

Pitcairn Islands George VI Definitives 1940-1956

Introduction

I chose the Pitcairn Islands because it seemed a small area, easily manageable and with a small population not requiring, surely, many issues. However, in researching this Colony I came across the same difficulties that I met with two other Pacific Islands, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands and the British Solomon Islands. Firstly there were two printers, in the case of Pitcairn these being Waterlow and Bradbury Wilkinson. Secondly there were many more requisitions than expected, in total 22. Potter and Shelton record 6!

Printings were often recorded under "Various" and in one case failed to mention the island's name. Two requisitions started with the prefix G, requisition 1619 had four parts, with no part four. So the research turned into a complex but worthwhile effort.

The Waterlow Printings



1940

G/Various Requisition 1619/1

New Issue. GP and Office Specimens Required

Sheets to be numbered 1 up each duty and interleaved with wax paper

Despatched 20th June 1940.

This requisition is coupled with 1619/2 and 5 which were [Bradbury, Wilkinson](#) requisitions.

Value	Sheets Ordered	Sheets Printed	Dealers (stamps)	Specimens (Stamps)
1/2d	5,500	5,610	6,600 130,000	120,000
11/2d	7,666 40/60	7,523	60,000	54,000
2d	2,116 40/60	2,218	27,000 + 6000	20,000
6d	2,000	1,994 20/60	200,000	15,050
1/-	1,966 40/60	2,077 40/60	6,600	15,000

1942

Requisition 1785/1



Due 8th August 1942 and despatched 25th November 1942 and 22nd December 1942

Numbered 1 up and interleaved with wax paper.

The following year, 1943 part 2 of this requisition was issued to [Bradbury, Wilkinson](#). In 1944 Part 3 was issued to Waterlow. This can be seen below

Value	Sheets Ordered	Sheets Printed	Dealers (stamps)
1/2d	16,666 40/60	16,666 40/60	950,000
11/2d	3,000	3,013 40/60	130,000
2d	2,000	1,950 40/60	70,000
6d	1,333 20/60	1,367 40/60	400,000
1/-	866 40/66	873 40/60	32,000

1944

Requisition 1785/3

Due 8 to 10 weeks say 29th July 1944. Despatched 6th October 1944

Stamps for Pitcairn Islands to be numbered 1 up each duty and interleaved with wax paper. Advise G3 (in duplicate when stamps available).

Value	Sheets Ordered	Sheets Printed	Bureau
1/2d			
11/2d	1,200	1,200	63,000
2d	1,000	1,000	60,000
6d	1,200	1,195	63,000
1/-	550	535	24,000

1945

Requisition 1919/2

Due 27th July 1945 and despatched 23rd July 1945.

Stamps for colony to be sheet numbered 1 upward and interleaved with wax paper.

Value	Sheets Ordered	Sheets Printed	Bureau (Stamps)
1/2d	1,334	1,424	57,960
2d	668	755	39,780
1/-	600	647	22,320

Requisition 1919/3

Despatched 29th May and 23rd July 1945 from A2.
 There was also a 1919/3 [Bradbury, Wilkinson](#) requisition

Value	Sheets Ordered	Sheets Printed	
1/2d	1,000 40/60	1,000 40/60	
11/2d	417	417	
2d	84 24/60	84 24/60	
6d	500	500	
1/-	250	250	

1946



Requisition 1969/3

Due 6th August 1946 and despatched 14th June 1946

From A2. Sheets of stamps to be numbered 1 up each duty and interleaved with wax paper before despatch to colony.

This is one of those unusual requisitions with the addition of another printing request, presumably to replace the A2 stocks.

Value	Sheets Ordered	Sheets Printed	Bureau (Stamps)	Replacement Printing? sheets ordered/printed Despatched 23rd October 1946	
1/2d	1,000	1,000		500	543
11/2d	500	500	27,000		
2d	335	335 10/60	21,600	400	404
6d	167	167	9,000	167	222
1/-	167	167	10,020	500	548

1949

Requisition 2140/2



Despatched March 1949. Numbered 1 up. Interleaved with wax paper. Parcel Post

Value	Sheets Ordered	Sheets Printed	Bureau (Stamps)	Exchange (Stamps)	Chief Magistrate Pitcairn Islands
1/2d	1167		45,000	67,000	5,040
11/2d	1167		48,000	nil	5,040
2d	917		30,000	12,000	5,040
6d	634		18,000	7,000	5,040
1/-	474		9,000	12,000	5,040

1952

Requisition 13/1

Despatched Parcel Post All 30th October 1952, and 11/2d 6th November 1952, 2d 11th November 1952

With the exception of Bureau Supplies sheets to be numbered 1 up each duty and interleaved with wax paper. Half quantities to Pitcairn Islands, Half to Postmaster General, Suva, Fiji.

Value	Sheets Ordered	Sheets Printed	Bureau (Stamps)	Exchange
1/2d	5,667	5,345	240,000	Nil
11/2d	500	500	27,000	700
2d	335	335 10/60	21,600	15,000

1955

Requisition 22/1

Despatched by Parcel Post 2nd February 1955

With the exception of Bureau supplies sheets to be printed 1 up and interleaved with wax paper. Half quantity for colony to be sent to Postmaster General Pitcairn Islands. Half quantity for colony to be sent to Postmaster General, Suva, Fiji.

Requisition 22/2

To be collected from Bureau and despatched Parcel Post 13th July 1955
Sheets to be numbered 1 up and interleaved with wax paper

Value	Sheets Ordered	Sheets Printed	Bureau (Stamps)	Exchange (Stamps)
1/2d	334	334		

1956
Requisition 26/1



Despatched 10th December 1956. 30,000 stamps to Fiji, 30,000 stamps to Pitcairn.
Sheets numbered 1 up each duty and interleaved with wax paper

Value	Sheets Ordered	Sheets Printed	Bureau (Stamps)	Exchange (Stamps)
11/2d	2,000	1,760	60,000	