BARBUDA

STAMP COLLECTING 28 NOV. 1968

Definitives for Barbuda

A set of nine two-colour definitive stamps in one design showing a map of the island and the Queen's portrait were released by Barbuda on November 19th. There had been earlier reports that such a series was in preparation.

Barbuda is a dependency of Antigua, whose Postmaster-General announced the stamps for release on November 18th, although what are described as official first day covers are postmarked November 19th.

A London agency is quoted in the P.M.G.'s announcement as " sole distributor of these issues on a face value basis as, at present, there are no facilities for the handling of trade orders direct from Barbuda ".

A London correspondent points out that a revision of the laws of Antigua was necessary before Barbuda could enjoy a postally independent status that would place it outside the scope of Antigua's present arrangements with the Crown Agents Stamp Bureau. There is no certainty that such legislation has yet been enacted.

The new Barbuda stamps were designed by R. Granger Barrett and printed by Format International Security Printers in sheets of 50 on coated paper. Values are: ½c., 1c., 2c., 3c., 4c., 5c., 6c., 10c., 15c., producing a sterling face value of 1s.11½d. per set. The London agent's trade offer is for full sets, except for the ½c. stamp offered singly subject to a minimum order of 10,000, or multiples thereof.

The P.M.G.'s notice advises that a **Mexico Olympic Games** commemorative issue for Barbuda is in preparation, the values being 25c., 35c., 75c. and $1 (the last in miniature sheet form)—a face value of 9s.9½d. per set.

STAMP COLLECTING 5 DEC. 1968

Commonwealth Catalogue and Barbuda

The publishers of the Commonwealth Q.E.II Catalogue have advised the London agents of CARIB FILATELAG, sponsors of the Barbuda definitives (reported last week), that they will not list these stamps until satisfied that the printing plates and unsold remainders of the stamps are to be destroyed under proper supervision, thus eliminating any possibility of reprints, in either mint or cancelled condition, reaching the market later. In the meantime, Urch, Harris & Co. Ltd. will only supply the stamps to their new issue subscribers against specific requests for them.

STAMP COLLECTING 9 DEC. 1971

BARBUDA CONTRACT CANCELLED

The contract between Antigua and the agency responsible for the distribution of Barbuda stamps was cancelled by the Antigua Government on August 15th, 1971. The last Barbuda stamps authorised by Antigua were the Christmas 1971 issue. Future issues will bear the title, " Antigua and Barbuda ", and will be produced under the auspices of the Crown Agents.

NOTE. This announcement would appear to account for the close-down of the Kings and Queens of England series with the portrait of Queen Victoria. Unless Antigua itself decides to continue the series under the new " Antigua and Barbuda " banner, the remaining five reigns from King Edward VII to Queen Elizabeth II will remain unissued.

No comment is at present available regarding the status of the Dürer animal stamps announced for issue on December 7th (see STAMP COLLECTING, page 671, December 2nd).

S.G. 7/1/69

Gibbons say "Yes" to Barbuda

The following statement has been issued by Stanley Gibbons Ltd. :—

" Owing to reports in the philatelic press to the effect that the printing plates and unsold remainders of Barbuda stamps would remain the property of Carib Filatelag we deferred listing these stamps as we feared that reprints, or cancelled-to-order remainders, might be put on the market at some time in the future.

" We now have a written assurance from their London agents that this is not so and that the plates of the definitive issue ' will remain the property of the Security Printers and that there is no question of any unsold balances being put on the market in mint or used condition, at under face value'. They further state that the plates of commemorative issues ' will be destroyed by the Security Printers immediately the required quantity of stamps is printed '. We are also assured that any unsold quantities of commemoratives will be returned to the printers with a request for destruction and that a certificate to this effect will be made available to any interested party ".

In view of the above, Gibbons have decided to list Barbuda stamps in their Part I and Elizabethan Catalogues. The definitive issue will be included in the February Catalogue Supplement.

S.G. 5 JUNE 1969

Barbuda Olympics Quantities Certified

An undated document headed " Certificate of Destruction " issued by Format International Security Printers and signed by two directors gives the following figures in relation to the Barbuda Olympics stamps:—

Value	*Printed*	*Unsold and returned for Destruction*
25c.	75,000	45,013
35c.	75,000	45,013
75c.	60,000	35,013
$1	40,000	20,012

The unsold remainders were returned to Format International on March 20th, 1969, and have now been destroyed, as have the films, negatives and printing plates for this issue. On the figures given above, postal and philatelic sales combined are as follow: 25c. and 35c., 29,987 each; 40c., 24,987; $1, 19,988.

Ex National Postal Museum 1990 2 sheets

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B A R B U D A

The Government of Antigua, through the Crown Agents on 21 Mar. 1922 ordered supplies of Leeward Islands ½d, 1d, 2½d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/-, 3/-, 4/- and 5/- stamps overprinted BARBUDA and asked for a proof before proceeding with the overprinting.

This SPECIMEN proof dated March 25th was submitted on March 27th with the suggestion that all values should be overprinted in black except the 1/- and 4/- in red, owing to the key plates of these two values being in black.

Our suggestion was approved on April 5th, and authority given by the Crown Agents to proceed with the order.

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BARBUDA
13th July, 1922

File SPECIMEN copies, and the set of the only stamps separately issued by this British West Indies island, using Leeward Islands plates Die 2.

Mult. Script CA.

July 1922

















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