

Montserrat George VI Definitives

1938-1948

Introduction

The Crown Agents records for this colony's first George VI duties were collected during the summer of 2003. Thanks are given to the British Library for making available these resources. I was unable to find the 1942 reprint with the new perforation which was said to be on a certain page within the records but was absent I will attempt to find this on a future visit.



The Botanic Station



Sea Island Cotton

Printed recess by De La Rue these definitives had a [Multiple Script CA watermark](#) and were [perforated 12 \(10s and £1\) or 13 \(others\)](#). The initial release consisted of all the duties to the 5s. A 1942 complete reprinting (which I couldn't locate in the records) was perforated 14. Two new high value duties, the 10s and £1 were released in 1948. In total there were [three designs](#) which are illustrated above. These were of "[Carr's Bay](#)", "[Sea Island Cotton](#)", and "[the Botanic Station](#)". As with all new duties specimens were issued with the usual De La Rue perforation. These are recorded below.

1938

Requisition 922/2

Due 8th June 1938 and despatched 3rd June 1938

Sheets of stamps to be interleaved with wax paper

| Value | Sheets Ordered | Sheets Printed | Specimens (Stamps) |
|--------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1/2d | 2,000 | 2,050 | 84,000 |
| 1d | 1,600 | 1,690 | 42,000 |
| 1 1/2d | 1,500 | 1,580 | 42,000 |
| 2d | 1,000 | 1,000 | 30,000 |
| 2 1/2d | 1,150 | 1,261 | 27,000 |
| 3d | 1,000 | 1,050 | 30,000 |
| 6d | 600 | 630 | 18,000 |

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|--------------|-----|-----|--------|
| 1s | 550 | 580 | 15,000 |
| 2s 6d | 450 | 480 | 9,000 |
| 5s | 200 | 210 | 6,000 |

Also included with this requisition were the following stamp rolls
50 Stamp Rolls each containing 480 1/2d strips (400 sheets, 24,000 stamps), and 480 1d strips (400 sheets, 24,000 stamps). These were despatched 12th June 1938. It also mentioned 100 rolls 50 of each (what these were is unknown).

1939

Requisition 1029/1

Due 21st December 1939 and despatched 30th November 1939
Sheets to be interleaved with wax paper. To be despatched paid for before 31st December 1939.

| Value | Sheets Ordered | Sheets Printed |
|-------|----------------|----------------|
| 1d | 1,000 | 1,100 |

1943

Requisition 1160/1

Interleaved with wax paper. Due 9th July 1943.
Cardboard for packing 1000 sheets Despatched 15th September and 9th December 1943

| Value | Sheets Ordered | Sheets Printed | Dealers (Stamps) | Comments |
|-------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---|
| 1/2d | 7,000 | 7,194 | 330,000 | Despatched 15th September and 9th December 1943 |
| 1d | 3,333 20/60 | 3,546 | 110,000 | As Above |
| 11/2d | 3,333 20/60 | 3,483 20/60 | 110,000 | As Above |
| 2d | 3,000 | 3,156 | 120,000 | As Above |
| 21/2d | 250 | * | 60,000 | * Read from A2 and despatched to colony 6th December 1943 |
| | 1,500 | 1,676 | | |
| 3d | 1,000 | 1,000 | 60,000 | To A2 1st December 1943 |
| 6d | 500 | | 30,000 | As Above |
| 1s | 1,000 | 1,045 | 30,000 | As 1/2d for despatch |
| 2s 6d | 500 | 504 | 30,000 | As 3d and 6d |
| 5s | 400 | 395 | 24,000 | |

1945

Requisition 1236/1

Due 9th July 1945 and despatched 19th September 1945.
A2's stock to be exchanged. Colonial requirement interleaved with wax paper.

| Value | Sheets Ordered | Sheets Printed | Requisition for Bureau (Stamps) |
|-------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1/2d | 4,834 | 4,983 | 200,000 |
| 1d | 2,500 | 2,619 | 60,000 |
| 11/2d | 2,000 | 2,133 | 30,000 |
| 2d | 1,500 | 1,529 | |
| 21/2d | 2,500 | 2,627 | 60,000 |
| 3d | 2,000 | 2,090 | 30,000 |
| 6d | 1,000 | 1,040 | 30,000 |
| 1s | 1,500 | 1,560 | 30,000 |

1946

Requisition 1284/1

Due 29th July 1946
There were two parts to this requisition. Both involved the 2s6d and 5s values.
First part despatched 18th June 1946, second despatched 12th August 1946

| Value | Sheets Ordered | Sheets Printed | Comments |
|-------|----------------|----------------|--|
| 2s 6d | 200 | 200 | From A2. To be interleaved with wax paper and despatched by Parcel Post to colony. Aide Commissioner's telegram dated 31st May 1846 |
| 5s | 150 | 150 | |
| 2s 6d | 500 | 542 | Sheets of stamps for the colony to be interleaved with wax paper. 2s 6d 12,000, 5s 9,000 and in addition any residue of stock to be exchanged |
| 5s | 500 | 516 | |

Requisition G3/602/28

Despatched 3rd August to 15th October 1946

Interleaved with wax paper

| Value | Sheets Ordered | Sheets Printed |
|-------|----------------|----------------|
| 11/2d | 11,350 | 11,750 |
| 3d | 11,350 | 11,700 |

1947

Requisition 1314/1

Due 15th June 1947 and despatched 27th May 1947.

Colony requisition interleaved with wax paper.

| Value | Sheets Ordered | Sheets Printed |
|-------|----------------|----------------|
| 6d | 600 | 650 |

Requisition 1328/1

Due about 18th October 1947.



The new 10s duty The 1948 £1 duty

10s despatched 18th December 1947 and £1 despatched 2nd January 1948.

New duties. GPO and office specimens. Colonies supply to be interleaved with waxed paper

| Value | Sheets Ordered | Sheets Printed | Bureau (Stamps) |
|-------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 10s | 1,500 | 1,587 | 30,000 |
| £1 | 11,350 | 11,700 | 15,000 |

1948

Requisition 1366/1

Despatched 26th June 1948

To be collected from A2 and interleaved with wax paper and despatched Parcel Post. A2 to be reimbursed from order under this requisition.

Exchange 6,000 interleaved with wax paper

| Value | Sheets Ordered | Sheets Printed |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 6d | 200 | 200 |

This was the last requisition for these duties