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EDITORIAL At a recent meeting in Nevis, Mr Bradshaw is reported to have said :- 'The people of Nevis are saying "See Anguilla has got what it wanted, and we have to get what we want too", but I want to go on record as saying, Anguilla has not got what it wanted, and Nevis will never become another Anguilla'

To day we publish two letters. One from the Anguillan council to Lord Shepherd, the other Lord Shepherd's reply. To many the reply may seem vague and disappointing, in that it does not state definitely what Anguilla has, or has not gained. But these two letters do not stand by themselves. They must be laid alongside with the present position of Anguilla to-day. Our stand has been recognised, and we have been given an almost free hand to conduct our own business, and plan our development. For practical purposes the direct link with St Kitts has been substituted for a link with Britain. Financial aid from Britain will soon reach Anguilla, and we have no doubt that very soon Banks and Sound Business Firms and Investors will soon be attracted to this island, who will have already satisfied themselves that Anguilla has an independent and viable economy. No, we have not got all we wanted at one time; but we are quite sure that we will get all we want in time, as and when we are able to make use of it.

We are like a man sitting down to a many course dinner at a big hotel. He knows that by the time dinner is over he will have had all he can eat, but it will be served to him, course by course, and the next course will come when he is ready for it. The whole dinner is not put on the table at one time. No, Mr Bradshaw, we have got all we want for the present, and we are sure that at the end we will be quite satisfied, and not the least because everything has not been handed out on a plate, but we are going to have the satisfaction of working for it ourselves.

Letter from Anguilla Council and others to Lord Shepherd Dec 18th 1967

Dear Mr Minister,

We would like to thank you for the Parliamentary Mission, accompanied by Senior Civil Servants which has recently visited Anguilla. On behalf of the people of Anguilla, we hereby invite Her Majesty's Government to designate a Senior British Civil Servant to remain in Anguilla for an interim period of approximately twelve months, which period might be shortened or lengthened by mutual agreement.

The Senior British Official would be paid by and report direct to H.M.G. He would be working under a general instruction to act at all times - as we assume that H M G itself would act under this letter - in the best interests of Anguilla and its people. He would advise on the administration of the island, and on dealing with its immediate practical problems, including development, and he would help to work towards an agreed long-term solution for Anguilla. To these ends he would be invited to sit with the Council at its meetings, and would have access to all papers and documents. The Council would not act without seeking his advice.

Acceptance of this interim arrangement, and the provision of the Senior British Official would be without prejudice to the legal position of H.M.G. Nevertheless during the interim period, H M G would accept the validity of actions taken by the Council, which had the approval of the British Senior Official; and during the interim period, Anguilla would accept the responsibility of H.M.G. for the external affairs and defence of Anguilla. We request that, through appropriate British Channels, the facilities of the specialised agencies of the United Nations may be made available to us.

It is understood that during the interim period, the People of Anguilla will refrain from all hostile action against individuals or property on St Kitts, and that efforts will be made in good faith by all to restore friendship and harmony. This letter is signed on behalf of the people of Anguilla by Members of the Council and also by some other leading citizens, to indicate their support for this invitation.

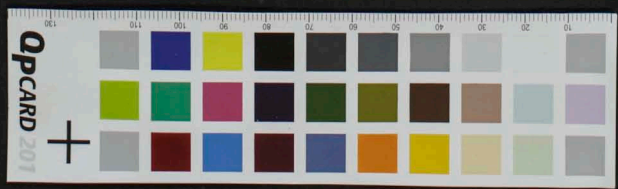
We hope that you will be able to accept it. Yours sincerely,

Ronald Webster	Hugo Rey	Lucas Wilson	Collins Hodge	Peter Adams
John Hodge	Wallace Rey	Emile Gumbs	John Webster	Walter Hodge
Campbell Fleming	Atlin Harrigan.			

Letter from Lord Shepherd to the Anguillan Council Jan 16th 1968

Thank you for your letter dated Dec: 18th written on behalf of the people of Anguilla, in which you expressed thanks for the work of the Parliamentary Delegation composed of Mr Nigel Fisher, MP. and Mr Donald Chapman MP. which has recently visited Anguilla.

I have studied the contents of your letter, and am glad to make available a Senior British Civil Servant to assist with the administration of Anguilla during an interim period of up to 12 months, and with the object of working towards an agreed long-term solution for the island. I agree this period of service may be shortened or lengthened in the light of circumstance prevailing, but must reserve the right to withdraw his services if at any time this appears advisable. I am happy to make Mr A.C.W. Lee available to fulfil this function.



The provision of Mr Lee in no way prejudices H.M.G's legal position, and does not constitute any recognition by H.M.G of any change in the status of the island as described by Parliament. H.M.G. will continue to have responsibility for foreign affairs and defence, and requests for facilities of specialised agencies of the United Nations will be dealt with in exercise of this responsibility.

I welcome your understanding during the interim period that the people of Anguilla will refrain from all hostile action against individuals or property of St Kitts, and that efforts will be made in good faith by all to restore friendship and harmony. I shall ask Mr Lee to submit recommendations with this object in view, before the conclusion of his appointment, and have no doubt that his work will contribute to a final solution of the problem.

URIEL GUMBS R.I.P Jan 14th 1968

Uriel Gumbs was born on Nov: 11th 1885, and known affectionately as "Teacher Uriel", this name identified him as one whose whole life was devoted to his profession. His scope of service covered traching at Montserrat, Middle Island and Sandy Point in St Kitts, and in Anguilla at Valley Boys, East End and the Road. It was from the Road that he retired in 1945. Anguilla has lost one of its sons who was never satisfied with a standard less than A.1. He treated sport with the same seriousness as he did his pedagogic profession. He helped to establish cricket in Anguilla, and youngsters always admired and tried to copy his stylish stroke-play, and masterly command of the ball as a bowler. When in St Kitts he married Miss Violet Hamilton, and they had two sons and three daughters. He was a keen churchman, and in the active part of his life he was a Lay-Reader. Even during his declining years he was active as Registrar of the island, and all entries of births, marriages and deaths were always entered in the meticulous and precise way that befitted a devoted teacher. Nearly one thousand people were present at his funeral to shew their love and respect for Teacher Uriel.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

1. The Agricultural Department which has been lying dormant (? in hibernation) is now waking up. Mr Radford Richardson agrees to put his whole weight into its operation. Mr Emile Gumbs has offered to assist him, and the Government thanks Mr Gumbs for this offer. Mr Richardson hopes to include the raising of chickens among his other projects.
2. Application forms for employment as a Civil Servant can be obtained at Govt: H.Q.
3. Embarkation Tax at the Airport, is not peculiar to Anguilla, nor is it a tax aimed at visitors only. It applies to every one who uses the airport on every occasion.
4. Fourteen cartons of school supplies has arrived from the Robert Tierney of St Croix. This is the second time they have sent school materials, and we in Anguilla are very grateful indeed to them. The supplies are being distributed to the schools now.
- 5 A tanker is presently off-loading Fuel to the Containers in Crocus Bay.

The wholesale price of Gasoline ex containers will be	78 cents.	Retail	83 cents.
" " Kerosene " " "	62 cents	" "	64 cents
" " Diesel " " "	55 cents	" "	60 cents.

These prices have been fixed by the Esso Company.

6. The Sub-post Office at Mt Fortune will be open from Monday to Friday only from 8.30 - 12,0 am and from 2.0 - 4.0. It will be closed on Saturdays.

7. Take notice that I intend to apply to the Magistrate, District D on April 1st 1968 for a Liquor License in respect of my business place at Island Harbour. Lelia Smith.

STAMPS We are glad to report that our new stamps are being included in the new Catalogue of Stanley Gibbons. This shews that they have "arrived" and are completely accepted in the philatelic world. Also in Commonwealth Catalogues the stamps of Anguilla will take alphabetical precedence over Antigua, which will give them additional advertisement. The remainder of the values of this issue should be ready in a few weeks' time. Our stamps are now accepted in every country of the world, save one. "Out of Step again"

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MORE FOR THE ALPHABET.

M's for MacDonald, engagingly Frank, but he knows how to deal with a spurious Bank.

N is for Nellie, a Duchess unwed: She visits the sick, and she lays out the dead.

O is for Owen, our dear Uncle Joe: No Factory, No LIAT, he's nowhere to go.

P for the Police, we sent home to WADE; with No Excess Baggage, and Passages Paid.

Q for the Question we all want to know: When "Interim" is over, then where do we go.

More next week.

