

FROM R. O. DENNY, O.B.E.,  
ROUGE CROIX PURSUIVANT OF ARMS

COLLEGE OF ARMS,  
QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, LONDON, E.C.4.  
CITY 4300

6th August, 1964.

Henry Hallett, Esq.,  
Saltus Grammar School,  
Bermuda.

Rouge Croix Pursuivant

Dear Mr. Hallett,

The question of a suitable design for the arms and crest of Saltus Grammar School has been giving us much thought. The armorial bearings proposed, of which you left with me a photograph bear too close a resemblance to already existing arms to be acceptable to the Kings of Arms.

I enclose herewith an alternative design for your consideration. The blazon would read: Azure a ship of the early seventeenth century with sails set argent, on a chief wavy of the second two martlets of the first. That is to say, a white 17th century ship on blue, with two blue martlets on a white wavy chief.

As I understand, the School is the most important in the Colony, it would seem appropriate to have a reference to Bermuda which has, inter alia, a wrecked ship in its arms. A ship of this period, but in full sail (with its suggestion of enterprise and boldness) is not inappropriate for the school. The arms of both the town and the county of Pembroke, after which presumably your parish was named, contain martlets.

For a school I think it important to keep the variety of colours to a minimum, as otherwise it adds to the cost of such things as blazer pockets, ties and the like. As you will see I propose to keep it just blue and white.

*School Colours Red & Blue see sketch*

For the crest, an open book as proposed is too like already existing crests and I suggest we adapt a previous suggestion you submitted and have a silver salt celler in front of two blue quill pens, to give a play on the name of your benefactor. The actual shape of the salt

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cellar is a matter for discussion, which we can decide shortly. That in my sketch is based on the salt in the arms of the Salters Company of London.

Will you please return the sketch with your comments.

Yours sincerely,

Rodney Dewey.

Rouge Croix Pursuivant

P.S. If it meets with approval will you please ask the Chairman of the Warden to sign it.

This is, of course, only a rough sketch; the final version will be more beautifully executed.

The mantling would normally be blue lined with white, but if the school colours are otherwise, the mantling could be coloured in conformity with them.

The martlets could, if there is no objection to a third colour in the arms, be red, which would be more in conformity with those in the Pembroke arms.