

C.S.

MAI/GEN/3#5

1935
 11/2/35
 No.

1935

1050

SUBJECT.

35

1935

Jan 6th

Previous Paper.

Complaint by West Falkland Farmers regarding mails from Stanley to the west.

MINUTES.

1-3

Letter from West Falkland Farmers 6/1/35

Yt.
 Submitted. Complaints regarding W. F. mails is more or less a hardy annual. This letter has originated with Mr. Barton, manager of Pebble Is. who appears to think that Gov. should employ the "Gentoo." In view of the heavy cost of the contract for conveyance of mails to Vides and W. F., I did not think it advisable in Dec^r 1934. to incur additional expenditure merely to suit the convenience of two or three farmers on the W. F.
 I agree however that the

Subsequent Paper.

present position with one vessel is most undesirable. It is difficult also for the lay to carry out all their obligations as the slightest modification upsets the whole of the Itinerary.

The present contract expires here year and I think it would be as well to make some more efficient arrangements regarding W. F. mails. If other arrangements can be made for S. G. mails then there would be no distraction of the W. F. Service.

The matter might be discussed at the Conference.

MCH
C.S.

8. 4. 55

Ask Pt. and say that the desirability of improving the mail service with the West is fully appreciated and that the G.W. will make endeavours to that end.

Arrangements should be made for the Captain to make a call on her way to S. Georgia when that will help. The F.I.C. intend I believe to have a motor boat at Brantley each year and the use of that can perhaps be taken into account when a new contract is made. Meanwhile the Postmaster should be instructed to interest himself ^{clearly} ^{thoroughly} in all movements of ~~ships~~ shipping with a view to bringing an opportunity for communications with the West. Owners of boats should be asked to give as long ^{notification} as possible of when their ships will be calling at Brantley or Brantley's Hook. 91

(4) Letter to W. F. James 9/4/35 Sheet No. 2.
Col. Postmaster

To note for future guidance
para: 2. of H's minute

2. You should take care
that owners of all boats
give you proper notification
of their movements so that
no opportunity of sending
mails will be lost.

MCH
—
Ct.
9. 4. 35

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted for future guidance.

Care will be taken about
proper notification of the movements
of vessels.

MC
9/4/35

B. F. 4. 5. 35
MCH. 10. 4. 35

For meeting at Gov. House
on 8th May.

MCH.
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8. 5. 35

Mails to the west were mentioned but at
the Conference but no conclusion arrived

8 May 35

P. H.
8/5/35

Minute from Col Postmaster 12/6/35

Submitted. Under the Post Office Ord: 1898, the master of a vessel must carry any mail tendered to him and certain payment may be made i.e., 1^d for every letter and 1/4^d for every other postal packet. Conveyance of parcels is somewhat different as on ocean services sea transit rates are charged to cover conveyance.

It would be a boon to some of the outlying Islands if they could get their parcels. The cost involved about £3-15-0 is comparatively small and I think the Postmaster might be authorized to arrange for the conveyance of the parcel mails.
MCH
CS.
12.6.35

~~Minute~~ 12/11/35
Colonial Postmaster
To note. The master of "Perfecto Garcia" may be paid at rate of 5/- per bag for parcel mails.
MCH
CS.
13.6.35

Hon. Col. Secy.

Noted and returned

C. S. O. files
A. A. G. files
22/7/35

✓ P.A.
met

(7) Telegram from Westers, of 23. 3. 38.

P.A.
19/4/38

(8) Telegram to Westers of 24. 3. 38.
9-10. Minute from Col. Postmaster of 3. 6. 38.

Postmaster.

Payment may be made.

met
es
3. 6. 38

Hon. Col. Secy.

Payment must be made from 5. Carriage of Mails. I have no vote to pay this amount. M.C.

P.M.
4/6/38

Col. Postmaster.

Voucher has been passed to Treasury.

C. S. O. files
for
6/6/38

Hon. Col. Secy.

Noted, thank you

P.A.
7/6/38

7/6/38

Memorandum from Colonial Postmaster 2.9.38. 11-12.

Col Postmaster,

No note.

Noted,

C. J. J.
for. el.
3/9/38

M. C. P. M.
5 Sept. 1938.

P. H.
3/9/38

Memorandum from Colonial Postmaster of 7.12.38.

13.

Col Postmaster,

Voucher has been passed in favour of Mrs. Davis.

C. J. J.
for. el.
10/12/38.

Noted
M. C. P. M.
12/12/38

P. H.
12/12/38

Memorandum from Colonial Postmaster of 1.3.39.

14.

Voucher Sqd.
M. H.
C. J.
1.3.39.

Col. Postmaster,

Voucher has been passed in favour of Mrs. Davis.

C. J. J.
for C.S.
2.3.39.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted, thank you.

M. C. P. M.
2/3/39

Approved.

MCH

Colonial Postmaster,

To note.

Stb

for C.S.
2/3/40.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted.

M.C.P.M.
2/3/40

P.A.
4/3/40.

Minute from Colonial Postmaster of 30.7.40.

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Office:

for vouchers then P.A.

C.L.H.
7/8/40.

Minute from Colonial Postmaster of 3/10/40.

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Minute from Colonial Postmaster of 5/3/41.

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P.A.

P.P.

Minute from Colonial Postmaster of 10/3/43.

23.

Voucher passed to
Treasury 10/3/43.

Minute from Colonial Postmaster of 18/4/44.

24.

Voucher passed to
Treasury 26/4/44.

Minute from Colonial Postmaster of 19.9.44.

25.

Minute from Colonial Postmaster of 28.12.44.

26.

Voucher passed to
Treasury 29/12/44.

Minute from Colonial Postmaster of 24.12.45.

27.

Voucher Passed to
Treasury 24/3/45.

P.A.

P.A.

(3)

The West Falkland,

January 6th.1935

The Hon.the Colonial Secretary,

Port Stanley

Sir,

The signatories to this letter wish you to place it before His Excellency the Governor, so that he may be immediately acquainted with our opinion of the lamentable state of the Local Mail Service.

We feel that the Administration hitherto has not been fully alive to the facts of the matter, and further is not, and has not been for some time, in sympathy with the very natural desires of West Falkland Farmers and their employees.

1. We wish to point out to His Excellency that on three occasions during the year 1934 the scheduled itinerary of the s.s. "Lafonia" was arranged in such a way that West Mails were to be allowed to remain in the Stanley Post Office while the vessel proceeded to South Georgia with Mails for the Dependencies. In each case this would have entailed a delay of from ten days to a fortnight from the time the Mails were landed in Stanley to their delivery on the West.
2. That this delay did not actually occur on two of the three occasions was not due to any action on the part of the Government. On the first occasion the m.v. "Penelope" happened to be in Stanley, bound for the West Falkland, and on the second West Letter Mails only were conveyed overland to Brenton Loch.

and, consequent upon the default of the schooner "Ilen" were eventually taken across the Sound by the m.v. "Gentoo".

3. The third occasion is the one to which we particularly wish to call His Excellency's attention.

The Mails arrived in Stanley on the 8th. December, and the s.s. "Lafonia" sailed for South Georgia on the 11th. or thereabouts. In spite of repeated requests by telegram from "Westers" no effort whatsoever was made to deliver West Mails until the return of the "Lafonia" from South Georgia. They were finally delivered on the 21st. December.

4. In reply to our telegrams we were informed that the scheduled itinerary of the "Lafonia" must be adhered to, and that in any case, the vessel had already made the requisite number of calls at West Ports during the year, necessary to fulfill her contract.

5. If we accept, under protest, the fact that the "Lafonia" was not available for the delivery of our mails, we still wish to know why no effort was made in the meantime to obtain the services of an outside vessel. We happen to know that such an offer was made, but the offer was merely acknowledged and no steps were taken to ascertain what the cost of such services would be.

6. We are aware that the Ocean Mail Service from the United Kingdom to Stanley has, with the notable exception of the Parcel Post, considerably improved since the contract was signed with the Falkland Islands Company to carry Mails from Montevideo by their vessel, but we greatly deplore the fact that the West Falkland has not shared in the advantages that have benefited

the residents of Stanley and the East Falkland.

7. We would point out that for approximately four months last year the "Lafonia" was absent from the Colony, which is in itself an unsatisfactory state of affairs, since that vessel is the only non-privately owned one in the Colony capable of going to sea at short notice in a case of emergency.

We do not however wish to dwell at the moment on this regrettable aspect of the Colony's shipping, but we do consider that for the remaining eight months (assuming that the "Lafonia" will be absent for the same period this year) we are entitled to an adequate Local Mail Service .

8. In conclusion, we trust that His Excellency will realise that we have just cause for our grievances, and will take what measures he considers necessary to ensure that such a situation does not arise again.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Sydney Miller
Estate Robertson & Fellon

Ab Robertson for J. L. Waldron Ltd and their employees

Signed by *William H. Quetton* for *Anna & Quetton, and employees*

Ab Robertson for Dean & Co and employees.

W. Robson for Bailton & Pritchney, and employees.

V. Schmitt for V. Hamilton and their employees.

H. C. Harding for H. Omerail, Blake & Co and their employees

J. Shannon for Stocking Bros and employees

W. H. Clement
Packer Bros & Co Ltd & employees -

A. G. Barton for Dean Bros
Pebble Is

112/35.

9th April, 35.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 6th January, 1935, on the subject of the local mail service and to inform you that the desirability of improving the mail service with the West Falkland is fully appreciated and that the Government will make endeavour to that end.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. C. H.

Colonial Secretary.

The West Falkland Farmers,
(Thro' A.G. Barton, Esq.,
Pebble Island,
West Falkland.)

With reference to Para. 2 of Mr Barton's letter action was taken by the Government.

I arranged with the Master of the "N.S. Penelope" to carry the mails to the West Falkland & actually held up the vessel until the mails were ready.

This was done as a personal favour for me in order to let the West Falkland farmers have their mail in good time.

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No.

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

MINUTE.

12th June, 1935.

From The Colonial Postmaster,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have been informed that the Ketch 'Perfecto Garcia' is leaving for the West Falkland Ports and Islands on Saturday.

There is a fairly large parcel mail to be despatched for the West of the West Falkland and Islands, and which will probably be lying in the Post Office for some time before an opportunity occurs for landing parcel mails direct at their respective ports.

The Master of the 'Perfecto Garcia' is willing to carry these parcel mails for the sum of five shillings per bag.

As this seems a reasonable charge I submit the suggestion for your approval.

M Carey P.M.
12/6/35.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
52	Fox Bay	22	20.00	23/3/38

To

Postmaster, Stanley.

WEST REQUIRE TO KNOW WHEN THEY ARE RECEIVING THEIR MAIL IF IT IS TO
BE BEFORE LAFONIA SAILS SOUTH GEORGIA.

WESTERS

Time

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE. (8)

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To Westers.

Your telegram 23rd March, Lafonia sails direct for South Georgia. Will call at Fox Bay en route to Magallanes 3rd April and again on return voyage from Magallanes. Mail goes 3rd April.

Postmaster.



H. Goodall
24/3/38.

Time

May 31st 1938

To The Postmaster

(9)

P.O. of John Davis

April Mail

6 large bags	5/1 bag	\$1	10	-
7 small "	2/6 bag		17	6
		\$2	27	6

No.

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

MINUTE.

3rd June, 1938.

From The Colonial Postmaster,

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to attach herewith an account from Mr. J. Davis for conveyance of mails to the West Falkland per "Prefecto Garcia".

The prices charged are reasonable.

McCarey P.M.

No.

MINUTE.

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

2nd September, 19 38.

From The

To The Honourable,

Colonial Postmaster

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to attach herewith an account from Mr. John Davis for mails conveyed to the West Falkland per "Prefecto Garcia" and request that the amount may be paid to him from 5 Carriage of Mails.

M Carey
P.M.

No.

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

MINUTE.

7th December, 1938.

From The Colonial Postmaster.

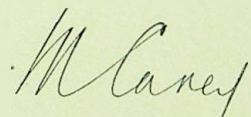
To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

I have the honour to request that the attached account may be paid to Mr. John Davis for conveyance of the mails thereon.



Colonial Postmaster.

No.

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

MINUTE.

1st March, 1939.

From The Colonial Postmaster,

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to attach herewith an account from Mr. J. Davis for conveyance of mails and request that the amount may be paid to him.

M. Carey
P.M.

No.

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

MINUTE.

12th October, 19 39.

From The
Colonial Postmaster,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

I have the honour to forward the enclosed account for conveyance of mails.

The amount is correct and I request that a voucher is made out from " Carriage of Mails" to enable Mr.J.Davis to receive payment.

M.C.P.M.
12/10/39.

No. _____

MINUTE.

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

14th October, 19 39.

From The
Colonial Postmaster.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

I have the honour to attach an account for mails dispatched during the month of June.

According to the receipts this account is in order, and I request a voucher to be made out from " Carriage of Mails" for payment to Mr.J.Bundes.

M Canay
P.M.
14/10/39

No.

MINUTE.

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

14th November, 1939.

From The _____

To The Honourable, _____

Colonial Postmaster.

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

The attached account for conveyance of mails is in order and I have the honour to request a voucher to be passed to the value of £2. 2. 6. in favour of Mr. John Davis.

M.C.P.M.

No.

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

MINUTE.

18th December, 1939.

From The

Colonial Postmaster

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

The attached account is in order and I have the honour to request that a voucher will be passed to the amount of £2. 15. -. in favour of Mr. John Davis for conveyance of mails mentioned thereon.

M.C.P.M.

(19)

No.

112/38

MINUTE.

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

1st March, 1940.

From The

Colonial Postmaster.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

I have the honour to forward herewith an account for the conveyance of mail to the West Falkland, and request a voucher to be passed for the amount of ten shillings for Mr. John Davis, Stanley.

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1.11.

112/34.

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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).

30th July, 19 40.

From The
Colonial Postmaster,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

I have the honour to forward the attached Account for Carriage of Mails per "Prefecto Gracia". The Account is in order and I request a voucher to be passed in favour of Mr. John Davis for the amount of three pounds.

M.C.P.M.

No.

MINUTE.

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

31st October, 1940.

From The Col. Postmaster,

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to attach herewith an account for the conveyance of mails per "Prefecto Garcia" during the months of August and September.

The account is in order and I request a voucher to be passed in favour of Mr. J. Davis for the sum of £5. 5. -.

M.C.P.M.

No. _____

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

MINUTE.

5th March, 1941.

From The _____

Colonial Postmaster

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable, _____

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

I have the honour to attach herewith an account for conveyance of mails per Schr. "Porvenir", and request that a voucher may be passed in favour of Captain Miller for the amount of ten shillings.

M.C.P.M.



No. _____

MINUTE.

10th March, 1948.

From

To The Honourable, _____

The Colonial Postmaster,
~~THE COLONIAL SECRETARY~~

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

The attached account is for the conveyance of interinsular mails per "Porvenir." The account is in order and I shall be grateful if a voucher can be passed from 4, Carriage of Mails to cover this amount.

M.C.P.M.

No.

MINUTE.

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

13th April, 1944. (24)

From The Colonial Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

The attached account is in order and I have the honour to request that the sum of six shillings may be paid from Vote No. 4 Carriage of Mails to Mr. W.F. Summers.

M.C.P.M.

No.

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

MINUTE.

19th September, 1944. (25)

From The Colonial Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

I have the honour to request that the attached account from Mr. W. Miller may be paid from Head VI Sub-head 4. Carriage of Mails.

W.C.M.

Voucher passed for £1.17.6. on 20/9/44.

No.

MINUTE.

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

28th December, 19 44. (26)

From The Colonial Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

The sum of 12s. 6d. is due to Mr. W. Miller of the "Porvenir" in respect of the transport of mails, as under :-

5 bags @ 2/6 £-. 12. 6.

Would you please arrange to pay this amount from Head VI P.O. s/h 4 Carriage of Mails.

M.C.P.M.

No. 112/35

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

MINUTE.

27

9th March, 1945.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From The Col. Postmaster,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to forward herewith an account from Mr. P.G. Summers for transport of mail. I should be grateful if you would arrange payment from Head VI S/h 4. Carriage of mails.

MS
T.M.

No.

112/35

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



MINUTE.

16th April, 1945.

28.

From Colonial Secretary,

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to forward herewith an account from Mr. P.G. Summers for the transport of mail and I should be grateful if this could be paid from Head VI, Subhead 4.

M.P.M.

No. _____

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



MINUTE.

76/36 19/29

29

17th October, 1945.

To The Honourable, _____
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From The Colonial Postmaster,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The attached account is from Mr. Cecil Bertrand, ship Porvenir for conveyance of mails from time to time. It appears to be in order and I request that this amount may be paid from Vote 4. Carriage of Mails.

M.C.P.M.

No. 112/35

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



MINUTE.

25th January, 19 46.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From The Colonial Postmaster,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The attached account is in order and I have the honour to request a voucher to be passed from Vote 4. Carriage of Mails in favour of Mr. P.G. Summers.

M.P.M.

No.

112/38

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



MINUTE.

1st June, 19

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From The Colonial Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

May I have a voucher passed in favour of Mr. P.G. Summers for mail transport, from Vote 4. Carriage of Mails, please. The account is in order.

MCPM.
1/6/46

Inside Minute Paper.

28. Minute from Col. Postmaster of 16. 4. 45.
 Voucher Passed
 to Treasury
 25/4/45.

P.A.

29. Minute from Col. Postmaster of 17. 10. 45. } Voucher
 Passed to Treasury
 31. 10. 45.
~~30. Minute from Col. Postmaster of 31. 10. 45.~~

30. Voucher passed
 to Treasury 26.1.46.

30. Minute from Col. Postmaster of 25. 1. 46

31. Voucher passed
 to Treasury 3. 6. 46.

31. Minute from Col. Postmaster of 1. 6. 46