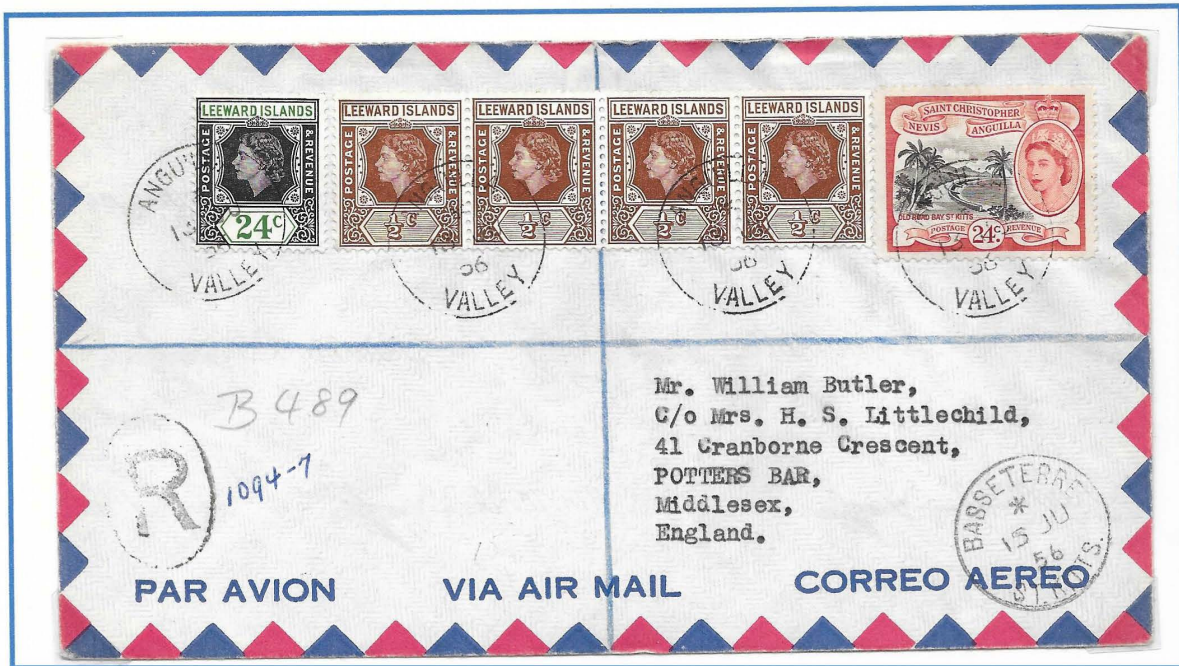
Wmk Multiscript CA Perf 12.5

Leeward Islands

22 February 1954

An example of Leeward Is and St Kitts Nevis Anguilla stamps being used together on Anguilla. Leeward Is stamps were withdrawn on 1 July 1956.

Leeward Is SG 126 to SG 140



St Christopher, Nevis, Anguilla Definitives 1963



SG129



SG131



SG131a colour



SG132



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SG133



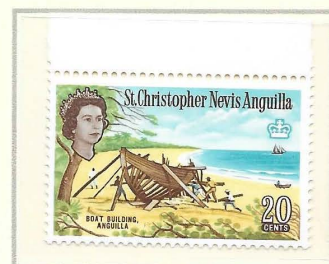
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SG140

20 November 1963 New
Definitives. Wmk Multiple St Ed-
wards Crown Block CA Perf 14

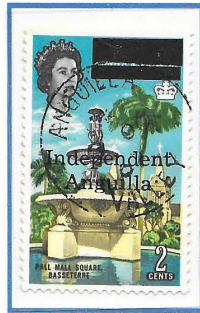


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Anguilla's Local Overprints Cancelled 4 September 1967



SG1



SG3



SG4



SG4w RPSL194857



SG2



SG5



SG6



SG7



SG8



SG10



SG9



SG11



SG11w RPSL194858



SG13



SG14 RPSL 234863



SG12 RPSL 234860



SG15 RPSL 234864



SG16 RPSL 234865

The St Kitts Nevis Authorities left Anguilla on 30 May 1967. Mail ceased for 4 weeks, after which the Island produced these overprinted stamps.

Anguilla's New Definitives 27 November 1967, and 'No Stamps' 30 December 1967



SG17

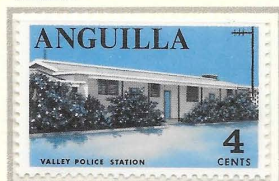
These stamps were designed by John Lister Ltd (a stamp dealer who had befriended the country) and were the first stamps printed by Alden & Mowbray Ltd. Perf 12.5 X13. The 30 December 1967 cover shows the temporary violet boxed handstamp used when there was a shortage of stamps, with '13 cents in manuscript. Rare.



SG18



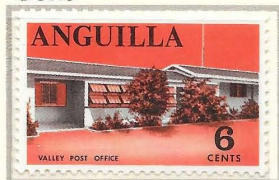
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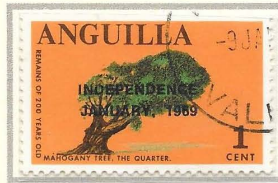
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1969 British Paratroopers on Anguilla & An Interim Agreement 1971

Britain sent an Advisor, Tony Lee, to run an 'Interim basic administrative authority' with Ronald Webster (leader of the Anguillian Island Council) for a year from January 1968. In 1969 St Kitts refused to extend acceptance of this arrangement and Islanders again voted overwhelmingly for separation from St Kitts and Nevis. William Whitelock arrived on Anguilla in March 1969 intending to arrange another interim arrangement, but was expelled within minutes of landing. Eight days later two British Frigates arrived to 'restore order' and Tony Lee became the Commissioner for Local Administration. 315 British Paratroopers were based on the island, along with 22 Metropolitan Police. An interim Agreement was finally made in 1971, followed by a new constitution in 1976. Anguilla was finally separated from St Kitts and Nevis and became a Crown Colony.

Examples of November 1967 Definitives Overprinted 'Independence January, 1969' after the first interim arrangement had ceased. SG 52 1c to 40c listed as a-J50c to \$5 are currently 'Cinderellas'. All postmarked 9 January 1969.



SG52a



SG52b



SG52c



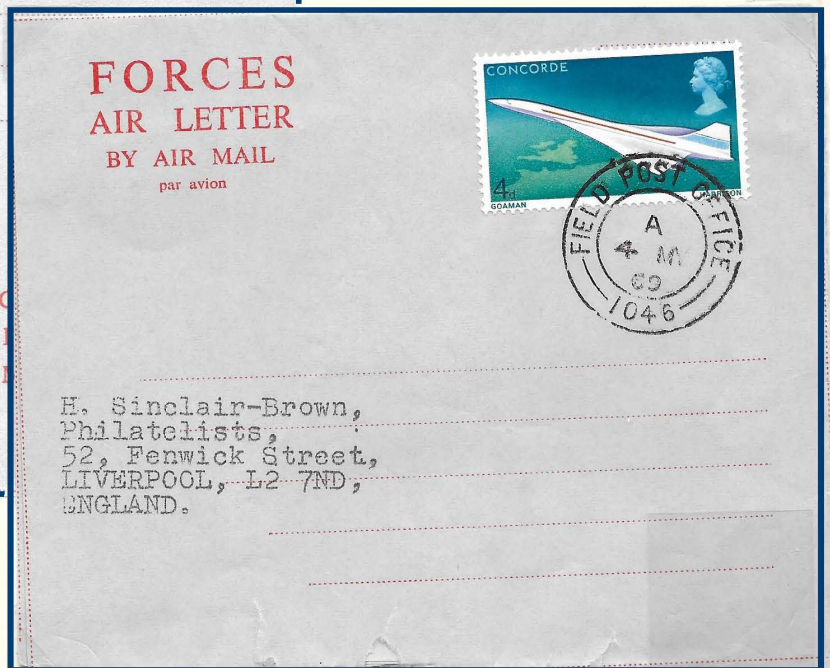
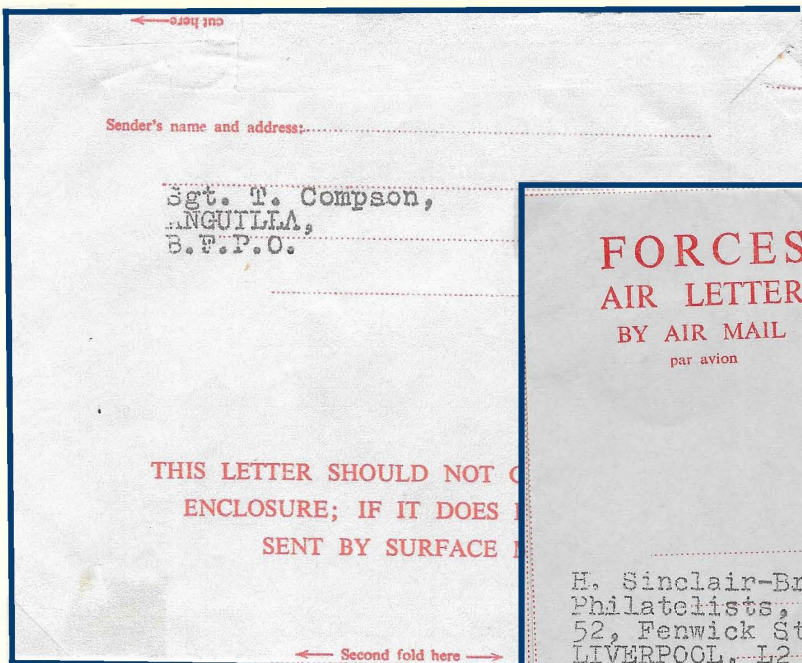
SG52 60c cinderella



SG52 \$1 cinderella



SG52 \$2.50 cinderella

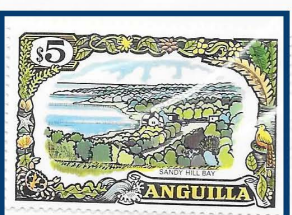
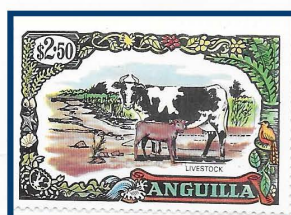
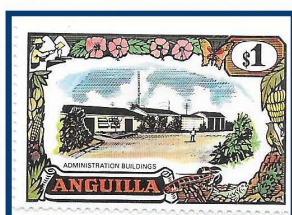
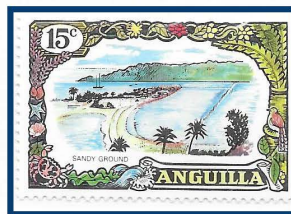
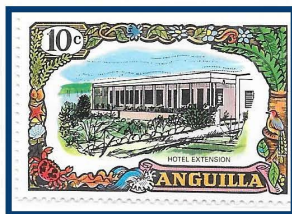
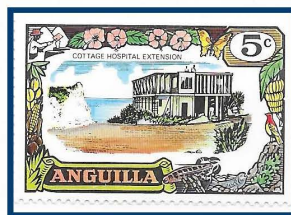
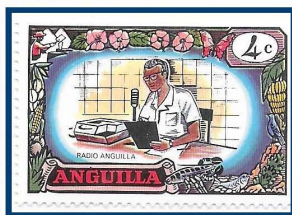


Anguillian British Forces Air Letter hand stamped on a British Concorde Stamp 4 May 1969

Anguilla's Definitives 23 November 1970

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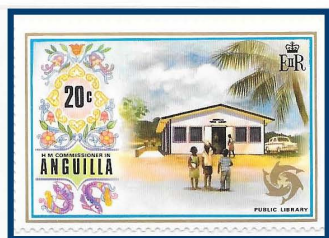
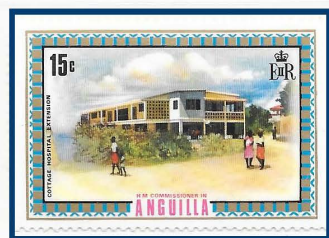
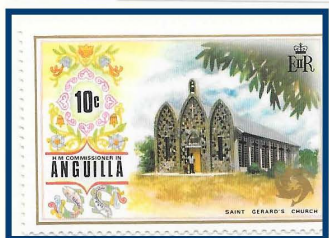
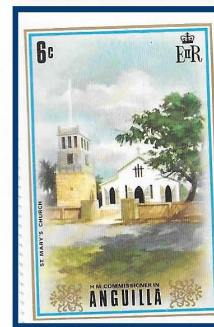
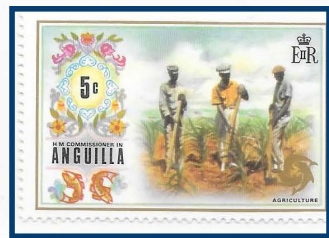
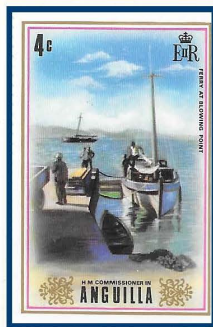
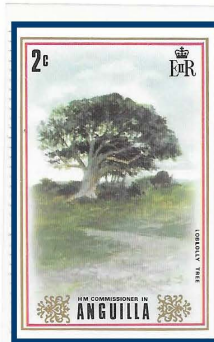
SG 84 to SG 98



Anguilla's Definitives 30 October 1972

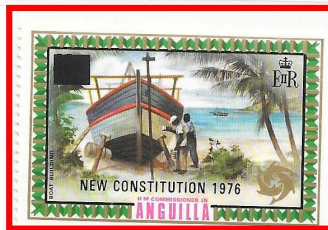
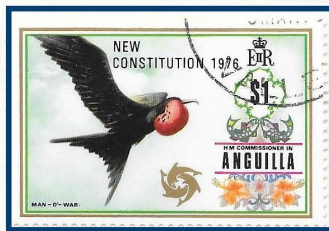
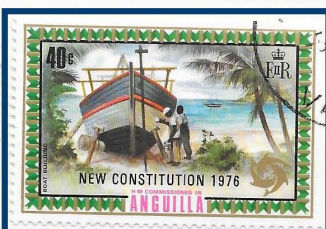
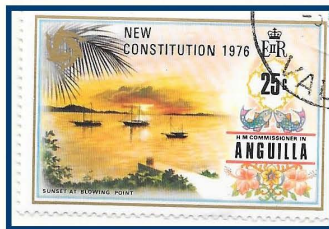
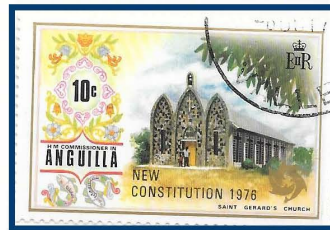
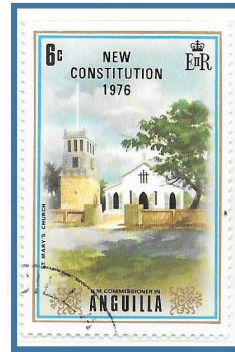
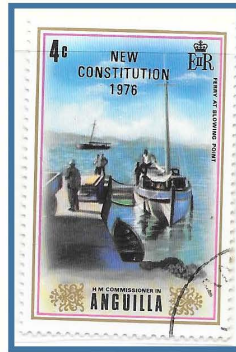
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SG 130 to SG 144



Anguilla's Definitives 1972 overprinted 'New Constitution 1976' on 10 Feb-July

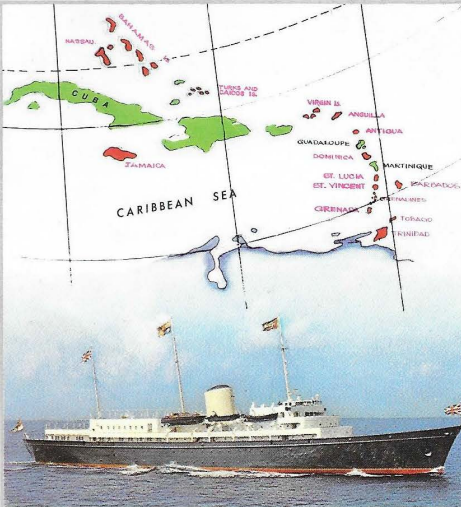
SG 223 to SG 229




SG 226a 3c on 40c 'New Constitution' with major error 3c omitted

Anguilla Celebrates the Silver Jubilee and a Royal Visit 26th October 1977

Anguilla produced stamps, Overprints, Miniatures and a Booklet in a show of patriotism.




The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal Official Cover



ANGUILLA 26 OCT 1977 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

26 OCTOBER 1977



MEETING OF ANGUILLAN AUTHORITIES WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN PORT PURCELL VIRGIN IS.

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Booklet



\$8.70

Anguilla is finally Granted Autonomy 19 December 1980

It was only on 19 December 1980 that the Anguilla Act 1980 ended the Island's membership of the St Kitts Nevis Anguilla Associated State and it was eventually on 1 April 1982 that the new Constitution finally took effect granting Anguilla autonomy, nearly 15 years after the islanders had originally seceded from the St Kitts Nevis Anguilla Statehood arrangement. SG 421 to 442.

