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Cook inconsistancies – January 2020

Overprint narrow letters are well catalogued. Short letters are less so. Chris Welsh sent this example of a short "R" in George on the 6d. Can you position this?

The indicative lines are his own on a print of the Cook Islands cover.

King proof query - November 2019

Recently noted on eBay was this "signed proof" of the "alternative" Lundy issue.

If Gerald King reads this, we'd be interested to know why the inscriptions of "Lundy" and "Windsor Castle" appear on the proof of the vignette rather than that of the frame.

Multi-aspect Perfin - October 2019

Jeff Turnbull comments: *This die is Cat No F 2055.01. It is recorded on Silver Jubilee stamps, and is a single headed die. The user is strongly suspected as being Frodingham Iron & Steel Co Ltd, Scunthorpe Linc's. I am afraid that this is just how they come ! Single headed dies were designed for use on the regular size stamps in everyday use, so it was always going to be a bit of a job to perfin these larger commemorative stamps, the office boys of the time just did the best they could.*
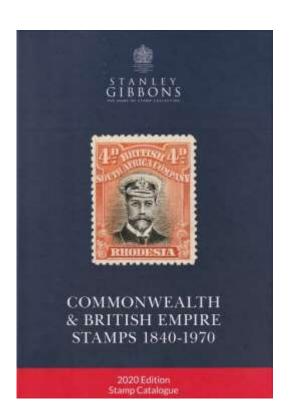
Red Book 2020 – October 2019

While the basic omnibus prices remain unchanged, there are some interesting individual adjustments. (I note the mint Egyptian seal has reached £400).

Varieties. Those achieving a listing for the first time are: India 8a extra foliage, (as featured in Nick Levinge's book), British Guiana 1/- (SG 302i), Ceylon 50c (SG 382g – without price) and Cayman ½d albino print, (as featured in our Stop Press recently). Reductions are noted for GB's Prussian Blues and for many of the varieties of Seychelles. Several of those of Bechuanaland received increases.

Specimen sets. Those of Bechuanaland and Mauritius are up but reduced are those of Jamaica, St Lucia, St Vincent and Seychelles.

S.R. Multiple Specimen - October 2019

Considering that they were used as printer's samples, Southern Rhodesia specimens make few appearances on the market. Rarer still must be a multiple such as this, and a corner marginal to boot.