OPINION 922

CHARAXES IOCASTE BUTLER, 1865 (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA):
REJECTED AS AN UNAVAILABLE NAME

RULING.—(1) The specific name iocaste Butler, 1865, as published in the
binomen Charaxes iocaste, is hereby rejected as unavailable, being based only
on a type locality.

(2) The specific name achaemenes Felder, 1866, as published in the binomen
Charaxes achaemenes, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in
Zoology with the Name Number 2403.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1806)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission as a request
for suppression under the plenary powers of Charaxes iocaste Butler, 1865, by
Dr. V. G. L. van Someren in June 1967. Dr. van Someren’s application was
sent to the printer on 6 July 1967 and was published on 20 September 1967 in
plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the Bulletin as
well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; Bull.
zool. Nomencl. 21: 184). The proposals were supported by Dr. T. H. E.
Jackson. Dr. C. W. Sabrosky (Bull. zool. Nomencl. 24: 332) argued that
Charaxes iocaste Butler was not an available name.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 16 June 1969 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under
the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (69)35, in part 1 to decide whether
Charaxes iocaste Butler, 1865, is or is not an available name, and in part 2, (in
case a majority of the Commission decided that it is an available name) either
for or against the plenary powers to suppress Charaxes iocaste Butler, 1865.
At the close of the prescribed voting period on 16 September 1969 the state of
the voting was as follows:


Negative votes—seventeen (17), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Lemche, Eisenmann, Vokes, Mayr, Obручев, Melville, Starobogatov,
Binder, Sabrosky, Mertens, do Amaral, Jaczewski, Kraus, Forest, Ride.

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Tortonesse.

Voting Papers not returned—four (4): Bonnet, Evans, Munroe, Simpson.

Commissioner Brinck returned a late negative vote in part 1. The result
of voting in part 2 of Voting Paper (69)35 is irrelevant since the Commission
decided by seventeen votes to one that the name Charaxes iocaste Butler is not
available.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their
votes:

Prof. E. Mayr (22.vii.69): “Locality has never been considered as a qualifying
indication (see Art. 16b(i))”.

Prof. P. Brinck (22.ix.69): “It has been stated several times that localities and habitats are not ‘indications’, so why in this case? The group description is per se insufficient for validation of iocaste.”

ORIGINAL REFERENCE

The following is the original reference for the name placed on the Official List by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (69)35 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in part 1 of that Voting Paper has been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 922.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

W. E. CHINA
Assistant Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature
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