

C.S.

Posts & Telegraphs

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No.

146/34

S. Withers & Co  
23/3/34

SUBJECT.

1934

29<sup>th</sup> June

Previous Paper.

Private Letter Boxes  
Suggested installation of in  
the Post Office, Stanley

98/33

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MINUTES.

(12) Letter from S. Withers & Co 23/3/34

Excerpted from Inside Minute Sheet No 4 of M.P.98/33.

Y.E.

Submitted. The enclosed illustrations show the type of box required.

Perhaps the C.As could be asked to obtain a quotation for a nest of 25 boxes of the dimensions given by the Director of Public Works.

Previous letter boxes were a failure partly because they were made locally of unsuitable wood with the result that the doors would not work properly and the locks were unsatisfactory.

(Itld) M.C.H.  
Ag C.S.  
28/6/34.

Hon. C.S.

Please obtain quotation as you suggest.

(Itld) J.M.E.  
28/6/34.

3.

Letter to the London Agents of 2/7/34.

Colonial Postmaster

To see

M.C.H.

2.7.34

Hon. C.S.

Seen. thank you.

M.C.  
4/7/34

Subsequent Paper.



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ca's letter of (undated)

4-5

J.B.  
Submitted.

A. J. G. P. S.  
15/10/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

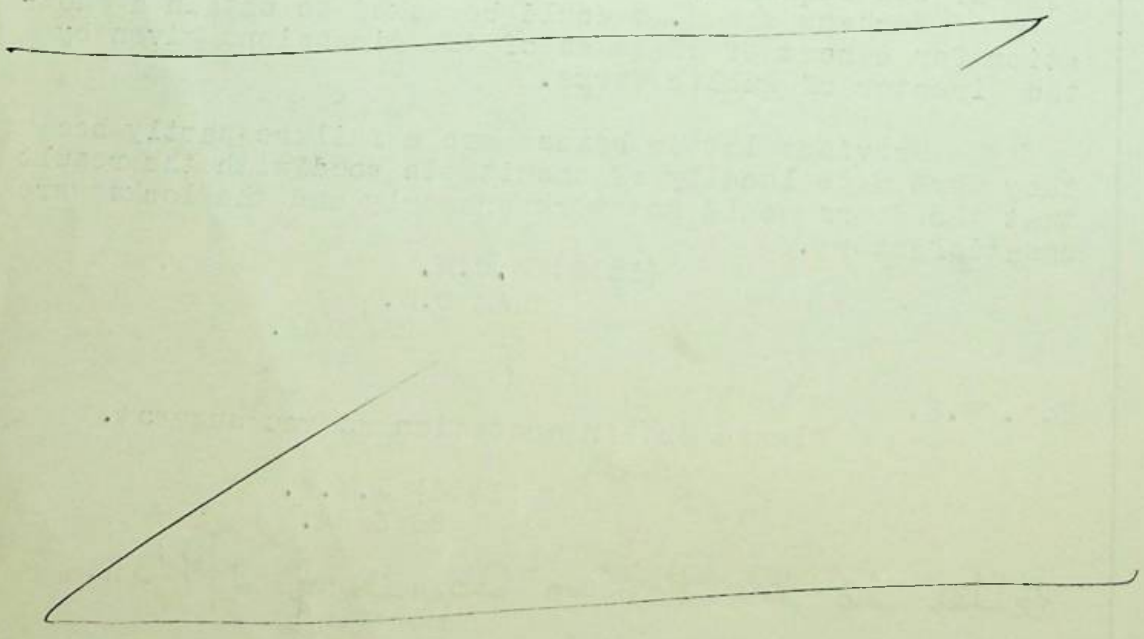
Kindly pass to Hon. Director  
Public Works for his observations  
and recommendations in consultation  
with Col. Postmaster.

MCH  
15. X. 54.

Hon. S. S. W.

Referred to you please.

A. J. G. P. S.  
15/10/34.





Hon. Col. Sec.

I have consulted the Colonial Postmaster, and we are agreed that:- Should it be decided to fit private letter boxes the tender of John Lann, Ltd should be accepted, with all locks to differ and mastered, the extra of £2 for each door being fitted with a small glass window, also the following extras.

Two spare locks with keys, and

Six spare inspection glasses.

The small glass windows for inspection purposes should be 3/8" plate glass, this is less likely to get broken than 21 oz glass.

The estimate for the complete work will be as follows.

Estimate of John Lann, Ltd.	£ - s - d
28-10-0	
Extra for each door being fitted with small glass windows	2-0-0
2 Spare locks with keys	11-0
6 Spare inspection glasses	3-0
Packing, inspection, & freight	5-0-0
Labour in the Colony	4-16-0
Total	<u>£ 41-0-0</u>

C. Roberts.

D.P.W.

20-10-34.



Y/B.

Submitted.

C. J. G.  
19/10/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

Kindly request Col. Postmaster to state his views with regard to the proposal to instal 25 private letter boxes. Would the public take them up at rental of say £1 p.a. Perhaps Col. Postmaster can make verbal enquiries from persons who for business reasons might rent such boxes:-

Estate Williams, Ho. Coy. V.A.H. Beags,  
McAlusny Sedgwick, W. Hutchinson,  
Jas N. Bennie, or any others.

MCH  
20. 10. 34.

Col. Postmaster.

For your views please.

C. J. G.  
19/10/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

At present there are only ten applicants and it is questionable if so few applicants will justify an installation of private boxes. 6.

A number of persons whom I asked expressed satisfaction at the quick delivery of letters, would not rent a box.

The private boxes will help the delivery of the letter mail considerably and I suggest that a notice be inserted in the "Penguin" to invite further applicants.

M.C.  
I. M.,  
1/11/34.



YK.

Submitted.

a notice might be inserted in the Penguin inviting applicants for private letter boxes. If no further applications are forthcoming it seems hardly worth while proceeding further with the matter.

C. J. J. C. S.  
2/11/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Yes, notice might be published in Penguin.

MCH  
2. XI. 34.

YK.

Draft notice submitted.

C. J. J. C. S.  
3/11/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Approved.

MCH  
5. XI. 34.

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Notice for Private Letter Boxes

~~Hon. S. P. W.~~

Col. Postmaster,

ENC 6-11-34.

M.C. P.M. 5/11/34

to see.

C. J. J. C. S.  
5/11/34

cf. 19/11/34.  
C. J. J. C. S. 6/11/34



to C. Postmaster,

would you please state what further applications, if any, have been received.

A. J. J. C. S.  
19/11/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

No further applications have been received.

One has been withdrawn from the attached list.

M.C. P.M.  
19/11/34

y/v.

Submitted.

In the circumstances it does not appear that the expenditure on the installation of private boxes is justified.

A. J. J. C. S.  
20/11/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

No. Let the matter hold over for the present.

MCH  
20. 11. 34.

~~Hon. J. P. W.~~

EMG 20-11-34.

Col. Postmaster,

to note

A. J. J. C. S.  
20/11/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted, thank you.

M.C. P.M. 22/11/34

P. A.  
23/11/34



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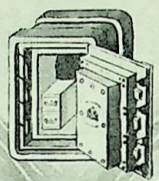
"S. WITHERS"  
"WITHERS SAFES"  
"S. WITHERS & CO'S SAFES"

Telegrams:  
"SAFES, WEST BROMWICH."

Telephone 0122, WEST BROMWICH.  
CODES:  
BENTLEYS · A · B · C · 5TH EDITION  
MARCONI INTERNATIONAL

ON THE  
ADMIRALTY  
& WAR OFFICE  
LISTS.

ESTD.



1843.

# SAMUEL WITHERS & Co.

SUCCESSORS TO GEORGE WITHERS & SONS,

PRIZE MEDALS.  
1889 - 1890.  
1892. 1895.  
1901. 1906.  
1907.

Directors: GEORGE A. WITHERS - F. SIDNEY WITHERS - WARWICK E. WITHERS.

LIMITED,

## BANKERS' SAFE & LOCK ENGINEERS,

### PARK WORKS, WEST BROMWICH,

WORKS:  
BARTON ST - OFF BROMFORD LANE.  
STATIONS: G. W. RY - WEST BROMWICH.  
L. M. S. - BROMFORD LANE.

LONDON OFFICE:  
11, DYER'S BUILDINGS, HOLBORN, E.C.

Telegrams: "POSTULATA, LONDON."  
Telephone: 962 HOLBORN.



23rd March 1932  
YOUR REFERENCE .....  
YOUR REFERENCE .....

The Postmaster General  
Falkland Island

Dear Sir

Doubtless from time to time you are buying safes, strong room doors, private letter boxes etc, and we shall be glad if you will add our name to the list of firms from whom tenders are invited

In the meantime we enclose our various lists, the prices shown being subject to 25% discount, delivered f o b English Port

We have no standard sizes of letter boxes, but during the last 25 years or so we have supplied the Crown Agents with hundreds of them for various colonies

With respect to safes, since July 1930 we have supplied under contract over 200 of our quality No 23 to H M Office of Works for use in Post Offices, Telephone Exchanges etc, including two large ones each weighing nearly three tons for the Treasury, and Head Office of the Post Office Savings Bank respectively

If the pruchasing of these goods is not done through your department, we shall be glad if you will hand this letter and the price lists to the proper quarter and oblige

Yours faithfully

SAMUEL Withers & Co Ltd  
*Sidney Withers*  
Director

146/34.

2nd July, 34.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to request that you will be so good as to furnish an estimate of the cost of a 'nest' of 25 private letter boxes - 5 tier wide by 5 high. Each box should be about 10" wide and 9" high and 15" in depth. It is desired to place the 'nest' in a space approximately 4' 5" wide by 4' 0" high.

2. I have to state that illustrations of private letter boxes were received from Messrs: Samuel Withers & Co, Ltd., of 11, Dyer's Buildings, Holborn E.C., but no specifications or particulars of cost.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

*M. C. H.*

Acting Colonial Secretary

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
4, Millbank, Westminster,  
LONDON.



Falkland Is. 3930

OFFICE OF THE CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES,

4, MILLBANK, LONDON, S.W.1.

All communications on this subject to be addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, the above reference and the date of this letter being quoted.

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Referring to your letter No. 146/34 of 2nd July 1934 I

have the honour to enclose, for the information of the Colonial Government, five tenders, accompanied by specifications and drawings, for the supply of Private Letter Boxes which we have received from the undermentioned firms.

2. In the event of the Colonial Government deciding to accept any one of these tenders, we shall be glad if you will return it to us, together with any papers attached to it, accompanied by an Indent authorizing the supply. As we are not in a position to proceed without the tender and attached documents, their return to us is important.

I have the honour to be,

To The Colonial Secretary,  
Stanley  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Sir,

Your obedient Seryant,

*Guy R. Lock*  
for Crown Agents.

**TENDERS ENCLOSED.**

Messrs. Milners' Safe Co. Ltd.

Messrs. John Tann Ltd.

Messrs. G.A. Harvey & Co. (London) Ltd.

Messrs. Chubb & Son's Lock & Safe Co. Ltd.

Messrs. Samuel Withers & Co.



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List of Applicants

Father Wigone,  
Messrs T. & N. Binnie,

Estate L. Williams,

Dean Lumsdale,

M<sup>r</sup> Goane,

Ratcliffe Bros.,

Cap<sup>t</sup> Allen

M<sup>r</sup> Creamer

M<sup>r</sup> V. A. H. Biggs

M<sup>r</sup> Les. Hardy.



146/54.

30th November,

54.

Gentlemen,

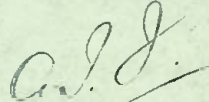
I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. W.5350 undated, and to thank you for the action taken with regard to the Tenders for the supply of private letter boxes.

I am to state, however, that it is not proposed at present to proceed further with the matter.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



For Colonial Secretary.



⑧ Letter to Crown Agents, of 30/11/34.

P. A.  
30/11/34

Col. Postmaster,

You have asked for this file.

C. J. G.  
for M.  
24/10/30

Hon. Col. Sec.,

Seen, thank you.

m@ P. M.  
7/10/40

pb



NOTICE.

PRIVATE LETTER BOXES.



In order to facilitate the delivery of the letter mail it has been suggested that private letter boxes should be installed at the Post Office.

If sufficient applications are forthcoming the Government would propose to put the work in hand during the year 1935. Each letter box would be fitted with a small glass window for inspection purposes and would be provided with a lock and key; all locks would differ and be mastered.

It is proposed that an annual rental of £1. 0. 0. should be charged for each box.

Applications for private letter boxes should be addressed to the Colonial Postmaster not later than Saturday the 17th of November, 1934.

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