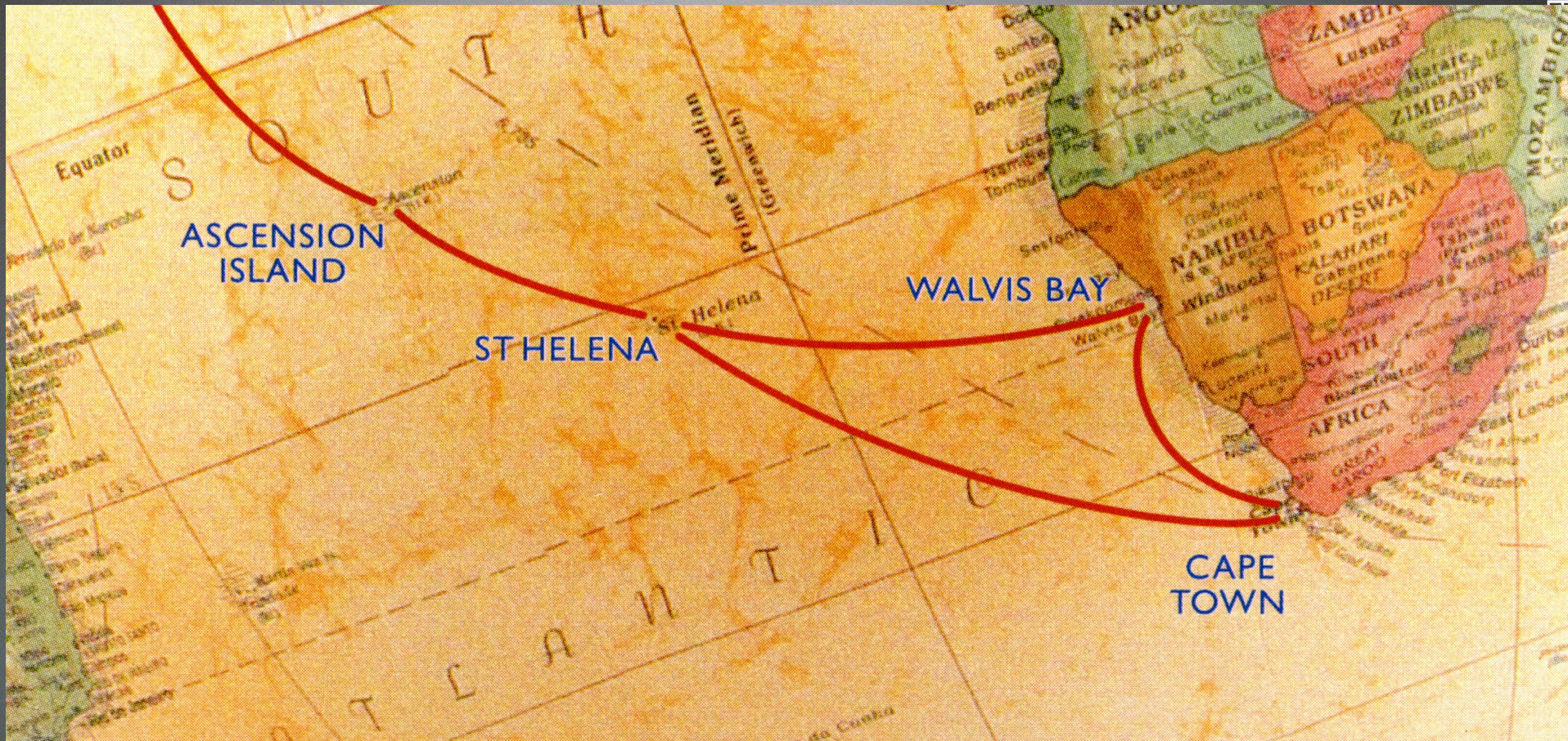


Preserving the Philatelic Archive for St Helena

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Route of RMS *St Helena* until 2017



RMS *St Helena* departing Cape Town

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Philatelic Congress of Great
Britain 2021

Dinner

Hors d'oeuvre

Crisp Lamb and Spinach Samosas
deep fried and presented with pineapple chutney
and a light creamed curry sauce

Avocado Pear
fanned onto a nest of crisp Waldorf salad with brown bread and butter
and a light garlic and tarragon vinaigrette

Soups

Italian Smoked Bacon, Cabbage and Pasta Broth

A duet of Chicken and Asparagus
enhanced with butterfried croutons

Main Course

South Atlantic Kob Fillet
buttergrilled and finished with succed root vegetables
and a delicate pernod butter sauce

Pork Cutlet
pan fried in seasoned eggwash with special fried rice
and a rich mushroom cream sauce

A trio of Fetta Cheese, Spinach and Cherry Tomatoes
in a light rölade, enhanced by a mellow sun dried tomato dressing

A selection of Cold Meats and Seasonal Salads

Vegetables

Menagere and Byron Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Braised Red Cabbage

Desserts

A light Orange and Peach Meringue Pie
laced with sweet orange syrup

Rich Toffee and Pecan Nut Cheesecake
with pouring cream

Warm Bakewell Tart
masked with thin custard sauce

Coupe Jamaican
pineapple, chantilly cream, coffee ice cream, maple syrup,
fanned wafer and chopped nuts

Various Dairy Ice-Creams and Sorbets

Savoury

Toasted Cheese and Onion Savouries

Cheeseboard

Wednesday 24th June 1998

Chef de Cuisine: Michael Chaffe

~Thank you for not smoking in the Dining Saloon~

**A typical
5 - course
evening dinner
menu on the
RMS St Helena**



RMS St Helena approaching the Island



Map of St Helena (Total land area 47 square miles)



View of Sugar Loaf Hill from Flagstaff Hill



View of Sandy Bay from Diana's Peak



Jamestown Post Office



Philatelic Congress of Great

*Harlyn flat in the evening sun,
our base in 2009 and 2019*



Bernard opening PO Cellar door



First view of cellar interior



Just some of the PO records

in Account with Edward Barnard, Esquire,
Quarter ending the 30th September 1855

1855	Payments.	Income Tax.	£	s.	d.
July 2 nd	paid M ^{rs} M ^{rs} Mahon on account of her Pension		20		
6 th	M ^{rs} Winkley freight &c on Books of "Rever"			16	
5 th	@ for the Cabin passage of The Rev ^d W ^m Bennett &c		37	13	6
10 th	Miss Kiffin 3mo Pension to 30 June			6	5
11 th	Shedhol Hobson	14	8	10	5
13 th	M ^{rs} Gulliver	2	8	33	16
16 th	M ^{rs} May 3mo half salary	15	19	234	
17 th	M ^{rs} Pegg for iron pipes &c required for increasing the supply of Water		6	31	7
19 th	M ^{rs} Pegg for lead pipes &c for do		6	52	15
21 st	M ^{rs} M ^{rs} Mahon balance of Pension from 1 st Nov ^r to 30 June	2	2	25	17
2 nd	M ^{rs} Barnes 6mo Pension to do	14		9	16
24 th	M ^{rs} Towell half salary to 24 July	4	13	70	6
Aug st 2 nd	M ^{rs} Holton for Chambers shroud to 30 th June				1
4 th	M ^{rs} M ^{rs} Mahon being the sum deducted from her Pension on 21 st July			7	
27 th	M ^{rs} Young 6mo Pension to 30 June			20	
Sept ^r 1 st	Miss Wilson 3mo and 12 days Pension to 12 th July due to her Mother			8	9
19 th	M ^{rs} Perkins &c for engraving Passage Stamps Dies and Printing Labels			152	14
	Carried forward		26	12	4
			19	21	4
					11

Treasury Account 1855 showing payment for first 6d stamp issue

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Philatelic Congress of Great Britain 2007

Philatelic Congress of Great Britain 2015

Treasury Account 1863 showing payment for first 1d and 4d imperforate stamps

1863	Brought forward	£ 21 4 11	1 216 15 9
May 12	To Paid Mr Lovell on account of his Salary to 31 March	26 5	"
21	To " Rev ^d F. Pennell passage allowance as Colonial Chaplain	80	" "
June 4	To " War Department for Stores for the local Militia	6 14 11	
5	To " Mess ^{rs} Savory & Co for Medicines for the Medical Department	87 8 9	
23	To " Mr Russell for supervising the Printing of Postage Stamps	" 4	
To "	Mess ^{rs} De la Rue for preparing forms for 1 st & 4 ^d Stamps & Printing 27,360 Stamps	9	" 8
30	To " Agents General of Post on Gracings to 30 June	17 2 3	
To "	Postages & Inland to 30 June	2 5 3	
		21 4 11	1 445 14 7
	Inland Revenue	21 4 11	
			1 466 19 6
	Balance in hand	231 9	
			£ 1 698 8 6

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To "	Mess ^{rs} De la Rue for preparing forms for 1 st & 4 ^d Stamps & Printing 27,360 Stamps	9	" 8

1698

W. Sargent
Agent General

2. Archiving the Post Office Cellar Records

11 March to 16 April 2013



*Princes Lodge in the sun,
our base in 2013*



*Princes Lodge entrance lobby
our base in 2013*



*Some of the cellar disposable contents
The open door leads into the PO box room*



*Empty Mailbags, also part filling
the side cellar on the right*



First sorting of cellar contents



Note our high-tech security system

The yellow canisters at left were used for a mail drop by RAF Hercules aircraft following a fire on the RMS which caused a backlog of mail at Ascension



Edward Baldwin buried in paperwork



Paperwork destroyed by termites (white ants)



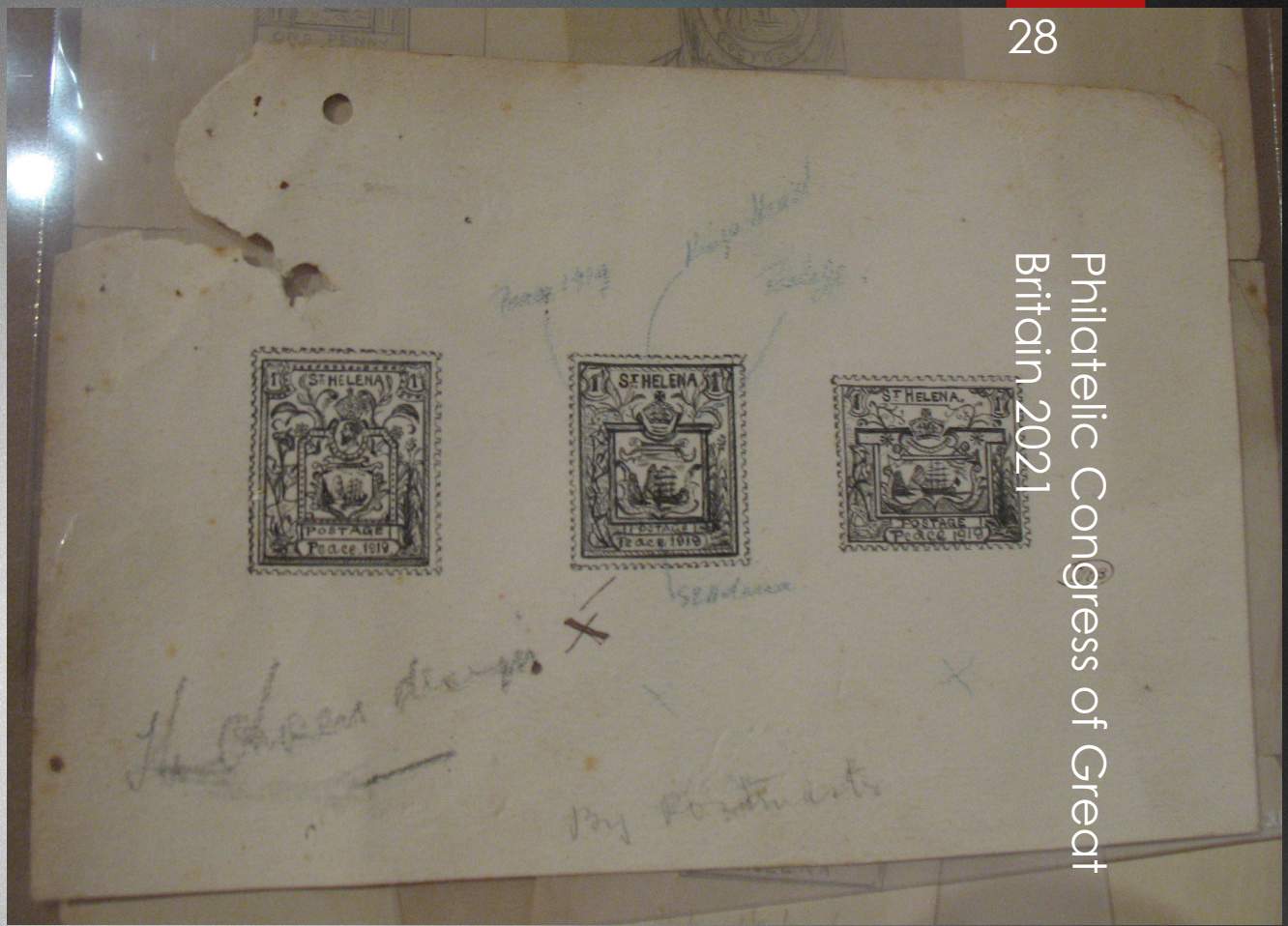
Boxes in container before the first freeze cycle



Partial sorting into archival boxes



Boxes shrink-wrapped before final freeze cycle



Preliminary sketches by Thomas Bruce for 1922 'Badge' issue



*Artwork for 9p value of the
1989 'Early Vehicles' issue*

Imperforate proofs and bromides for the 1994 'Butterflies' series

*Note that the designs for the
25p and 53p values have been
transposed for the issued stamps*





*Grille card (as displayed in Post Office)
of the 1922 'Badge' Issue showing
severe damage by termites*



*Grille card of the 1976 Definitive Issue,
each value handstamped SPECIMEN Type SH2*



SOUVENIR SHEETS - .60P
RELEASE FOR SALE: 24 NOV. 1978

Grille card of the 1978 'Royal Fleet Auxiliary Vessels' souvenir sheet for Tristan da Cunha, each value handstamped SPECIMEN Type SH2



Box of various new issues from UPU member countries received by the St Helena post office



Bromides and Proofs recovered from cellar



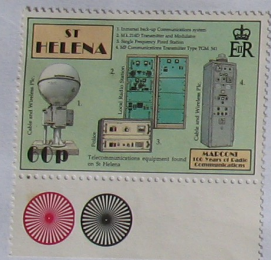
TOP LEFT CORNER SINGLE



BOTTOM LEFT CORNER SINGLE



LEFT MARGIN SINGLE



BOTTOM MARGINAL SINGLE



TOP MARGINAL SINGLE



BOTTOM RIGHT CORNER SINGLE



TOP RIGHT CORNER SINGLE



HORIZONTAL PAIR



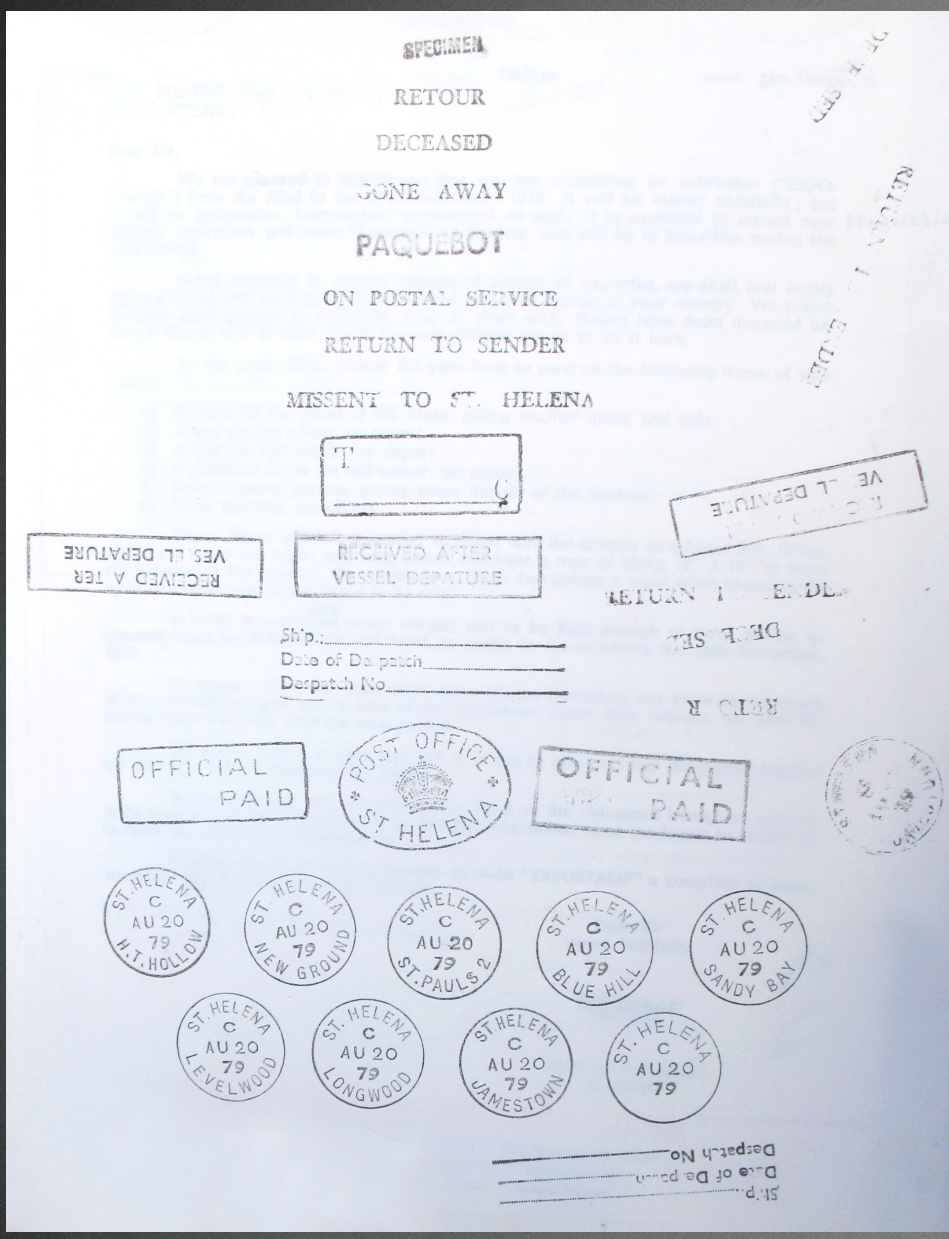
VERTICAL PAIR

Staff training guide, one of three discovered



Date stamps and Handstamps retrieved from cellar

Copy of all the relevant date stamps and cachets in use on August 20 1979



DOWNING STREET, LONDON.

29th May 1901. 189

No. 19.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that orders have been given to Messrs De La Rue & Co. for the preparation of new Universal stamp plates for use with the overprint plates at present in existence for many of the Colonies for which we act, and I enclose a card showing a specimen of the stamps, in colours, from the present plates and photographs showing the design for the King's head which has been approved by His Majesty.

1 card
5 specimens

1 card
5 photos

We propose, unless we hear from you to the contrary to print future supplies of stamps from the new plates, but these plates will not be finished for some months and any requisitions which may be received before they are engraved will, in the absence of any further instructions, be printed from the old plates in order to avoid the inconvenience which might be caused by the supply running short.

Should, however, the Colonial Government desire to adopt special stamps of a different design, an estimate of the cost of the plates etc could be furnished on your forwarding full particulars to us.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

The Honble
The Colonial Secretary,
&c &c &c
St Helena.

May 29th, 1901. 39

DESIGNS FOR STAMPS FROM THE UNIVERSAL KEY PLATES.



The UNIVERSAL KEY PLATES consist of a "POSTAGE" PLATE, a "POSTAGE AND REVENUE" PLATE, and a "REVENUE" PLATE. The same Duty Overprint Plates are available for with all the three Key Plates. A Colony having a Duty Plate can therefore have "POSTAGE" "POSTAGE AND REVENUE" or "REVENUE" Stamps from the same Duty Plate.

Sir,

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Letter and copy of designs suggested for the KEVII Key Plate Issue

3. Remounting the St Helena Government Philatelic Collections

12 January to 23 February 2019



One of the three wooden boxes housing the official Government stamp collections removed from the Castle vaults with permission from the Governor

Printed by Congress of Great
Britain 1991



*First sheet of the Castle collection
photographed in 1998 under poor lighting conditions*

St Helena 1890—97**Queen Victoria Definitive Issue**

Design Key Type ½d (issued 1897)
 1½d (issued 1890)
 1d, 2d, 2½d, 5d, 10d (issued 1896)

Printer De La Rue, Typography

Watermark Multiple Crown CA

Perforation 14

Handstamped SPECIMEN in Violet



*1890-97 QV Keyplate
 issue handstamped
 SPECIMEN as remounted*

St Helena 1922 - 1937 King George V Badge of the Colony Issue

Designer Thomas Bruce

Watermark Multiple Crown CA (£1)

Issued 1922

Multiple Script CA (all other values)



SH KGV 012

1922-27 'Badge' issue handstamped
SPECIMEN

as remounted

St Helena 1938**King George VI Definitive Issue**

Design Badge of St Helena
 Issued 1938, 12 May (all values except those below)
 1940, 8 July (4d, 8d)
 1949, 1 November (1d, 1½d, 2d)
 Printer Waterlow, Recess
 Watermark Multiple Script CA
 Perforation 12½
 Handstamped SPECIMEN in black



SH KGVI 007

*1938-49 KGVI
 Definitive Issue
 handstamped
 SPECIMEN
 as remounted*

*Note that this SPECIMEN
 handstamp has not been
 previously recorded*

St Helena 1953 - 1959 Queen Elizabeth II Definitive Issue

Designs	Island Views and Occupations	Printer	De La Rue, Recess
Issued	1953, 4 August	Watermark	Multiple Script CA
		Perforation	14



COST PER SET: ½d. to 1/-.....3/3½ ½d. to 2/6.....5/9½ ½d. to 5/-.....10/9½ ½d. to 10/-.....20/9½

SH QEII 010

1953 QEII Definitive set handstamped
SPECIMEN Type SH3

Ascension 1938 - King George VI Definitive Issue

Design	½d, 1s	Georgetown	Issued	1938, 12 May but most examples here from later printings
	1½d, 2s 6d	The Pier	Printer	De La Rue, Recess
	2d, 4d	Green Mountain	Watermark	Multiple Script CA
	3d, 5s	Long Beach	Perforation	13, 13½ or 14
Handstamped SPECIMEN in Black				



ASC KGVI 009a

*Ascension 1938 KGVI Definitive set
handstamped*

Tristan da Cunha - 1954 Queen Elizabeth II Definitive Issue

Design Island Views and Occupations

Issued 1954, 2 January Watermark Multiple Script CA

De La Rue, 5d and 10s; H. Elliott, others Printer De La Rue, Recess Perforation 12½ x 13 (horiz.), 13 x 12½ (vert.)

Handstamped SPECIMEN in Black



TDC QEII 008a

*Tristan da Cunha 1954 QEII Definitive set
Handstamped SH3 SPECIMEN*



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