

C.S.

1934

Offices & Officials
 App'ts

No.

174/34

650

SUBJECT.

1934

27th July

Previous Paper.

Proposed appointment of a
 mail officer for Inter-mountain
 Postal services.

13

MINUTES.

J.E.
 The present system of sending
 mails direct to Stations is far
 from satisfactory particularly as regards
 registered and parcel mails and it
 seems to me that the most
 efficient way to deal with the
 matter is to provide a mail officer
 or travelling postal official whose
 duty it would be to supervise
 the receipt and delivery of mails
 and also to obtain receipts for
 registered and parcel mails. I
 consider also that it would be a
 boon to the public in outlying
 districts if they could register letters,
 purchase postal orders and stamps
 and also post parcels at each post
 of call. Such an officer would
 have

Subsequent Paper.

a great deal of responsibility as while performing such duties he would be away from the immediate control of his superior and would ~~be~~ during that time be in rather a different position to a Clerk in an office.

2. I think having regard to the nature of the duties the salary should not be less than £150 p. a.

3. Such an officer when not required for Postal duties would be available for assistance in Depts: that might be "hard pressed."

4. A suggestion that a Postman should be attached to the S.S. "Lafonia" was first forwarded in a Petition to the L. of S. by Mr. E. G. Rowe, Manager Estate L. Williams and I agree that the employment of such an officer would give additional postal facilities.

5. The matter might be given 3 months trial commencing from the 1st August when the mail officer would go on the mail trip of the 3rd August. Mr. Lauriston Sullivan would in my opinion be suitable for such a post. Formerly he was in this office and afterwards was Clerk to the Medical Dept. He gave up that post to join the Navy.

MCH
ages

29. 7. 54

Inside Minute Paper.

Hon. C. S.

Appointment may be offered
accordingly as temporary mail officer

for a period of three months from

1.8.34. to Mr. Fairport Sullivan.

Wages at the rate of £12 10^s

(in addition to free keep a grant

"Lepraic") may be paid as a

charge against Head VI. "Post Office"

5. "Carriage of Mails", the

resultant excess on this subhead

being met by special warrant

when incurred.

[Signature]

Mr. Sullivan seen this day
and stated he would accept for 3 months.
App. as temporary mail officer for 31.7.34

30.7.34

Postmaster

Please see, Mr. Sullivan
will report to you for duty at
10 a.m. on the 1st August.
Mr. Sullivan will go out this
trip of "Lafonia" to supervise
the receipt and delivery of
mails. You should arrange for
him to obtain receipts for
registered packets and parcels
at each port and for the
receivers to check the contents
of the bags in his presence,
wherever it is found practicable
to do.

You should provide him
with say £3 worth of stamps
and also with a reg^d letter
receipt book so that he can
receive registered letters. You
should also provide him with
a list of postage rates &c.
He should also be supplied
with a mail bag or two
in which he can place any
correspondence, packets &c he
may receive.

The matter of postal orders
will not be dealt with
on this occasion.

WCH
—
ag. C.S.
31.7.24.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Your instructions have been
carried out accordingly.

M.C.P.M.
26.7.24.

Hon. Secs. *[Signature]* for *[Signature]*
Local Auditor.

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VIII-34
ann.
13 Aug. 34

To note.

[Signature]
10.5.34.

Postmaster →

Please furnish a Report from the Mail Office regarding postal work carried out by him on the recent mail trip of the S.S. "Lafonia"

[Signature]
15.8.34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Everything carried out was satisfactory except an incident which happened at Fox Bay.

The Manager, Port Howard telephoned to the Manager Fox Bay East requesting him to have ~~the~~ letter mail of Port Howard landed at Fox Bay.

The instructions received by telegram before the S.S. "Lafonia" ^{left} were to have the whole of Port Howard mail landed at Chastres.

The S.S. "Lafonia" was almost underway when the mail office received the request of the Manager at Port Howard and did not have time to get the letter mail from the Strong Room to land it at Fox Bay.

This incident could have been prevented if the Manager at Port Howard had telegraphed the Mail Office or sent a telegram to Stanley.

MC P.M. 28/8/34.

~~Chief Postmaster,~~
Office,

Please prepare us for
payment of wages to Mr
Fairport Sullivan at rate of
£150 p.a., from 1st August
chargeable against Head VII
s. "Carriage of mails." for
services as temporary mail officer.

MCH
as c.s.
29. 8. 34

Letter from manager. Galk. Is. Co. Ltd. 29/4/34.

(1)

1. Submitted. I fear that the
attitude of the company over this
matter is most disappointing. When
I discussed the matter with the
manager Mr. Coy. I pointed out that
the Govt. had not exercised the
option under Cl. 19 of the contract
and in consequence the Coy had
been put to no expense and that
the carriage of mail officer for
inter-island services might be
regarded as a set off. Mr. Young stated
he would consider the matter and
the result is shown in red (1).

2. Even at the reduced fare
the cost to Govt will not be far
short of £50 p.a. I am seeing
Mr. Young next week to further
discuss the matter.

MCH
as c.s.
31. 8. 34

Spind
31. 8. 34.

1. I have discussed this matter further with the manager Mr. Coy Ltd. Mr. Young pointed out that when a large number of passengers are carried it is difficult to berth the mail officer unless a passenger is excluded in which case the Company would have to make a charge for the passage.

2. Mr. Young is willing to carry the mail officer free of charge if he is berthed in the 3rd cl. messing to be with the officers. As the mail officer will only be on the vessel for comparatively short periods I do not think any hardship would be involved, but he would require some suitable place to keep his official bag. No doubt he could make some arrangement with one of the officers regarding this.

3. When the renewal of the Contract comes up for consideration during the latter part of 1935, the question of the provision of a room for the mail officer can be considered.

WCH
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3. 4. 34.

✓ Young

4. 9. 34.

Colonial Postmaster.

To see. The mail contract contains no provision requiring the F. I. Coy to carry a mail officer on later - unladen voyages and in consequence the Company are not prepared to provide cabin accommodation unless payment is made.

No further expense can be incurred in this connection and for the present the only arrangement which can be made is for the mail officer to berth in the 3rd class and take his meals in the officer's mess.

The mail officer, however, will require some safe place to keep his official bag. He can doubtless make some satisfactory arrangement with one of the officers regarding this point.

Please communicate the foregoing arrangements to the mail officer.

MCH.
by C.B.
5.9.54.

The Postmaster spoken regarding above, on further consideration it was considered inadvisable for the mail officer to be required to berth 3rd class. I so informed the Manager F. I. Coy and stated that if he insisted a reduced fare would be paid but no charge for messing.

MCH.
19.9.54.

P.A. →

(2) Letter from Mr. R. C. Colo. Evans, 13/9/34.

JW.

Red 2. submitted.

Reference is made to this incident in the Postmaster's minute of the 28 Aug. 1934 on page 3.

C. J. J.
for 1/10/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Pass to Postmaster please for his observations. Postmaster should obtain from the mail officer the facts regarding the very definite statement at "A" of red 2.

MCH
24. 400.
1. X. 34.

Col. Postmaster,

For your observations please.

C. J. J.
for 1/10/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen, thank you.

The mail officer informed me that the instructions regarding Port Howard mail was given to him

too late to execute the order, and that the mail could not be got at from the strong room. The Chief Officer of the s.s. Lafonia is willing to support this statement.

I have been told that McClement forgot to deliver the message in time & that Mr Pole Evans is well aware of the fact.

I am satisfied that the mail officer had not sufficient time to execute the instructions of Mr Pole Evans.

MC.
P.M.
3/10/34

JH.
Submitted

C. Spelt
3/10/34

Hon. Col. Sec.

Please acknowledge and inform Mr Pole Evans that from inquiries which have been made it would appear that the mail officer was only informed of his wishes just as the mail-vessel was about to sail and that on receipt of the instructions the mail officer immediately saw the Chief Officer with a view to complying with the instructions

but was informed that it was then too late to get the bag from the mail-room. The Chief Officer of the S.S. "Laponia" is prepared to support this statement. You might add that the failure in this matter was due to Mr. Clement omitting to give the instructions to the mail officer in sufficient time, had this been done there would have been no difficulty in complying with Mr. Pole Evans's wishes.

WCH
as. Gov.
3. X. 34.

3. Letter to Mr. R. C. Pole-Evans of 6. X. 34.

Col. Postmaster,

to see.

C. D. for Lt.
8/10/34

Low. Col. Sec.

Seen, thank you.

M. C. P. M.
8/10/34

P. A.
9/10/34

(4) Letter from Capt. L. Collet of 23/10/34.

JTB.

Submitted

Vouchers have now been passed.

A. J. J.
24/10/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen. I fear we can make
no better arrangement at present.

MCH
24. X. 34.

P.A.
25/10/34

Letter from Mr. W. H. Clement of 1/11/34.

(65)

JTB.

Red B submitted

It does not seem that any
good purpose will be served
by pursuing this matter further.

A. J. J.
6/11/34.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I agree but acknowledge and
thank Mr. Clement for his letter.

MCH
6. XI. 34.

Letter to Mr. W. H. Clement of 9. XI. 34. 6.

PA
7/11/34

(M) c Minutes from Col. Postmaster of 21/12/37.

ACS

Minute of Hon. C. on Page 4 and Red (M) refer to the matter of messing of the mail officer.

C. J. J.
a.c.s.
21/12/37

H.S.

~~Please see the above references~~

a.c.s.

Will you please ascertain from the Postmaster the period of the voyage, and compare the charges with the rates laid down. If saloon rates have been charged then there seems no reason why the mail officer should not mess in the saloon of the D. J. C. can be advised accordingly.

J. J. J.
22/12/37

Col. Postmaster,

Will you please state the period of the voyage in both cases.

J. J. J.
a. c. s.
22/12/37.

Hon. Col. Sec.,

Period of Voy. F. 15 left Stanley the 17th October returned 27th October.
Voyage F. 16. left Stanley the 19th Decbr. returned 16th Decbr.

M.C.P.M. 22/12/37.

Col. Postmaster,

See red (4). The tariff rate has been changed since 1934. Previous ap's for victualling of the mail office have been paid at the usual tariff rate. Pros for payment have been passed accordingly.

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4. 12. 37

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen.

M.C.P.M.
30/12/37

P.H.
30/12/37

G.F.

A mail for overseas is being picked up at Fox Bay en route Montevideo. The censorship of this will be done by Capt. Pitt, who is an Assistant Censor, but the sealing of the bag or bags presents a problem because the Col. Postmaster is unwilling to incur the responsibility of providing Capt. Pitt with a clamp & seals.

2. The inward mail this time was very badly carried, heavy cargo being placed on top of it, & damage is reported. Also some of the bags & contents arrived wet.
3. The Col. Postmaster thinks it would be a good thing if he invoked Cl. 19 of the mail contract & sent a mail officer up on this trip - the F.I.C. would have to carry him free & might be induced to take more care in future.
4. I agree & this would also get over the Fox Bay difficulty. An occasional trip by a mail officer will be a good thing. Mr. Binney is the ~~new~~ officer & the Col. Postmaster is satisfied that he is competent.

M.P.
31/12

Capt. P.H. can handle this as before.

[Signature] 2/1/43

Col. Postmaster
Ch. Clason

Noted. M.C.P.M. 31/12/43

TO note M.P. 2/1/43

PA.

The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1851.)

REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" ... RADIO.

Stanley

29th July, 1934.

Sir,

With reference to the temporary arrangement of sending a Postal Official on "Lafonia's" voyages around the Islands, I confirm that no charge will be made for his accommodation and messing for the first two voyages - now completed.

If this arrangement is to be continued I am prepared to make a reduced charge for him - of a single 1st class fare for the round voyage plus usual messing charges. Under this arrangement the charge for a voyage around West Falkland, taking one week would be -

Single 1st class fare	£ 2. 9. -.
Messing 7 days @ 7/- per day	<u>2. 9. -.</u>
	<u>£ 4. 18. -.</u>

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Manager.

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

~~STANLEY~~. STANLEY.

Port Howard,
West Falklands.

Sept 13th 1934.

Sir,

In reference to a telegram received which informed us there would be a Postal Official on the S/S Lafonia last voyage.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that on Aug 6th we had a man in Fox Bay to get our letter mail, as we required same urgently; and had hoped to reply to the most important letters by the return of the vessel. I had asked Mr W.H. Clement of Fox Bay East to see the Official, & get all the letter mail for Port Howard out of the bag.

A { Mr Clement could not get in touch with this official until about 3/4 of an hour before the vessel sailed; a message was sent off by him, with the last boat, to say there was not time to get it. I might mention Mr Clement informed me there was ample time for this work to be done.

We have been unable to get replies away yet to this mail on this account.

I trust you will recognise the seriousness of this, & take the necessary steps to avoid the waste of money & the annoyance of such a matter occurring in future

I am, Sir,

your obedient servant,

Robert Evans

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

174/34.

6th October, 34.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th of September, 1934, regarding your request to have Port Howard letter mail landed at Fox Bay from the s.s. "Lafonia" in August, 1934.

2. I am to say that from enquiries which have been made it would appear that the mail Officer was not informed of your wishes until the vessel was about to sail from Fox Bay, and on receipt of instructions he immediately saw the Chief Officer of the "Lafonia" with a view to complying with your request but was informed that it was then too late to get the bag from the mail room. I am to state further that the Chief Officer of the vessel is prepared to support this statement.

3. I am to add that the failure to land your letter mail at Fox Bay was due to Mr. Clement omitting to give the instructions to the mail Officer in sufficient time and that had this been done there would have been no difficulty in complying with your wishes.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. J.
for Colonial Secretary.

R. C. Pole-Evans, Esq., J.P.,
Port Howard,
West Falkland.

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The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

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REGISTERED 1902.

AGENTS FOR LLOYDS.

TELEGRAMS "FLEETWING PORTSTANLEY" RADIO.

Stanley.

22nd October, 19 34.

Sir,

X With reference to our discussion re Mail Officer's accommodation whilst on tour around the Islands. No charge will be made for passage but it is understood that fare paying passengers will have first claim on berths. Messing will be charged for at tariff rates.

Bill for voyage C 21. enclosed herewith.

I am,

Sir,

your obedient servant,

W. M. ...

Manager.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary.

Stanley.

Packe Brothers & Co. Limited.

FOX BAY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

1st. November, 1934.

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley.

Sir,

I note in your No. 174/34. of 6th. October, 1934, to Mr. R. C. Pole-Evans, which he has forwarded me to see, that I am named as being responsible for the non-delivery of the Port Howard letters, in as much that I did not inform the Mail Officer of Mr. Pole-Evans' request in time.

2. I have to inform you that three quarters of an hour elapsed between the request being made by myself, and the last time that the motorboat came to the jetty from the 'Lafonia'.

3. I submit that the abovementioned time was ample for the Officer concerned to send off the letters asked for, and especially so when the vessel concerned is subsidised to carry the mails.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. Clements
Manager.

174/34.

7th November, 34.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of and to thank you for your letter of the 1st of November, 1934, on the subject of the non-delivery of the Port Howard letter mail from the s.s. "Lafonia" in August last.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. J. S.

for Colonial Secretary.

W. H. Clement, Esq., J.P.,
Fox Bay,
Falkland Islands.

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No.

MINUTE.

(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

21st December, 19 37.

From The Colonial Postmaster,

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to submit the attached accounts from Messrs Falkland Island Co., Ltd. for the victualling of the Mail Officer.

I may add that I think the charges in excess - the Mail Officer is taking his meals in the mess-room and not in the saloon. I would prefer him to take them in the saloon if these amounts have to be paid for his victualling each voyage.

M Carey
Col. Postmaster