

C. S.

MAI/GEN/4#1

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC
(Mails, Postal, Stamps & Misc)

19

No. PROVISIONAL.
90/45

102

SUBJECT.

19

PROVISIONAL.

LOSS OF INSURED AND/OR REGISTERED POSTAL PACKAGES.

Previous Paper.

Original File missing.

MINUTES.

C

File sent to Postmaster on 21/3/46

Canwell

Subsequent Paper.

- 1. Copy of letter from E. L. W. to Postmaster of 11.12.42
- 2. Letter to " from " " 7. 8.45
- 3. " " " " P/M General London from Postmaster " 30. 9.45
- 4. " " " " Postmaster from E.L.W. " 16. 2.46
- 5. " " " from " to Controller, London Postal Service of 5. 4.46
- 6. " " " " E.L.W. to Postmaster " 24. 4.46
- 7. " " " " " " " " " 30. 4.46
- 8. " " " " " " " " " 13. 5.46
- 9. " " " " Postmaster to E.L.W. " 23. 7.46

10. Despatch No. 56 to S. of S. of 28. 8. 46.
(11)

Ag. P.M.
Will you please inform Manager E.L.W. that the question of compensation for lost postal matter has been ~~referred~~ referred to the S. of S. for a ruling & that a further communication will be addressed to him when a reply is received.

D.P.
4/9/46

12

A.S.

N. for (11) as I have seen Mr. Rose - explained the position. He tells me that Mr. Conlin, one of his principal clients, is also in touch with Mr. J. Barker (C.O.). S. let us B. 5.7.46.

A.S.
5.5.46

B.M. 5.10.46 5/5/46

13. Savings No. 23 from S. of S. of 1. 8. 46

Ag. P.M.
(14)
With reference to red (13) was this loss reported in the enclosure to red (10) herem. p.

D.P.
26/9/46

Hon. Col. Sec. (15)

Two of the missing packets are reported in (10a), but I regret that the packet Reg No 260 posted 13th Sept. 1945 has been overlooked.

There are other claims coming in from time to time, we could make an additional list & include the above mentioned missing article.

Ag. P.M.
27/9/46

(16)

As proposed, early please. And indicate which 2 missing packets are reported in (10a).

2. How Dept Sarigam referring to (13) - enclosing the list: - referring to (10).

C.B.S.
7.x.46

(17)

Ag. P.M.

As in para: 1 of 16 pl.

Ag. P.M.
7/10/46

Hon. Col. Sec. (18)

Herewith further list of claims, including the reg no 260 omitted in first list.

The two missing packets reported in (10a) are the two insured packets Nos 249 & 108 in the registered mail No R1.

Ag. P.M.
7/10/46

Agam. No. 47 to S. of S. of 18.10.46

19.

10
22/10/46

20. Tel No. 263 from S. of S. of 13.12.46

P.M.

21

Informes to: Rec of (20). Please inform any other interests. Let us know to what extent they will accept mint Dependencies stamps, now on issue, in compensation.

(22)

ABE
24/12

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have spoken to some of the claimants, & a couple agree to accept mint Dependencies stamps in compensation, others to accept part, or, not any. It is possible that some of the losses have been insured in our Insurance Co. & I don't think the Govt should pay compensation to those, if we knew for certain who they were.

Re to sent
27.12 ABE
27.12

BE 27/2

AG. Rev.
24/12/46.

23. Despatch No. 40 from S. of S. of 19.12.46

24

P.M.

(23)

Re. take action, as far as you can, to compensate with mint stamps & make a list accordingly.

su

2. Has in any further remarks?

A.B.L.

25

11.2.47

Hon. Col. Sec.

As Miss Leasey, the Colonial Postmaster, was to visit the G. P. O. London, to discuss the matter - re missing & violated registered packets, and probably receive further information, may I suggest that the matter be left over until Miss Leasey returns to the Colony.

Ag. P.M.
12/2/47.

P.M.

26

No. re. amount compensation in kind for all sh. will take it: report results.
(In case has x n (23)?)

A.B.L.
13.2

Hon. Col. Sec. 27.

There are only three persons who will accept mint Dependencies stamps - namely - Mr. T. Binnie, Mr. Karl Lellman & Mr. A. Leasey. I think the remainder will have to be paid in cash. The cost of compensation will amount to approximately £1,000.

2. Regarding R.2. page 1. on list of Violated & Missing Articles (herewith) under Mr. Karl Lellman. The remarks states that the addressee says the value of the packet was £18-0-8 & the missing stamps were £13-0-6 & this was insured for £24. Do we have to pay the full amount of insurance, or the sum of £13-0-6 which was the declared value of stamps missing?

Ag. P.M.
18/2/46

28

ME

(10) - or he must pay com. pension then see how much we can recover for luggage - with the assistance of the G.P.O.? The value of approximately £1000 is formidable.

2. Correspondence referred to it §2 of (23) is enclosed loose.

3. §2 of 27 we only pay the declared value of the stamps missing?

Yes.

Isnt there a limit to what can be recovered for a Registered Packet? There certainly is in U.K.
A.S. 21.2.47
M.C. 22/11

30

P.M.

29

But many of them were insured as well?

How local Sec.

(31)

A.S. 22/12

Ref 29. The limits that can be recovered for a Registered Packet is £2. There are quite a number insured as well.

W. J. G. 24/2/47

32

ME

29-31

Pay up to declared value of missing stamps.

issues
or the articles; with £2 maximum if
registers the at issues?

(33) *Accy.* A.Bh
25.2

(34) *Mc. 25/ii*
P.M. So proceed pl. & return through A.T.
to Mr. A.Bh
25.2

(35) *Asst Treas.*
To note pl. J. Ag. Lu.
26/2/47

Notes
Notes thank you. I suggest that a notice
be published asking claimants to submit their
claims in writing in order that they may be
compared with the G.P.O. lists, and claimants paid
at present local prices in the case of
Registered Packets actual content value in the
case of Insured rates of. A.S.W. covering the risk
in this connection could be applied for when the
risk can be fairly estimated
A.S.
27/2/47

32
P.M. Pl. draft - Advice for comm. & remove
the correspondence from in file wh. belongs
to Jn. A.Bh
27.2

Hon. Col. Sec.

Herewith draft notice for your approval pl.

Loose correspondence removed from file, & filed in P.O. file.

Ag. R. M.
1/3/47.

P.M.

34

Do you want fresh claims, do you? Re. Draft inviting ~~all~~ claimants to put in references to their earlier claims, which (so far as I know) has been the only ones investigated?

2. If this is incorrect, pl. 4th.

35

A.B.L.
3.3

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have redrafted the notice, asking claimants to put in references to their earlier claims, which have been the only ones investigated.

4/3/47.

36

P.M.

As amended, pl. They may have to send them by train: the notice is to be placed in the Camp early Sunday.

A.B.L.
11/3/47

Hon. Col. Sec.

Amended notice herewith for C.S. file.
I will have the ~~the~~ notice broadcast to
the camp & published in the D.I. News Weekly.

37a
R. J. Ag. Rm.
12/3/47.

Memogram No. 41 from S. of S. of 8.11.46. 38.

PA/Be
13/3

39

P.M.

Re. Draft = S/T in reply to (38)
for his mail

ABE
24.3

Hon. Col. Sec.

Draft S/T in reply to (38) herewith.

R. J. Ag. Rm.
24/3/47.

41

Jani, as amended.

ABE
24.3

Memogram No. 28 to S. of S. of 24.3.47 - 42

~~memo. from Ag. P. M. of 22.2.47 - 43~~

3.4.47

44

Rev.
15/4
ABE
26.3

45.

A.I.

(44) to advise, pl.

ABE
for C.S.
11/4

Item 45.

46

Suggest in the first place that a SW. should be applied for covering (44a) against P.O. (new item) compensation claims & claimants paid by vouchers from this item. Further SW's should be applied for as when required.

[Signature]
11/4/47

47

As at 46 for 1 line sign

[Signature]
12.4.47

48.

Ag. P.M.

(46) (47) to note - of n.a. p

(49)

[Signature]
14.4.47

Hon. Col. Sec.

Herewith the S.W. for £681-11-6. to cover compensation for (44a).

[Signature]
16/4/47

[Signature]
16/4/47

~~50 letter from A. hearing to Dr. Slessor of 27.4.47~~

+3 + 50 transferred to 28/46 (stamps for medals)

[Handwritten notes in margin]
back of the
blowing in
was for
[Signature]

Tel No 153 from S. of S. of 3.5.47

50

51

P.M.

(50)

2. In her letter for inquiry? AB
6.5

(52)

Hon. Col. Sec.

Ref x red 50. No commitments have been made to replace lost stamps in kind nor have any been replaced.

(2) Herewith a letter from the Director General of the Post Office at Montevideo & my translation of same.

Ag P.M.
8/5/47

file

Translation of letter from Director General, M.V.
to P. Master Stanley of 27.3.47

53

54

W.E.

(23) (42) (50)

I am not really surprised. Compensation has been arranged in cash (see (37A) 46, 49) & S may be fine to

assurance ~~that~~ is 52 § 1. (Any possible claimants for replacement in kind ^{down} ~~not~~).

(duly revised)

Send it in original and let the R.O. 'boys' work it out. They obviously mean to accept the responsibility

2. Add that a copy of (53) is being sent by mail; a distinct P.M. to furnish the Uruguayan authorities with a copy of (44A) adding that there may be further claims after further examination - checking? (cf. also (10 B)).

3. Comelin's case, in which the S/S is especially intricate, is at (13), (19) § 2 [with (10a)] (44A). He is an the dealer, I understand.

I entirely fail to see why we should accept responsibility - surely these transactions are at our risk? X+Y of 23^A is "natural law situation" & is not mandatory?

A. Be
9.5.47

55

If M.V. is going to pay, well good; should otherwise be disposed to reject.

M.C. 9/V

P.M.

56

As at § 2 of 55 pt. Take a copy of the M.V. letter for your files, returning it, with 2³ the copies, to me. Then when the files, pt.

A. Be
10/5

(57.)

Hon. Col. Sec.

I am sending a copy of the claims of (44a) to the Uruguayan authorities telling them that there may be more

more claims after a further checking of our records, of which they will be advised in due course.

I have taken a copy of the upr letter for our file, & returning herewith the original & three other copies.

A. G. R. M.
12/5/47

58

HE.

55-57.

Don't seem to say for cover pl.
He has notes on 32 but shall
no doubt be refunded. Re. see 2
~ (23A).

2. Further action on (50) 51 on return.

A. B. L.
13/11

59.

M.C.
13/11

Telegram No. 269 to Secretary of State of 15. 5. 47

60.

61

P.M.

A on 50 p.a. pl. and report.

A. B. L.
16/11

Hon. Col. Sec. (62)

Ref A. Red 50. - I asked on 8th May if a Board could be appointed to destroy the surplus stocks of expirited Dependencies stamps which have been withdrawn from issue since 31st January, 1946. I would be pleased if this could be done before the incoming mail.

A. G. R. M.
19/5/47

M.S.
Rec. a. Taken on D/5/44 "Stamps
for I. I. Dependencies", pl.
20/5.

letter from K.V. Lellman, Esq., of 14. 5. 47

65

P.M.
(64) shows has been addressed to
you
A.B.L.
21.5

66.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Ref red 64. I passed a voucher in favour of Mr. Karl Lellman for the sum of £13.- 0.- 6. being compensation for loss of insured package No. 418. The package was insured for £24. but on the list of Missing and Violated Articles received from the G.P.O. London, the following was in the Remarks column:

"This item is not missing but was violated on receipt. It was addressed to Mr. T.M.R. Pinkney, 16, Norfolk St, Sunderland c/o the British Philatelic Assoc who states that the value of contents of the packet was £18.- 0.- 8. and that the value of the missing stamps is £13.- 0.- 6."

I asked if we should pay full amount of insurance, or, the declared value of missing stamps (Vide para 2 of 27, & para 3 of 28.) hence the voucher for £13.- 0.- 6. being the declared value of the stamps missing.

Shall I write to Mr. Lellman and regret that only the value declared can be paid.


22/5/47.
A.B.L.

P.M.

67

Please explain to him, ask how
he receives the diff. I can't reconcile
(64B) with (64D).
A.B.L.
23.5

68

Hon. Col. Sec.

I regret the delay of this up. being short
staffed + having to assist at the counter.
Ref see 64D. These have been shown in both
you 64D, they have been itemized.
A.B.L. 2/6/47.

70

P.M.

His telegram is unduly sensitive. He put £20.6.0 of stamps in an envelope & insured it for £24. It could not have been worth more than £20.10.0 including stamp & the envelope & insurance fee. An assessment was based on the G.P.O. enquiries - no doubt of his L's word has been raised.

2. No compensation for 5% commission, if worse.

3. I think ^{may eventually have to} accept his L's claim of $\begin{array}{r} £20.6.0 \\ \text{less stamps delivered safely} \\ \hline 3.2.6 \\ \hline 17.3.6 \end{array}$

4. One first sheet in the evidence for x in (64)?

Hon. Col. Sec. ⁽⁷¹⁾ ^(Be)
6/6

In the remarks column of Missing & Violated postal packages received from the G.P.O. London, which the addressee stated that the value of contents of the packet was £18-0-8, the total on 64d shows £18-0-8, but this included commission. I agree that compensation should not be paid for commission & I do not think we should pay more than the declared value of the missing stamps. As the package was over insured, the P.O. Guide states - Over-insurance is an obstacle to compensation.

H. H. G. M. 7/6/47.

72

P.M.

He spoke. He pays the value of the stamps lost acc. to the G.P.O. report. He does not doubt Mr. Hellman, but it is up to him to get Mr. Pinkney to persuade the G.P.O. that £17.3.6 worth of stamps were lost - not (as stated in the G.P.O. report) £13.0.6. Otherwise, we shall not be able to convince the G.P.O. that the language authorities shd. be responsible for the additional £4.3.0.

73

A.B.L.
13.6

Hon. Col. Sec.

I spoke to Mr. Hellman and explained as above. He does not appear to be satisfied, his argument is, that he insured with this office not the G.P.O. London.

A.B.L. 14/6/47
A.B.L.

74

P.M.

But it is the G.P.O. London which sets the claim. I don't see how you can get beyond what Mr. Pinkney - whose interests cannot have been to minimize the loss - has done.

2. The answer is 72.

A.B.L.
16/6

over.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have again spoken to Mr Lellman & he informed me that he had telegraphed Mr Pinkney to reclaim £17-3-6. He is now awaiting reply from Mr Pinkney.

J. Ag. Sec.
18/6/57

PA WBE
18/6

memo. from ag. Pmaster of 14.5.47

76

P.M.

1 explained, with regret, that (75) had been lost in the C.S.O.

2. Re. pay £2 only as the packet was not issued. Also a copy of the London G.P.O.'s letter to Mr Wase, which is not quite in all points with (23) 52 but which will be useful as a reference.

3. In an enquiry - schedule WBE when additional claims? 3/6

Hon. Col. Sec.

78a. A voucher is being prepared in favour of Mr Hardy for the sum of £2.- A copy of the London G.P.O. letter to Mr Wase herewith, a copy has been filed in this office. I am returning the original to Mr Hardy.

A schedule of additional claims is being kept in this office.

J. Ag. Sec.
30/6/57

PA WBE
27

79

Memo. from Ag P/master of 16.7.47

80

P.M.

(79) with x ~ (64 b). Why do 12 stamps @ 2½? each come to 6/-? how long 30 dollars - do we pay over face value? Yes, when do we stop?

x

Hon. Col. Sec.

81

ASL
24.7

Ref x on (64b) Mr Lellman has based the 2½ obsolete stamps at his selling price of 6/- I do not think we should pay more than face value. This will make a difference of 3/- The voucher I referred to on (79) would now have to be £3-19-6 & not £4-3-0 making Mr L's total compensation £17-

Ag P
26/7/47

82

10E

(64) - 75, (79) - 81

This is rather tedious but a principle is involved. Pay ascertained face value of stamps cost?

83

ASL
25.7

But where (x of 81) do we stop? Has information in Y of 79 been supplied? Where is the violation presumed to have taken place? Have we a contingent claim against Maguayan postal authorities?

26/7/47

RE.

The ~~gross~~^{net} claim is at (64D) - amounts to £17.3.6 less 3/6 = £17 (see 81). He has already admitted £13.0.6 on G.P.O. report (now raised to £13.6.0 see (79A)) - in view of Y on (79A), which leaves us to decide what is due to the claimant. I think we must pay the balance - £17 minus £13.0.6 = £3.19.6.

2. The violation is presumed to have taken place at M.V. St. see (60) of 3, with (53) & (69): with 32, 33. And no payment of compensation is 'provisional' - see X of (23). The G.P.O. will take up the claim with the Linguayan authorities (para. 1 of (23A)): - it is to be hoped that this will be successful.

3. § 3 of (10) is accepted at 2 of (23A). I do not see how we can avoid paying on insured packages in respect of which he has accepted a premium - loss has been proved. The losses are (forunately) chiefly stamps which he has sold for dealers: - as one

Continuation of H.C.S's Minute No. 84 (Sheet transferred to 48/46 - Queries regarding non-delivery of Postal Matter).

of them told me, they are likely to spend a proportion at least of their compensation on the stamps in due course.

(Intld) A.B.M.
28/7/47.

85.

Accy.

(Intld) M.C.
29/7/47.

86.

P.M.

84 for your n. a. pl.

(Intld) A.B.M.
29/7/47.

87.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I am preparing a voucher in favour of Mr. Lellman for the sum of £3. 19. 6. which will make his full compensation £17.

(Intld) E.W.E.
Ag. P.M.
31/7/47

*PA 2/8
12/8*

88 Savingsgram No. 81 from S. of P. of 30.9.47

89.

Ag. P.M.

(88) *Q. i. n. a. p.*

*J. S.
A. H.*

Hon. Col. Sec. ⁹⁰

I wrote to the Uruguayan Postal Authorities on 12th May & forwarded a list of claims at the same time asking them to credit this P.O. with the amount. up to the present I have had no reply.

*W. J. R. M.
3/11/47.*

91

P.M.

If action is complete on A of (SSA) —
i.e. if you find lists on with the
Linguayan authorities, including the an-
nals lists to A. (SSA) rps — 7th
shd. Dir P.M.G. by next mail
as a B of (SSA).

ABL
5.11

Hon. Col. Sec.

92.

I will address P.M.G. London by next
mail as at B of (SSA).

Ag. Sec.
7/11/47

YE.

93

Last saw a 85.

ABL
7.11

94.

Seen. P.M. to report adum ide.

MC 7/11

~~Copy letter from E.G. Howe, Esq of 7. 11. 47.~~
See 0211.

ABL
7.11.47
95
7.11

Memo. from Ag P/Master of 17.12.47

96

P.M.

97

How do we know they have been lost?

Abel
2.1

Hon. Col. Sec. ⁹⁸

Some of these have been reported from London as missing, the others could be checked up through the G.P.O. and there are more claims come in by last mail.

W. H. P. R. M.
5/1/48

99

P.M.

You may pay compensation in mint stamps in all authenticated cases.

2. If the compensation is sought, the stock must include the authentic stamps. If not ^{yet} authenticated and a temporary reply to the claimants.

Abel
6.1

Hon. Col. Sec. ¹⁰⁰

Herewith Special Warrant to cover compensation for further claims attached ^(96b) also at (96a) of lost registered packets in 1945. The claims are for £2 for each registered packet, this sum being said

down in the postal regulations.

The Auditor suggested a S.W. be submitted for these claims to enable Revenue. X - 1. Sale of Stamps to be credited and debiting Compensation by adjustment vouchers.

W. J. R. M.
5/2/18.

A.T.

100

S/A in order, pl.

H.C.S.

6.2

101.

H.C.S.

In order pl.

14/2.

102

Y.E.

94 - 101

in triplicate

S/W for please. At most, £10 is cash compensation for registered packets. The rest will be paid in stamps (mint) wh. costs us nothing. We hope to be reimbursed i. d. c. in cash by the language authorities i. r. o. packets demonstrably lost here.

A. B. E.
2/2

103.

MC. 21.11

104

S.W. 16/18 of 11.2.18

for [unclear] 12/2/18

105

Memo. from Col. Postmaster of 9.6.48.

106

P.M.

(105) If you will furnish a n. commenda in a few names, I will fix a decision.

by
16.6

Hon. Col. Sec. 107

As Mr Howarth lodged his claim with the G.P.O. London, and we also included his registered packets among the lost ones. (Side red 10a.) I think we could now write to Mr Howarth & ask how he would like the compensation paid, as he might prefer to accept current mint stamps.

by
17/6/48

P.M.

108

Te. do so.

by
18.6

Hon. Col. Sec. 109

I have written to Mr Howarth & have sent a copy of the letter to the G.P.O. London.

by
21/6/48

PA by
23/6

8.

A.

Which has developed
in re our claim on the
Uruguayan postal authorities.

McC
28
vi
MPL

B 111

Postmaster

W.r. to your minute at 90 on
sheet 10, will you please state what was
the outcome of your letter to the Uruguayan
P/O.

McC
29.6.48

Hon. Col. Sec.

C. 112

I wrote to the Uruguayan
Postal Authorities asking for a settlement
of the claims but did not receive a reply.
I wrote again asking them to reply to
my first letter, but without success
& I reported the matter to the G.P.O.
London. I have heard nothing further
since.

McC
30/6/48

113

TE. 112 fi. Shall we add no C/O 2/10?

McC. no. 2 vii

2/7

P.O. 2/7

Postmaster

Will you please put up a draft d/o letter to the Colonial Office

115

W. J. G. S.
3/14/48.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Herewith draft letter.

117

Letter to P. A. Carter, Esq. of 6/7/48. *W. J. G. S.* 5/7/48.

B. 79/77

118

Extract from letter from H.E. the Gov. to the Hon. Col. Sec. of 12.7.48.

B. 29.8
4.5

119

Letter from P. A. Carter, Esq. of 9.8.48.

120

P.M.

(119) with (117) *W. J. G. S.*

Hon. Col. Sec. (121)

Seen. Thank you.

W. J. G. S. 8/9/48.

122

Y.E.

Alon p. *W. J. G. S.*

123

McG

X B. 10/12/48
10/17

124

memo. from Postmaster of 18.9.48

125

P.H.

(124) J., re.

2. I presume in records for ^{Uruguay} ~~etc.~~
Ad² in due course?

L
21.5

126.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Herewith Special Warrant for £38.-10.-3d.
to cover compensation of £38. for Mr. Howarth, the 10/3
is the commission on the Money Order which will
be forwarded to the said person.

2 - We should hear by the next mail
from the Uruguayan Postal Adm. & the G.P.O. London,
re settlement of claims.

[Signature] 23/9/48

127.

A.I.

re: ret' S/W.

[Signature]
twice
23.9.48

128

Hon. Col.

In order pl.

129.

[Signature] 23/9.

[Signature]

S/W for J.E.'s signature, pl

2. (124) onwards refers.

[Signature]
24.9.

MC. 24/14

S.W. No 63/48

60. 10/11
(X 2nd 13)

140 letter from O.E.S. Weyd Esq of 1. 10. 48

141.

P.M.

K. 4.4

Hon. Col. Sec. ¹⁴² 142.

Seen. Thank you.

W.P.M.
6/11/48.

Repair to "11" pe.
✓
P.A. 4.4

143

Co.

Have we had any
Saltpeter yet from the
Uruguayo Cord. re
thefts of postage stamps in
1946? £1500 or
thereabouts.

W.C. 9/11

W.C. 9/11

P. sec 10(b) + 53

P.M.

144.

143. Have you any information?

K.W.
10/5.

145

Hon. Col. Sec.

I regret that we have not received any reply from the Uruguayan P.O. re the ⁶/₁₁ of postage stamps.

[Signature]
10/5/49

144

Y.P.

143. 145

146

draft re submitted

K.H.

147 12/5

Fair substitute draft pl. - we must turn the head on.
Mc. 12/5

Letter to Mrs. Carter of 13/5/49

148

149

Postmaster

So that the dfo letter attached can be completed, will you please indicate hereon the total amount you have paid out to date in respect of compensation claims.

[Signature]
10/5/49

150

Hon. Col. Sec.

The total sum paid out in cash to date is £728-4-9 and £23-13-8 in stamps as some of the claimants requested compensation in stamps.

[Signature]
16/5/49

751. 14. 5

31/5/49
B.H. 3/1/49
[Signature] 25/5

90/45

Saving telegram No. 103 from S. of S of 4. 8. 49

151

152

P.M.

151 f. y. o. x. n. a. p.

W.H. for C.S.
31/8/49

H.C.S.

153

Herewith a complete list of compensation paid. The G. P. O. ^{wishes to know} ~~requires~~ if the entire packets were lost. to the best of my knowledge they were.

W.H. for
1/9/49.

Saving telegram No. 144 to S. of S of 5. 9. 49

154

~~B.W. 10/1/50~~

~~31/1/50~~

~~28/2/50~~

~~28/3/50~~

~~B.W. 15/1/50~~

~~31/1/50~~
W.H. for
1/9/49

New cover the
mail in?

W.H. for
21/1/50

Acc 60 in 48/46

Saving telegram No. 11 from S of S of D. 2. 50

155

156.

P.M.

J. y. early obs. on 155pt.

W.M. on C.S.
22/3/50

H.C.S.

157

There is correspondence on the same person in M.P. 48/46. Compensation to the value of £4.- has been paid in stamps & dispatched under registered cover No 144.


R. P. M.
23/3/50

C.S.

158

Is it about
time we heard from
somebody about the
money owing to us
by the HV Postal
Authorities?

MC 6/11

H. M.  7/7.

A.
159

S.P.T.

H.E.'s minute above. What is the position?

10 JUL 1950

160
B.

Hon. Col. Sec.

The position can be seen on reference to the P. M's. file attached, pl. - p. 7 in wh. outlines the story to date.

If a reply to 7 in P.M's. file is not received by this mail the Ag. P.M. proposes to send a reminder.

I shd. be grateful for the return of the attached file as this is the only copy of correspondence on the subject.

AM.
Supt. P. & T.
11.7.50.

161
C.

7E.

Above v.v.b. you minute opposite.

AM.
11/7/50.

Thankya.

162
D.

me K.I.V.
11/7/50

E. 163

S.P.T.

So note & w/d your file, pl.

AM.
12/7/50

Hon C.S.

F. 164

noted, thank you
P.M's file w'drawn.

AM. SPT
12.7.50

~~27/7/50~~
~~27/7/50~~
BN 31/10/50

165

S.P.T. Have you anything further to report, pl?

H.C.S.
30/10/50

H.C.S.

166

A reminder was sent to you on the 22nd Aug, but to date no reply has been received.

H.C.S.
30/10/50

BN 24/1/51
15/1/51

S.P.T.

167

Anything further to report, pl?

H.C.S.
15/1/51

H.C.S.

168

Regret that nothing has been received by this mail.

Exp for S.P.T.
15/1/51

Y.E.

169

Ref Y.E.'s minute at 168. Despite reminders nothing further has happened. Right we await resumption of the service of H.B.R. Ambassadors via R/V (via the S/S)?

H.C.S.

H.C.S.

170

Draft a stiffer worded reminder pl.

H.C.S. 15/1/51

19 JAN 1951

171

S.P.T.,

With reference to my telephonic conversation with Postmaster this morning, H.C.S. wishes him to send a further reminder to the Uruguayan Postal Administration by this outgoing mail.

Thereafter will you please attach the relative Post Office file showing the present position in regard to settlement.

H.C.S.

172

H.C.S.

24/1/51

Have sent a further reminder to you. Copy of which is in P.O. file.

P.O. file herewith. Exp for S.P.T. 25/1/51.

NCS 173
S.P.T. has attached P.M.'s file for your
perusal, pl. from page 10.

W. J. G. S.
26/1/51

174
Seen. l.g. Give it another two in word
marks & if nothing further by then we
will try reinforcing the P.R.'s letters.

W

29 JAN 1951

S.P.T. 175
to note and rfd your file, pl.

W. J. G. S.
29/1/51

Hon. Col. Sec. 176

Noted. Thank you, file withdrawn.

E. for S.P.T.
29/1/51

S.P.T. 177
anything further to report, pl.

W. J. G. S.
15/2/51

BU. 15/3/51

N.C.S. 178
Have not received anything further.

E. for S.P.T.
15/3/51

BU. 20/3/51

J.E. 179
169-170. Nothing further has been heard
from as in diff at cover?

Issue ~~179~~ 180.

MC. 23/3.

W
22/3/51

Saving telegram No. 67 to S.O.S. of 24/3/51. 181

182

S.P.T.
to see 181 pl.
H. G. Ford
27.3.51

183

H.C.S. Seen. Thank you.
En for S.P.T.
Kin. 27/3/51.

mail!

BW 15/3/51
30/4/51

Reply airt. 17/5/51

BW 10/7/51

mail!

v P. letter from C.S.B. 11/7

Letter from G.P.O. of 21/4/51. 184

Letter to G.P.O. of 17/51. 185

Saving telegram 58 from S.O.S. of 5.7.51 186

S.P.T.
to see 186 v to advise on para 5 thereof, pl.

H. G. Ford
13/5/51

17/7/51

Hon. Col. Sec.

188

Ref. para 5 on 186. no insurance
Credit is allowed to Uruguay on Insured
parcels sent via Uruguay to UK.

AM. ST.
8/8/51

A.C.S.

189

Draft ST submitted, pl.

AM. ST.
27/8/51

190
Issue pl. 25/8/51

Sending telegram No. 151 to S of S of 25.8.51.

191

B.M. 31/10/51

192

Y.E. enquired recently the position w.r.t. our
partial claim in Uruguay. Please see 186 & 191.

AM. ST.
22/9/51

193

All very unsatisfactory: if nothing in
on next mail try again and take opportunity also
to report recent mishandling of our mail and mail
for S. Georgia.

MO. 22.
7x

AM. ST.
24/9.

194

B.M. 30/10/51
30/10/51

S.P.T. Has P/M received anything further
on this subject, pl?

AM. ST.
30/9/51

Hon. Col. Sec.

195

195a

Herewith copy of a letter
received from the G. P. O. London, which is
the only correspondence we have received this
mail re compensation paid in 1945.

Copy for S.P.T.
R.M. 3/11/51

196

M.C.S. 195 & 195² submitted. He still await settlement by Uruguayan Postal Administration. P.M. should press, pl.
Please see also 193.

L.H.G. Jacobs
5/11/51

Yes. ^{197.}
L.H.G. Jacobs
5/14/51

S.P.T. 198
Will you so do, pl
L.H.G. Jacobs
5/11/51

H.C.S. 199.
Have written to the Uruguayan Postal Administration requesting settlement and complained about the airmail which was forwarded surface and also about the A.G. Parcel mail.
C. Pruy. for S.P.T.
6/11/51.

B.V.
31/1/51
20/12/51

S.P.T. 200
Have you received a reply to 199 pl?
L.H.G. Jacobs
20/12/51

H.C.S. 201.
I have only received a regrets about the airmail being sent surface nothing re settlement of outstanding account of compensation.
C. Pruy for S.P.T.
21/12/51.

S.P.T.

Is having copies prepared as soon
time permits pl.

W.H. 21/5/52

By. to remind 31.5.52

~~21/5~~ Ranin, pl.

acs

WHY? PM says N.f. a. n. pl.

2/6

W.H. 2/6/52

0647/II

202

ACS
Then I think we must try again.
P/T might try the G.P.O. London, who
have said that they will assist us.

W 2/1/52.

203

S.P.T.
For action as above, pl
L.P.C.D.
2/1/52

ACS 204.
P.M. will write to G.P.O. London
by the next outgoing mail.

C. for S.P.T.
4/1/52.

205. Letter from G.P.O., London of 27/8/51.

P.M. 206
Would you please with a
translation of 205^a, pl.

A.C.S. 207 J.P.C.S.
8.1.52.

Herewith translation of 205^a

S.P.T. 208

Any movement yet pl?

C. for P.M.
8/1/52.

B.W.
31/3/52

ACS

209

J.P.C.S. 1/4/52
P.M. has received a letter from G.P.O. on this
question, and copies of relative correspondence has to be
made.

May I keep this file for this purpose please?

S.P.T.

210

Certainly

J.P.C.S. 2/1/52

W. S.P.T.

7.1.52

211. memo from S.P.T. of 12/7/52.

Ans.

212.

211 - this is a long story - you may wish to discuss with S.P.T.?

Q
16.6.

755-18.9
2476.00
279.15

213

A.C.S. 212

I have spoken to P.M. - 4080-gold francs is all Uruguayan authorities are legally responsible for
Reply to S.P.T. that he should accept.

S.P.T.

214

pb
25/7

Aug. pl.

Ans.
25.7.

H.C.S.

215

Have written M.P. P.O. and accepted.

Ans. for S.P.T.
28/7/52.

pa.
29.7.

216 memo from P.T. of 11. 9. 52.

217

Auditor

As at B on 216 pl.

Wt for C.S.
2/12/52

218
See C on 216

S.P.T. 219

Aug. pl.

Ans.
4/12. 220.

Ans. C.S.

Cost has been changed to Compensation - credited to 1. Sale of Stamps.

Ans SPT
19.12.52

pa.

221.

Memo from Auditor of 24/2/56.

S.P.T.

222

221 for your observations re
Rpd
for CS.
27/2/56.

HCS. ~~223.~~

223

221 seen.

Since 221 another registered package belonging to Mr Ross
could not be accounted for in the P.O. and compensation to
the value of £2-18-0 was paid. - June 1955. -

I have examined the method of handling these packages and
find there is no secure place in the P.O. to keep registered or
insured packages.

The S.W. is being approached with a view to making suitable
cupboard space to secure such packages.

P.S. ? Authority should I presume be sought ALL ST
before any compensation is paid. ? 28.2.56

~~224.~~

ALL
SPT

Auditor

224

Please discuss

↓

~~225.~~

28/2

Hon. C.S.

225

We spoke.

The A. P. T.'s remarks about
secure storage space are no doubt correct but this
applies to the Post Office as a whole. Parcels containing
thousands of pounds worth lie for days in the passages
and the Court Room to which the Town Clerk, the
Registrar, Post Office staff and cleaners all have access.

The particular point about the losses that the
A. P. T. appears to have overlooked is an accounting one.

Incidentally no check is carried out in the Post Office that packages for which registered certificates are issued are duly consigned outwards on Way Bills or manifests (or whatever title is used for such dockets). If this had been done the loss would have been discovered by the Post Office clerk carrying out the check and not, almost a year later, by the postees. Immediate detection of the loss would greatly help the tracing of the packages.

These losses would appear to be the result of negligence in that no proper check on registered packages has been introduced in the Post Office and the question of charging the cost of compensation to public funds and the request for the authority of the Board under Col. Reg. 233.

~~226~~

226

L.S.
1/3/56

I haven't time to deal with this non-pl Bill after H.E.'s departure on Tues.

Q
1/3.

Bill. 9/3/56
BU 9/3/56

Memo to P.P.L. of 17.4.56.

227

BU 26/4/56

BU 3/5/56

Memo from Ag. C.T. of 26.4.56.

228

BU 29/7/56 L.KIV
(228)

J.H. 22⁹/₈. We must ask for a reply it seems?
JRM
30/7/56

F.C.S. 230.
over - but they are pretty hard pushed at
the moment. Give them a week after Murray gets
back.
A.H.F.
30.7.56.

all 8/8/56
all 10/8/56

231. Memo to S.P.T. of 10/8/56.

all 2/8/56

232. Memo from S.P.T. of 13/8/56.

233

J.H. 232 submitted. This matter arose
at 221. With the provision of locked
accommodation this op. should be better.
JRM
21/8/56

234

In the circumstances I approve the
payment of compensation. Creditor should be
informed in writing accordingly - with a copy of
232.

A.H.F.
22.8.56.

235

Office Issue memo
JRM
22/8/56

236 Memo to Auditor of 29/8/56.

JA 3/9/56

237. Memo. from Supt. P. & T. of 14.2.57.

238.

Drafts pl approving on this occasion providing sufficient funds exist - asking S.P.T. to ensure that more care is taken with regard to the submission of verification notes in the future.

Q
15/2

239

ACI
Draft of
10/2/57

240. Memo. to Supt. Posts & Tels. of 18.2.57.

241
Inver
c
Ar

PA

242. Memo. from Supt. Posts & Tels. of 21/5/57.

20/2/57

S.P.T.
am

243

S.P.T.

to after app. of 242 pl.

Q
20/5.

Hon C.S.

244.

Re 242 again,

M. Considering this request further, the Postal Service had no control over the handling of this mail after it was placed on board the FIC Chester vessel Martin S., and I now think the FIC are applying for a refund of airmail charges because their vessel failed to land the mail at Montevideo.

While admitting the mail receipt form is not as explicit as it could be for a foreign master, it is obvious that airmail for London should not have been carried by the vessel all the way to England.

I suggest therefore that the FIC be advised that the mail was overcarried in error by the Martin S., and as this action was completely beyond the control of this department, the claim for compensation should I think be made against the carrier and not the Post Office.

AM. ST
27.5.57.

245.

Res.

244.

F.I.C. on a previous occasion was granted a refund but the circumstances differed - the air mail was sent surface route by the Uruguayan Post Office.

2. In the circumstances I think Slt. She. rejects F.I.C.'s claim as he now suggests

246.

§
23/5

Res.

I agree para 2 of 245. Please instruct the Capt. P. & T. accordingly.

§
25.5.57.

247

Slt.

Pl. proceed a/c.

§
27.5.

248

How C. S.

F.I.C. advised.

AM. Slt
29.5.57

249. Memo from Librarian of 2.58.

Pl.
27/5
20/2/58
§
17/5

250. Memo from Acting Col. Treas. of 15.4.58.

S.P.T.

251

250. We had better have copies of the latest correspondence with C.P.O. Monte - can you supply pl.

1/5/58

Hon C.S.

252

Copies of a letter from the Postmaster dated 8th May 1957, and the reply from C.P.O. Uruguay, which refers to 211 a, attached. Pl.

AMM SPT
8.5.58.

Hos

253

250. We have had correspondence with S/S on this - pl see 181 & 186. I am inclined to the opinion that we shd. pursue the matter further with the C.O. rather than the British Embassy in Montevideo?

9.5.58.

S.P.T.

254

I have discussed with S/S. - we will take it up with S/S. May we have copies of the letters at x on 252⁶ pl.

10/5/58.

255

Hon C.S.

Regret we have no copy of the letters at x on 252⁶ but have written to C.P.O. Uruguay for copies. These could arrive next summer.

AMM SPT
23.5.58.

256

S.P.T.

Recd.?

257

Hos nothing by the mail

Bel. 20/6

AMM SPT
21.6.58

26/5/58

Bel. 29/7

26/6/58

File

①

11th December 1942.

**ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS**

The Postmaster
Stanley.

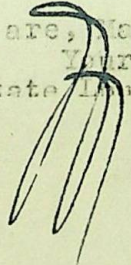
Madam,

Registered letter posted 9th
Dec. 1941 addressed to
Señor A. Rojas Espoz
care of Consulado de Chile
Buenos Aires.
Registration No. 381.

We have not yet received a reply to our
letter dated 29th May last concerning this letter
which appears to have gone astray.

We shall be pleased to have a report on
the subject, as it now over a year since the
original letter was posted.

We are, Madam,
Yours faithfully,
p.p. Estate Louis Williams





GENERAL POST OFFICE,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
7th August, 1945.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 14th July, 1945, regarding the two missing insured letter packets Nos. 24 and 108, we have now confirmation from the G. P. O., London that they were not received.

Postage stamps will be replaced as compensation to the value of £100 for the loss of the insured articles.

To date we have received no verification regarding the missing parcel post. This will be dealt with at a later date.

If your messenger is unable to inform the counter clerk of how packets are to be sent, I have instructed them to telephone your office before despatching the packets.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M Carey

Colonial Postmaster.

The Manager,
Messrs Estate Louis Williams,
Stanley.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
30th September, 1945.

Sir,
With reference to the Telegraphic correspondence of the 17th September, on the subject of missing registered and insured articles and parcel post despatched from this Colony to the United Kingdom, I have the honour to report that the violation of this Colony's mail is causing great anxiety and disappointment both to the sender and to the addressee.

As all the missing packets and parcels contain used Dependencies overprinted stamps there is reason to believe that the packets have been violated after leaving the Colony.

These packets were very well packed when received at the office of posting - several parcels being sewn up in linen.

I would state that it is the practice for all of our mails to be sealed in the presence of at least three Post Office Officials all of whom have the confidence and trust of the public.

I should be grateful if an investigation could be made regarding these violations, and every endeavour made to safeguard our mails in the future on arrival in England.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd) M. Carey.
Colonial Postmaster.

The Postmaster General,
General Post Office,
London.

Stanley, 16th February, 1946. 4.

The Postmaster,
STANLEY.

Madam,

Registered Postal Packet No.260
Insured for £50.- Posted 13th Sept., 1945
addressed:-

C. Conlin Esq.,
C/of Hambros Bank Ltd.
41 Bishopsgate
London E. C. 2.

We regret having to inform you that we have received this morning a telegram from Mr. Conlin in which he states:-

" SEPTEMBER SEAMAIL STILL MISSING "

and his message refers to the registered and Insured Packet detailed above.

We shall much appreciate your investigating this matter.

Yours faithfully,
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.
(intld) E. G. R.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

5th April, 1946.

*Loss of mail & Postal
Packages*

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a list of the missing and violated articles during the year 1945.

The list comprises the losses of the insured and Registered articles of R. Lists 1 - 11.

The compensation of the loss of a Registered article is £2 although most of the pilfered mail contained postage stamps to a much higher value.

As there is reason to believe according to the enclosed newspaper cutting the thefts have taken place in Montevideo and that the Uruguayan Postal Administration is responsible for the compensation.

I should be most grateful if your Administration would advise me as to the question of compensation as numerous claims have already been received.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) M. Carey.

Colonial Postmaster.

The Controller,
London Postal Service,
G. P. O.,
London.

24th April, 1946.

The Postmaster,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Madam,

On 18th September 1945 we despatched a parcel contain-
ing odd slippers (of no use to us here) as a donation to :)

"The Crippoleage
Edgeware Way,
Edgeware,

alternate address:-

37 Sekfoide Street,
London. E. C. 1.

and insured for £2 10. 0. (£2. 10. 0.)

We regret to inform you that up to the 29th March,
1946 this parcel had not reached its destination, and we
must presume it has been lost in transit and we therefore
claim compensation for its insured value £2. 10. 0.

Yours faithfully,
p. p. Estate Louis Williams.

(intld) E. G. R.

20th April, 1946.

The Postmaster,
STANLEY.

Madam,

On the 18th October 1945 we deposited a Registered letter addressed to:-

Mr. Joh. de Ryke,
Hanonkelstraat No. 23,
KINDHOVEN,
Holland.

and containing some stamps for collector.

He writes to us under date of 20th February 1946 to the effect that the Registered Letter had not yet reached him.

We must therefore presume that the letter has been lost in transit and hereby make formal claim for the usual compensation due in connection with a Registered Letter.

We are, Madam,

Yours faithfully,
p p. Estate Louis Williams,
(intld) E. G. R.

No V. H. note from Great Britain advising the loss of this
Reg. Pkt.

Stanley, 13th May, 1946.

The Postmaster,
Stanley.

Madam,

Insured Letter posted early December receipt No.
297, addressed to
Messrs. Cargills Ltd, P. O. Box 23
Colombo, Ceylon.

We regret to learn that this letter has not reached its
destination.

We therefore hereby make formal claim for the Insurance which
covers that letter and hope to have settlement from you in due
course.

We are, Madam,
Yours Faithfully,
p. p. Estate Louis Williams.
(intld) E. G. R.

INSURED at Port Office for L. 12. --. --. (Twelve pounds).

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands,

23rd July, 1946.

90/45

*Mr. ABC
23/7*

Sir,

1, 4, 6, 7, 8,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 11th December, 1942, 16th February, '44, 24th April, 1946, 30th April, 1946, and the 13th May, 1946, and to express much regret that they have not been answered

The non-delivery of the Registered and Insured packets mentioned in your letters, is being dealt with and you will be informed of the result as soon as possible.

In the meanwhile I have to assure you that the question of compensation for loss of postage stamps *2.* promised to you in my letter of the 7th August, 1945, has been referred to Government.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. Sinnie

For Colonial Postmaster.

The Manager,
Messrs Estate Louis Williams,
Stanley.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

28th August, 1946.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 56.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that a number of cases of violation and loss of insured and registered postal packages occurred during 1945, and were brought to the notice of the United Kingdom Postal Authorities by the Colonial Postmaster in her letters of the 30th of September, 1945, addressed to the Postmaster General, and of the 5th of April, 1946, addressed to the Controller, London Postal Service, c/o C.P.C. In the former an investigation was asked for (presumably through the Postal Union), and in the latter advice was sought as regards meeting claims for compensation. A list of the violated and lost packages is enclosed in duplicate herewith.

Red 10a

2. To neither of these letters has any reply been received, and the matter is causing some embarrassment to Government. I understand that the Governor directed that no compensation should be paid until guidance had been given as to final responsibility, and liability for compensation had been accepted either by the Postal Union or by the Uruguayan Postal Authorities, two of whose employees appear to have been convicted of theft of registered postal packages from this Colony. This is virtually admitted in a letter (a copy of which I enclose) from the Uruguayan Postal Authorities to the Colonial Postmaster.

Red 10b

3. I should be glad if you would instruct me, after such consultation with the Postmaster General as may be requisite, whether I should forthwith cause the claimants for compensation to be paid the amounts due to them in respect of loss or damage to registered or insured articles. It seems highly undesirable to keep them waiting any longer for compensation: for, whether this Administration is finally and financially responsible or not, the fact remains that, either as principal or as agent, it has accepted insurance premia, and is gaining no credit by being slow in meeting just claims.

4. In a number of instances postage stamps were lost. I have reason to believe that some of the claimants in these cases would accept compensation in kind, which could be provided from stocks of unsold postage stamps now withdrawn from circulation. I have doubts as to the propriety of authorizing the use of these stamps for this purpose, but if the requests for compensation had been promptly dealt with at the time they were made the stamps would still have been available in current issues, for compensation in kind or sale at the Post Office. In the circumstances, I venture to seek authority to cause claimants for loss to be compensated in kind, if they so desire, from the obsolete stocks held.

5. A reply by telegram would be much appreciated. Meanwhile, a copy of this Despatch is being handed to Miss M. Carey, Colonial Postmaster, who is proceeding on leave

Reply at 20+23

c Right Honourable
G. H. Hall, P.C., M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies

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of absence to the United Kingdom by this mail. She is fully conversant with the matter and, if you should wish her to be consulted, her address will be:-

"28, Rutland Gardens,
Hove,
Sussex."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Sgd:) A. B. MATHEWS

Copy to: Miss E. M. Carey, I.S.O.,
Colonial, Postmaster,
STANLEY.

Handwritten notes in red ink at the bottom of the page.

No. of Reg. mail.	Office of Destination.	Date.	Insured or Reg.	Violated or Missing.	Sender.	Value.
R. 1.	London Town.	28/2/45.	Insured Nos. 24 & 108.	Missing.	Mr. E. G. Rowe.	£100.
R. 2.	" "	17/3/45.	Insured No. 418.	"	Mr. Karl Lellman.	24.
R. 3.	" "	10/4/45.	Reg No. 496.	"	Mrs. Vi. Robson.	
	" "	"	" " 498.	Violated.	Mr. M. G. Creece.	
	" "	"	" " 499.	"	Mr. M. G. Creece.	
R. 4.	England Provinces.	30/4/45.	" " 202.	Missing.	Mr. A. Newing.	
	" "	"	" " 239.	"	Mrs. L. A. Sedgwick.	
R. 5.	" "	23/5/45.	" " 15.	"	Mrs. Mark Campbell.	
R. 5.	London Town.	"	" " 68.	"	Reg. General.	
	" "	"	" " 73.	"	Mrs. Vi. Robson.	
	" "	"	" " 1.	"	Mr. A. G. Barton.	
	" "	"	" " 3.	"	Post Office.	
	" "	"	" " 6.	"	Miss Alva Carter.	
	" "	"	" " 24.	"	Mr. J. A. Barney.	
	" "	"	" " 31.	"	Mr. T. Binnie.	
	" "	"	" " 33.	"	Post Office.	
	" "	"	" " 35.	"	Treasury.	
R. 6.	England Provinces.	13/6/45.	" " 104.	"	Mrs. Hamilton.	
	" "	"	also 29 Reg. Articles.....	"		
R. 6.	London Town.	28/6/45.	Reg No. 145.	"	Mrs. Syd Summers.	
	" "	"	also 18 Reg Articles.....	"		
	" "	"	Reg No. 47-71. —	"	Post Office.	£38.
	" "	"	" " 73-74.	"	" "	
	" "	"	" " 88-89.	"	" "	
	" "	"	" " 75.	"	" "	£36.-17.- 8.
R. 7.	" "	14/9/45.	" " 257.	"	Miss Bossingham.	
	" "	"	also 6 Reg. Articles.....	"		
	" "	"	Reg No. 202.	"	Post Office.	
	" "	"	" " 194.	"	" "	
R. 8.	England Provinces.	29/9/45.	" " 375.	Violated.	Mr. Vernon King.	
R. 8.	London Town.	30/9/45.	" " 318.	Missing.	Mrs. W. B. Dixon.	
	" "	"	" " 354.	"	Mrs. E. Dettleff. (Postal Order 10/-.)	
	" "	"	" " 46.	"	Mr. H. L. Bound.	
R. 9.	" "	20/10/45.	also 31 Reg. Articles.....	"		
	" "	"	Reg No. 483.	Violated.	Mrs. Mercer.	
	" "	"	" " 482.	"	" "	
	" "	"	" " 498.	"	Mr. A. P. Hardy.	
	" "	"	" " 0016.	"	Mr. M. G. Creece.	

LIST OF VIOLATED AND MISSING REGISTERED ARTICLES

ARTICLES DURING 1945.

No. of Reg. mail.	Office of Destination.	Date.	Insured or Reg.	Violated or Missing.	Sender.	
R. 9.	London Town.	20/10/45.	Reg No. 0490.	Violated.	Dr. Sladen.	
	" "	" "	" " 457.	"	Mrs. Fuhlendorff.	
	" "	" "	" " 36-38.	Missing.	Miss Bossingham.	
	" "	" "	" " 52-53.	"	Est. L. Williams.	
	" "	" "	" " 434.	"	Post Office.	
R. 10.	" "	19/11/45.	" " 158.	"	E. J. McAtasney.	
	" "	" "	" " 71-76.	"	Post Office.	£30.
	" "	" "	" " 160.	Violated.	Mr. Watson.	
	" "	" "	" " 180.	"	Est. L. Williams.	
			also 11 Reg Articles.....	Missing.	Post Office.	
R. 10.	England Provinces.	17/11/45.	Insured No. 116.	"	A. Carey.	£12.
	" "	" "	" " 83.	"	H. L. Bound.	£36.
	" "	" "	" " 142.	"	Miss Madge Biggs.	£40.-12.- 6.
	" "	" "	" " 153-157.	"	E. J. McAtasney.	£48. each.
	" "	" "	" " 179.	"	E. J. McAtasney.	£48.
R. 11.	London Town.	15/12/45.	Reg No. 263.	Violated.	Est. L. Williams.	
	" "	23/12/45.	" " 295.	"	" "	
	" "	" "	Insured No. 187.	Missing.	" "	£12.
R. 12.	" "	" "	Reg No. 267.	"	Mrs. Vi. Robson.	

TRANSLATION.

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REPUBLICA O. DEL URUGUAY.

DIRECCION GENERAL DE CORREOS.

Montevideo, 2nd July, 1946.

SECCION SERVICIO INTERNACIONAL.

General Post Office,

Port Stanley.
Falkland Islands.

No. 00891.

Mr. Postmaster General,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of 5th April, 1945, (not numbered) regarding the violation of Despatchings R. 1 - 11 originating from those islands for London.

As stated in the last paragraph of my letter, of which you acknowledge receipt, I reiterate the interest on the part of this Administration in the clearing up of the grave irregularities to which you point.

In virtue of this, and of the fact that the pilfered portions of the mail originating in your Administrative area contained postage stamps, this matter will be taken up at the summary investigation by the section of my (Postal) Service involved in the discovery of the delinquencies committed by two unworthy employees who, now their crimes have been verified, have been handed over to the ordinary courts of law.

This notwithstanding, I may express in anticipation (i.e. of the Court's findings) that it is very much to be presumed that the violations to the pieces originating from those islands have indeed been perpetrated by the said delinquent employees and, in consequence, I hope to present you, in due course, some information which may satisfy - at least in part - the remitters defrauded of their interests.

In closing it only remains for me, Mr. Postmaster General, to tender my excuses for such a shameful incident - by which respectable interests have been prejudiced - and I beg of you to accept the assurance of my most sincere consideration and esteem.

FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL,
the Chief of the International Service,

(Sgd.) E. M. NUÑOZ NIN.

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Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 1st August 1946.

No. 23 Saving.

90/45



I enclose a copy of a letter dated the 18th July from Mr. C.H.J. Conlin on the subject of insured postal packages containing postage stamps which have been lost. I should be glad of your views.

See 38.

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Mr. [unclear]
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See 19

Copy.

The Falklands,
West Wimbledon,
London. S.W.20.

18th July, 1946.

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Office,
Whitehall, S.W.1.



Sir,

With reference to a recent telephone conversation with Mr. Barton, I would ask you to be so good as to give the following matter your kind attention.

In February 1945 a number of packets were sent to me c/o Hambros Bank Ltd., from Estate Louis Williams, Port Stanley, by Insured Post for £50 each packet and all but two reached me through the medium of the British Philatelic Association Ltd., acting for the Board of Trade.

Enquiries in Port Stanley and at the General Post Office, London, elicited the fact that these two packets had been stolen and the liability was admitted.

A further packet, insured for £50, posted in Port Stanley on the 13th September (Reg.No.260) also failed to reach me and Port Stanley Post Office was notified of the fact on the 16th February last.

Every attempt by the sender, a personal friend of mine, Mr. E.G.Rowe, Manager of Estate Louis Williams, to obtain satisfaction and compensation from the Post Office at Port Stanely, has ended in failure.

The packets contained postage stamps of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies.

I would add that I have for the past twelve years undertaken the importation of these stamps from the Falkland Islands on behalf of Miss Wynne Yeomans of the above address, because of my personal friendship with Mr.Rowe and during those twelve years a sum exceeding £5,000 has been spent by Mr. Rowe for stamps in Port Stanley on our behalf.

I think you will that I should not be asked to be out of pocket of the sum of £150.- indefinitely especially as the lost packets contained merely printed paper so far as the Colony is concerned but £150 of real value so far as I am concerned.

Thanking you in anticipation of your early action in the matter,

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) C.H.J. Conlin.

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 18th October, 1946.

No. 47. SAVING.

Red 10 Your Saving Telegram No. 23 of 1st August, 1946, and my Despatch
No. 56 of 28th August, 1946. *Red 13* Loss of Insured Postal Packages.

Red 19a 2. I forward herewith a list of further violations which have
occurred in mails despatched to the United Kingdom via Montevideo.
It will be observed that Registered Packet No. 260, which was inad-
vertently omitted from the previous list and to which reference is
made in the enclosure to your Saving Telegram under reference, has
been included. *13a* The two packages referred to in paragraph 3 of Mr.
Conlin's letter are Nos. 24 and 108 in Registered Mail No. 1 in the
previous list.

3. I do not propose to take any further action pending receipt
of your reply to that Despatch.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF VIOLATED AND MISSING REGISTERED AND INSURED ARTICLES DURING 1945.

No. of Reg. mail.	Office of Destination.	Date.	Insured or Reg.	Violated or Missing.	Sender.	Value.
R. 2.	London Town.	14/3/45.	Reg. 360-362.	Missing.	The F.I.Co, Ltd.	
R. 8.	" "	25/9/45.	" 308.	"	Mr. G. Pickering.	
R. 8.	England Provinces.	29/9/45.	Insured No. 34.	"	" " "	£1.- 6.- 6.
R. 8.	London Town.	13/9/45.	Reg. 260.	"	Est. L. Williams.	£50.
R.10.	" "	19/11/45.	" 111.	"	Post Office.	0.- 9.- 6.
R.11.	England Provinces.	13/12/45.	Insured Nos.247-248.	"	Est. L. Williams.	£35.-each.

DECODE.

No S 87.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : December 13th 19 46 Time : 15.45.

Received : December 14th 19 46 Time : 09.30.

Red 10

No. 263. Your despatch No. 56. Suggest that payment of compensation be deferred pending the result of detailed examination list of losses which G.P.O. will communicate direct to Colonial Postmaster. Where claimants agree to compensation in kind I see no objection to replacement of losses from stocks withdrawn from circulation. Despatch follows.

G.T.C.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

P.P. M.C. 15/XII.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

COLONIAL OFFICE,

NO. 40

DOWNING STREET,



19th December, 1946.

Sir,

Red 10.

I have the honour to refer to your despatch No. 56 of the 28th of August regarding cases of violation and loss of insured and registered postal packages during 1945 and to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the General Post Office on the subject of the payment of compensation to the senders of insured and registered packages which are lost or violated.

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2. It will be seen that a statement of the results of a detailed examination of the list of losses enclosed with your despatch under reply will be forwarded in due course to the Colonial Postmaster, Port Stanley, and it is suggested that the payment of provisional compensation should be deferred until this statement is received.

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of your despatch I would observe that the Director of Colonial Audit, whom I consulted in regard to an earlier case, agrees that where stamps are lost in transit they may be replaced free of charge, provided (a) they are written off as stores under Colonial Regulation No. 345 and not as cash under Colonial Regulation No. 278, and (b) replacements are made from the main stock and not from supplies already issued to post offices. In the circumstances I see no objection to the proposal that the lost stamps should be replaced in kind from the stocks of unsold postage stamps which have been withdrawn from circulation, and are presumably awaiting destruction, in all cases where this course is acceptable to the claimants.

4. If possible arrangements will be made for Miss Carey, the Colonial Postmistress, to visit the General Post Office as soon as she recovers from her illness, to discuss any minor difficulties which are likely to arise.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble servant,

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A. C. ...

LES CLIFFORD ESQ., C.M.G., O.B.E.,
etc., etc., etc.

RY:

.O. Reference 57420/45.

POSTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

LONDON, E.C.1.

4th December, 1946.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd of September concerning cases of violation and loss of insured and registered packets sent to this country from the Falkland Islands during 1945, I am directed to send herewith for the information of the Secretary of State copies of letters on the subject sent to the Colonial Postmaster, Falkland Islands, and to the Uruguayan Postal Administration respectively. (As no reply has yet been received from Montevideo further enquiry is now being sent by air mail). There was some delay in pursuing the enquiries which preceded the despatch of these letters and for this I am to express the Postmaster General's regret.

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Z | As regards the general subject of the payment of compensation in respect of registered or insured articles, where the British Post Office is the despatching administration and where the enquiries are likely to be protracted, it is the practice of this Office to pay compensation to the sender provisionally at the expense of the British Post Office on condition that the sender signs an undertaking to refund the sum so paid, should the subsequent enquiries prove that compensation is not payable; endeavour is then made to recover the sum paid as compensation from the postal administration responsible for the loss or damage. In the present circumstances the Postmaster General agrees with the view of the Acting Governor expressed in paragraph 3 of his letter of the 28th of August that where it is clear that compensation must sooner or later be paid the sender's claim should now be settled on a provisional basis.

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106 In this connection it should be observed that according to the regulations of the Universal Postal Union the postal administration responsible for the total loss of a registered article, or the loss, damage or loss of part or whole of the contents of an insured article is in general bound to bear the cost of indemnifying the sender for the loss or damage incurred, the indemnity in respect of a registered article being fixed at 50 gold francs. Exceptionally the countries of the British Empire have agreed to pay compensation for the loss of the contents or part of the contents (as distinct from the total loss of the packet) of registered articles, but this is an Empire domestic arrangement which does not apply to Uruguay. While therefore it seems from the letter of the 2nd of July from the Uruguayan Post Office to the Falkland Islands Post Office, that the former administration should accept responsibility for total losses of registered packets it is doubtful whether it will be ready to indemnify the senders for loss of contents.

As an alternative to paying compensation the Postmaster General sees no objection to the Acting Governor's proposal to make replacements in kind where such action is appropriate.

For the assistance of the Colonial Postmaster in dealing with individual claims, the list of missing and violated articles furnished by the Acting Governor has been examined in detail and particulars compared with those available in the official records here. It is proposed to send the results of this examination directly to the Colonial Postmaster.

It is understood that the Colonial Postmistress is now in

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE, S.W.1.

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hospital in this country, but it would perhaps be desirable when she has recovered from her illness if she could be interviewed here with the object of elucidating any minor difficulties which she may foresee in pursuing this matter to its conclusion.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sigd.) W.H. WEIGHMAN.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

C L A I M S.

Any person who registered or insured letters or packets during 1945 since reported missing or violated in transit, and who has already lodged a claim, is requested to forward a reference to the claim to the Acting Colonial Postmaster, Stanley, stating the date of posting and registration number, so as to facilitate a final settlement.

All claims should be lodged by the 31st March, 1947.

Post Office,
Stanley.
11th March, 1947.

Saving.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 8th November, 1946.

No. 41 Saving.

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My Savingram No. 23.

Loss of insured postal packages
containing postage stamps.

When may I expect a reply?

Reply at 19, 42

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 24th March, 1947.

No. 28 SAVING.

38 Your Saving Telegram No. 41 of 8th November, 1946. Loss of insured postal packages containing postage stamps.

23 Matter awaited consideration until your despatch No. 40 of 19th December, 1946, was received. Arrangements have now been made to pay compensation for missing and violated insured and registered packets after all local claims have been lodged by end March 1947.

19 3. Conlin's case has been noted see paragraph 2 of my Saving Telegram No. 47 of 18th October, 1946.

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

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CLAIMS FOR POSTAL PACKETS MISSING & VIOLATED IN TRANSIT.

<u>ADDRESSEE.</u>	<u>SENDER.</u>	<u>ORDINARY, REG.or.INS.</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF COMPENSAT ION.</u>
Mrs.S. Fulbrook.	Mrs.E. J. Berntsen.	Ordinary.	£1.- 0.- 0.
Mrs.F. Poole.	Mrs. E.A. Fuhlendorff.	Reg.342.	2.- 0.- 0.
Mr. A. Peal.	Miss Madge Biggs.	Ins.142.	40.-12.- 6.
Mr. W.W. Woodbridge.	Mr. E.J. McAtasney.	" 155-157 & 179. (£48. ea.)	288.- 0.- 0.
Mr. G. Pettrand.	Mr. E. J. McAtasney.	Reg.158.	2.- 0.- 0.
Messrs.H.A. Wallace.	Mr. M. G. Creece.	" 358,359, 498-9.	8.- 0.- 0.
Mrs. A. Lucas.	Mrs. R. L. Robson.	" 267.	2.- 0.- 0.
Pte. W. A. Lucas.	Mrs. R. L. Robson.	" 496.	2.- 0.- 0.
Mrs. E. V. Harris.	Mrs. J. J. Harries.	Ins.Parcel.	2.- 8.- 6.
Messrs. W.W. Woodbridge.	Mrs. A. C. Jennings.	" 135.	10.- 0.- 0.
Mr. L. K. Summers.	Mrs. Syd Summers.	Reg.371.	2.- 0.- 0.
Mrx.L. K. Summers.	Mrs. Syd Summers.	" 145.	2.- 0.- 0.
Messrs.Alfred Wilson.	Mrs. F. Barnes.	" 468.	2.- 0.- 0.
Mr. T.M. R. Pinkney.	Mrs. Sylvia Campbell.	" 13.	2.- 0.- 0.
Mr. J. E. Lea.	The F. I. Co, Ltd.	" 360-2.	6.- 0.- 0.
Mr. E.D. McDowall.	Mr. H. L. Bound.	" 40.	2.- 0.- 0.
Mr. J. E. Lea.	Mr. H. L. Bound.	Ins. 83.	56.- 0.- 0.
Miss Cole.	Mrs. J. E. Hamilton.	Reg.104.	2.- 0.- 0.
Mr. T. M. R. Pinkney.	Mr. Karl Lellman.	Ins.418. +++	13.- 0.- 6.
Cargills Ltd.	Est. L. Williams.	" 297.	12.- 0.- 0.
Mr. J. Reese.	" "	" 247-8.	70.- 0.- 0.
Mr. C. Conlin.	" "	" 260.	50.- 0.- 0.
Mr. C. Conlin.	" "	" 24 & 108.	100.- 0.- 0.
Mr. M. J. de Ryke.	" "	Reg. 417.	2.- 0.- 0.
The Crippleage.	" "	Ins.Parcel.	2.-10.- 0.
Madame C. Orriere.	" "	Reg.180.	2.- 0.- 0.
Miss Bossingham.	Miss G. Bossingham.	" 257.	2.- 0.- 0.
Mr. H. Deane.	Mr. A. Carey.	Ins.116.	12.- 0.- 0.
Mr. G. M. Lindsay.	Mr. T. Binnie.	Reg.31.	2.- 0.- 0.
Mrs. H. Page.	Mr. T. Binnie.	" 167.	2.- 0.- 0.
			£681.- 11.- 6.

Note:

+++ This was insured for £24. and the addressee states that the value of contents of the packet was £18.- 0.- 8. and the value of the missing stamps was £13.- 0.- 6.

No.

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



MINUTE.

3rd April, 1947.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,

From Ag. Col. Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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Herewith list of claims received in reply to the Post Office Notice dated 12th March, 1947.

These are in agreement with their previous claims, but there are many others overseas which will take some time to receive to know how they wish their claim paid.

May I pass vouchers paying the claimants on the list their respective amount, and under which Head and Sub-head will the debit be ?

[Signature]
Ag. Col. Postmaster.

A.T. to *[initials]*
[Signature]
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DECODE.

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No. 81.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 3. 5. 47 Time: 19.15 Received: 5. 5. 47 Time: 09.00

23 No. 153. My Despatch No. 40 December 19th 1946 your telegram

42 No. 28 Saving.

A | Understand from letter# from Conlin dated March 3rd that offer to replace stamps in kind has been made to his Agent at Port Stanley but has not been accepted. I have reconsidered matter and now feel that it would be improper to pay compensation in manner suggested. In circumstances it would appear that there is no option but to pay provisional compensation in cash in ordinary way. Any surplus stocks of superseded issue of stamps should be forthwith destroyed according to regulation.

X | 2. It is proposed to inform Conlin that offer of mint stamps was made with my concurrence; that I have now reconsidered matter and as a result have decided that compensation in kind as desired cannot be effected. Before this is done I should be glad to know whether any lost stamps of issue no longer current have been replaced in kind and whether any commitments to do so has been entered into in any particular case. No similar offer should be made and offer should be withdrawn in any case in which definite acceptance has not been signified.

SECRETARY OF STATE

G.T.C.

Reply at 60

LJH.

TRANSLATION.

Direction General of Posts.
International Service Section.

Montevideo,
27 March, 1947.

Mr. Postmaster General.
Port Stanley.

Reference No.
00483.

Mr. Postmaster:

During the year 1945 two employees (unfaithful) of my Administration, violated correspondence of your country destined to England, taking away from same, postage stamps. As my Administration is disposed to confront the responsibility for the loss of this correspondence, rely of you, to know the registered pieces that were found in the condition denounced, so to proceed the payment of the respective indemnity.

You have the assurance Mr. Postmaster of my greatest consideration.

For the Director General,
(Sgt) Elias Barros.

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HE

I don't like his version. But my Spanish is nil & I don't want to impart into it what is not in the original.

Abel
Jr

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COPIA.

REPUBLICA O. DEL URUGUAY.

DIRECCION GENERAL DE CORREOS.

Montevideo, 27 Marzo 1947.

Seccion Servicio Internacional.

Sirvase Citar

No. 00488.

Expte. 1688.

Motivo

Mr. le POSTMASTER GENERAL

POPE STANLEY.

Sr. Postmaster:

S/indemnizacion a' Ingl. por viol. correspondencia.

Durante el ano 1945, dos empleados infieles de mi Administracion, violaron correspondencia de su pais destinada a Inglaterra., sustrayendo de las mismas, estampillas postale

Como mi Administracion esta dispuesta afrontar la responsabilidad que la cabe por perdida de esa correspondencia, solicito de V.S., quiera hacernos conocer las piezas recomendadas que se encuentren en las condiciones denunciadas, para proceder al pago de la indemnizacion respectiva.

Reitero al Sr. Postmaster las consideraciones de mi mayor consideracion,

Por el DIRECTOR GENERAL,
El Jefe Interino de la S.S. Internacional

(Sgd) Elias Barros.

JJH/jpc.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched: 15. 5. 47 Time: 16.00 Received: Time:.....

50 No. 269. Your telegram No. 153.

Paragraph 1 noted.

2. Paragraph 2 no lost stamps of issue no longer current have been replaced in kind and no commitments entered into.

10 3. Paragraph 2 of my Despatch No. 56 of 28th August 1946. Further
53 letter from Uruguayan Postal Authorities dated 27th March being forwarded by air mail due United Kingdom early June appears to accept liability.

See 69.

GOVERNOR.

G.T.C.

LJH.

Stanley.

14th May. 1947.

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Sir,

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With reference to my claim dated 11th Dec. 1945 for compensation for package violated in the post I find that the voucher for payment of same is in error.

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It would appear that the approved compensation has been based on a claim made by the addressee, Mr Pinkney, without full knowledge of the original contents of the parcel and which has since been amended by him.

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To support my claim, which should not be necessary, I enclose copy of the packing slip enclosed with the stamps. Also no doubt you are aware that Mr Pinkney in his original claim acknowledged receipt of 20 sets of Grahamland. ?

The substitution of Mr Pinkney's claim for mine without reference to me implies, in my opinion, a doubt as to the veracity of my claim, an implication which I cannot but resent. *Nonsense*

I therefore again present my claim and ask that it be given due consideration.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Paul J. C. ...

The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

1. A. (base) 15.5.47.

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T.M.R.P.

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				<u>1 - 0 - 3</u>
				21 - 6 - 3
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Postage

K.V.L.

Dup-
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To Claim in respect of the following stamps pilfered
from registered package while in transit by post:-

20 sets South Shetlands	@ 3/1½d.	£3. 2. 6.
20 " South Georgia	@ 3/1½d.	3. 2. 6.
20 " South Orkneys	@ 3/1½d.	3. 2. 6.
4 stamps, Falklands 5/-.	@ 5/-	1. - -
3 " " 10/-	@ 10/-	1. 10. -
5 " " £1.	@ £1.	5. - -
12 " " 2½d.	@ 6d ea.	6. -
		<hr/>
		17. 3. 6.
Plus <u>comission</u> 5%		<hr/> 17. 2.
		<hr/> £18. - 8.

Why?

Registered package No 418

Insured for £24.

Posted 17th March, 1945.

Addressed to T.M.R. Pinkney,
16 Norfolk St. Sunderland.
c/o B.P.A. Ltd, B.O.T.
3 Berners Street.
London W.1.

Package delivered by the BPA on 14th June, 1945
containing only 20 sets Grahamland, value £3. 2.
Advice note accompanying stamps plu
had also been stolen.

Case U 11111

646

TO CLAIM in respect of stamps pilfered from registered insured package in transit.

Details of address etc as per original claim of 11/12/45.

20 sets F.I. Dependencies	@ 12/6	12.	10.	0.
5 stamps @ £1		5.	0.	0.
4 " @ 10/- 5/-		1.	0.	0.
3 " @ 10/-		1.	10.	0.
x 12 " @ 6d. (2½d obsolete value)			6.	0.
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		20.	6.	0.
	5% <u>servicing commission</u>	1.	0.	3.
			<hr/>	
		21.	6.	3.

*Non-...
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Less stamps delivered safely:-

20 sets Grahamland	£3. 2. 6.			
5% commission	<u>3. 1.</u>	3.	5.	7.
			<hr/>	
		£18.	0.	8.
			<hr/>	

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Copy

Darwin,

64c

11th December, 1945.

The Colonial Postmaster,
Stanley.

Dear Madam,

64d + b

I enclose claim in duplicate for stamps pilfered from Registered package No. 418, insured in March at the Post Office, Stanley, for £24.

I trust that the form of claim is in order and look forward to a speedy recovery of the amount claimed.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) Karl V. Lellman.

SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 3rd June, 1947.

No. 25. SAVING.

60. My telegram No. 269 of 15th May, 1947. Loss of Insured Postal Packages containing stamps.

Paragraph 3. Original and copies of letter from the Direccion General de Correos, Uruguay, dated 27th March 1947 are enclosed.

as at 53A

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.

See 88

No.

MINUTE.

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



14th May, 1947. 76

From

Ag. Col. Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Herewith a letter to Mr. Les. Hardy from Mr. P.W. Ware, Bristol, and a letter from the G.P.O. London, to Mr. Ware, both of which are self explanatory.

As the letter in question was registered, and presumably violated, can I have your permission to pay Mr. Hardy compensation to the value of £2. (This being the amount laid down in the Postal Regulation for a lost registered packet.)

May I have the attached letters returned, as Mr. Hardy wants to reply to them.

Ag. Col. Postmaster.

*Off. I'll pl. where
as it been all this time pl.
27/2*

C O P Y.

78a.

Divisional Controller's Office,
London Postal Region,
Mount Pleasant,
London, E.C.1.

P.O. Ref. Regl. 44456/45.

3rd March, 1947.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry concerning a registered packet No. 140 posted by Mr. Leslie Hardy, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands on the 19th June, 1945, it has been established that the item in question would have been included in a mail which suffered violation subsequent to despatch from the Falkland Islands but prior to receipt in this country.

After exhaustive investigation it has been decided that the question of compensation is a matter for settlement by the Falkland Islands Post Office with the sender, and a communication to that effect has been forwarded to that Administration.

I am sorry that owing to the protracted nature of the enquiries it has not been possible to give you this information at an earlier date.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) E.A. Smith.

For Divisional Controller.

P.W. Ware, Esq.

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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.

16th July, 1947.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From Ag. Col. Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

79a

Herewith a letter from the G.P.O. London which is self explanatory.

Could I now pass a voucher in favour of Mr. Lellman for the difference of £4.- 3.- 0.

mp
abc
187

[Signature]
Ag. Col. Postmaster.

see 64 + 75
4400

79a

Telephone: HEADQUARTERS 1234

Telegrams: Postgen London

Your Reference

P.O. Reference 57420/45

BY AIR MAIL



POSTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

LONDON, E.C.1.

22 May, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to say that he has received a complaint from Mr. T.M.R. Pinkney, 16, Norfolk Street, Sunderland, Co. Durham, that compensation in respect of the loss of postage stamps from an insured letter, No. 418 sent to him in March 1945 has not yet been paid to the sender, Mr. K.V. Lellman, Darwin Harbour. The letter was insured for £24., and was included in the mail, R2, for London Town despatched from Port Stanley on the 17th of March, 1945. On arrival in this country, it was observed to be in a violated condition, which fact was duly reported to your Administration by Verification Note. Reference to this letter was made in the "Remarks" relating to the mail R.2, for London Town, with a Schedule enclosed in this Administration's letter sent to you on the 23rd of December 1946. In this connexion, I am to say that the stated value of the missing stamps should read £13.6s.0d not £13.0s.6d.

The sum of £13.6s.0d is that originally quoted by Mr. Pinkney as the value of the missing stamps. He now states that ~~this~~ ^{their} value is about £17., and desires that compensation shall be paid to Mr. Lellman accordingly. He has not, however, furnished a detailed statement of the missing stamps and the Postmaster General is not, therefore, in a position to express an opinion as to the amount of compensation to which the sender is entitled; so this must ultimately be decided by the documentary evidence of loss which Mr. Lellman is able to produce.

As Mr. Pinkney is pressing for a speedy settlement of the matter, I am to ask that payment of compensation to Mr. Lellman may be made, if this has not already been ~~done~~ ^{done}, as soon as possible, and that you will inform the Postmaster General of the action taken for communication to Mr. Pinkney.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The Colonial Postmaster,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

S. K. B. [Signature]

*13-10-47
Pinkney
[Handwritten notes]*



Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 30 SEP 1947



90745

No. 81 Saving.

69

Your telegram Saving No. 25 of 3rd June
Loss of Insured Postal Packages containing
stamps.

88a

I enclose for your information a copy of
an official letter which has been received
from the G.P.O. on this subject. It is
hoped that settlement may now be reached
without difficulty between the postal
administrations concerned.

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SECEP.

COPY.

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PLB

POSTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

Your Reference 22204/A/(9)/47.

LONDON, E.C.1.

P.O. Reference 57420/45.

16 September, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to refer to your letter of the 30th of July and enclosures and previous correspondence on the subject of losses of registered mail from the Falkland Islands and to say for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies that he is glad to learn that the Uruguayan Post Office is prepared to accept liability for the losses. He agrees that the matter is now one for settlement between the Postal Administrations concerned and he has accordingly written to the Colonial Postmaster, Falkland Islands suggesting that full particulars of claims in respect of the violated and missing packets be furnished to the Uruguayan Post Office if this has not already been done. The Postmaster has also been assured that if any difficulty arises the Postmaster General will be pleased to communicate with the Uruguayan Post Office.

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I am to add that the further list of losses enclosed in your letter of the 26th of March has been examined in the same way

/as

The Under Secretary of State,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

as the previous list: and a copy of it suitably annotated has been sent to the Colonial Postmaster.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(SIGNED)

the Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office

No.

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

MINUTE.

17th December, 19 47. 96

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

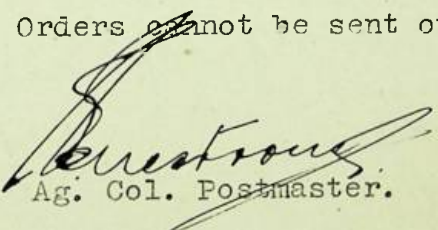
Stanley.

From

90/45
Ag. Col. Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

96a Herewith a further list of claims for compensation for lost Registered Postal Packets from persons overseas. Will you please advise me how these claims are to be paid, as most of them will accept mint stamps. Money Orders or Postal Orders cannot be sent outside the sterling area.


Ag. Col. Postmaster.

96a

C L A I M S .
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Dorn, Paul A. - Box 1712. W.L.B. Los Angeles 36. California.

Reg. covers Nos. 25, 72 & 73. despatched 10/4/45.
Will accept Dependency stamps as compensation.

Oliver, A.G. - 245. St. Amant St., Malvern, Johannesburg, S.A.

Reg. cover 470.-despatched 27/10/45.
Will accept current of 2/6. 5/- . 10/- & £1. (Value of order £1. 17. 6.)

Burt, A. - Twynham, Howard R.M.D. Murchison, N.Z.

Reg. Cover No. 204. despatched 14/9/45.
Will accept 2 sets F.I.Dependency & balance in F.I.stamps of £1.downward.

Goldman Max.- 5573. Waveley St., Montreal, 14. Canada.

Reg. cover No. 44. despatched 12/7/45, compensation £2.

Maercks R. - P.O.Box 312.- Dar es Lalcam, Tanganyika.

Reg. cover No. 439. despatched 20/10/45. Compensation £2.

Henry Morgan & Co. Ltd., - Montreal 2. Canada.

Reg. cover No. 75. despatched 12/6/45. (Value of Order £36. 17. 8.)
Compensation £2.

Finsberg, G. - 74. St. John's Court, Finchley Rd., London. N.W.3.

Reg. cover No. 87. despatched 12/7/45. Value of order 9/7½d.)
Awaiting revised order.

note, C.H.-. Philatelic Studio, 37 Liffiton St., Wanganui, N.Z.

Reg. cover No. 479 despatched 24/10/45. (Value of order £6. 5. -.)
Will accept current stamps 2/6 to £1. balance in ½d.stamps.

Thrnburn, R.H. - 253 The Parade, Island Bay, Wellington, S. 2. N.Z.

Reg. cover No. 469 despatched 24/10/45.
Will accept 6 @ 1/3, block of ½d. to 2/6 balance in Dependency.

Pipe N.J.- Box 11. Cassilis, N.S.W., Australia.

Reg. cover No. 430. despatched 24/10/45. (Value of order £ 16. 10.)
Awaiting to hear how compensation of £2. is to be paid.

96^b

CLAIMS.

Fitch, Geo. - 102. Wallace Street, Wellington.

Registered cover No.112. despatched 14/11/45.
Will accept current mint stamps as compensation.

Woodhead. A. - 65, Cornwall Road, Harrogate.

Registered cover No.425. despatched 4/10/45.
Will accept mint current stamps as compensation.

Cumming. W.B. - P.O.Box 231, Nairobi, Kenya.

Registered cover No.191. despatched 19/7/45.
Compensation £2.

No. _____

MEMORANDUM.

105

It is requested in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.



9th June, 19 48.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From Postmaster,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Herewith a copy of a letter received from the G.P.O. London.

The 25 registered items referred to in the letter have been advised in the list of missing articles received from London, but as Mr. T. W. Howarth did not lodge his claim with this Post Office we were unable to pay him the compensation.

Will you please advise me if this should be paid, if so, a Special Warrant will have to be taken out for the sum of £38.

[Signature]
Postmaster.

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14.6

see 104

Divisional Controller's Office.

London Postal Region,
King Edward Street,
London, E. C. 1.

P.O. Reference. 57420/45.

27th April, 1948.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to a letter dated the 23rd December, 1946 under the above number, and to the Schedule enclosed therewith, concerning cases of violation and loss of registered and insured packets sent to this country from the Falkland Islands during 1945.

Amongst other claims is one from Mr. T.W. Howarth of Iona House Windermere, in respect of 25 registered packets Nos 47-71 posted by the Postmaster, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands on the 27th June, 1945. In a recent letter to this office Mr. Howarth presses for a settlement of his claim of £38 in respect of the 25 items.

I am to ask that settlement in this case should be effected as soon as possible, and that you will be so good as to inform this office of the steps taken.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) C.L. Dean.
for Divisional Controller.

The Colonial Postmaster,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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6th July, 1948.

Dear Carter,

88a

Please refer to the letter dated 16th September, 1947, No. 57420/45, sent by the Postmaster General to the Under Secretary of State, a copy of which was enclosed in Secretary of State's Saving Telegram No. 81 of the 30th of September, 1947, on the subject of losses of registered mail from the Falkland Islands. Our Postmaster wrote to the Postal Administration in Montevideo on 12th May, 1947, and again on the 13th December, 1947, and furnished them with full particulars of the claims.

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So far Montevideo has not acknowledged receipt of either letter.

I should be grateful (provided you see no objection) if the matter could be taken up with the Uruguayan Postal Authorities through the General Post Office.

Yours sincerely,

Reply at 119

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

P. A. Carter, Esq.,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR TO THE

HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY of 12. 7. 48.
(Original, filed in P/343/II - Mr. Mathews's P. file).

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II. Claim against MV/Postal Authority. I raised this with Charge d'Affaires and said that if we heard nothing by the time of my return we should ask them to take the matter up at high level.

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VP.

wrong. Steals of stamps changing



90/45

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The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

My Reference..... 22204/8/48

Your Reference F.I. Ref: 90/45

9 August, 1948.

Dear Mathews,

117

Please refer to your letter of the 6th July. We have asked the General Post Office to take up the question of claims for losses of registered mail from the Falkland Islands, with the Uruguayan Postal Authorities and I shall keep you informed of any developments.

Yours sincerely,

P. A. Carter

See 140 *Y*

A. B. MATHEWS, O. B. E.

No. 90/45

MEMORANDUM.

124

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

18th September, 19 48.

From Postmaster,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

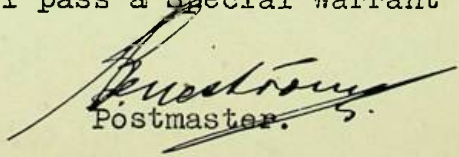
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Further to my Memorandum dated 9/6/48. I have received another letter from Mr. T.W.Howarth, Windermere, which reads as follows:

"Re your letter of June 22nd regarding my 25 Registered Letters Missing on 27-6-45. I shall be glad if you will be so kind as to send me the cash by Money Order made payable to me £38.(Thirty eight pounds) Many thanks for your kind attention.

Yours truly,
(Sgd) T.W.Howarth.

As this is a reply to the letter I wrote on 26/6/48, asking Mr. Howarth if he would prefer stamps to the value of £38, it seems that he wants the cash by Money Order. Shall I pass a Special Warrant for this sum plus the commission of 10/3 please?


Postmaster.

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2094



140

Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

My Reference 22204/8/48.

Your Reference 90/45.



16th October, 1948.

Dear Mathews,

119

In Carter's absence on leave I refer to his letter of the 9th August concerning losses of registered mail from the Falkland Islands.

The G.P.O. now say that they have obtained from the Colonial Postmaster a copy of his statement of claims and, finding that this provided an adequate basis for settlement, have written to the Uruguayan Post Office asking that such settlement may be effected as soon as possible. At the same time they have offered their help if there should be any point of doubt or difficulty on which the Uruguayan authorities would wish to have clarification.

Yours sincerely,

(O.E.S. Lloyd)

Reply at 148

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16/10

A.B. MATHEWS, ESQ., O.B.E.

F.I. Ref: 99/45
Your Ref: 22204/8/48

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13th May, 1949.

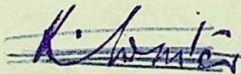
Dear Carter,

140

Please refer to Lloyd's letter of 1st October, 1948, concerning loss of registered mail from this Colony. I shall be obliged if the G.P.O. may now be asked to bring pressure to bear on the Uruguayan Postal authorities who have made no attempt to settle the outstanding claim; it is $3\frac{1}{2}$ years since the theft occurred and this Administration (on the advice of the G.P.O.) has had to compensate the public to the extent of £ 751. 18. 5.

The reference to "any point of doubt or difficulty" is not understood - it is a case of plain stealing for which redress should have been offered long since and if the G.P.O. is unable to secure this I must ask that representations be made through the Foreign Office. It is intolerable.

Yours sincerely,



P.A. Carter, Esq.,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

(sgd) MILES CLIFFORD

22204/8/49

90/45

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Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS.
(COLONY)

Date 4 AUGUST 1949.

No. 105 Saving.



148.

Reference Governor's demi-official letter to Carter (No. 90/45) of 13th May.

Claims against Uruguay for losses of registered mail.

To enable London G.P.O. to pursue claims against Uruguay they require an up to date list of all claims met by the Falkland Islands Administration. They have a copy of list which accompanied Acting Colonial Postmaster General's letter of 12th May 1949, to Montevideo but other claims may have been made subsequently, in which case they would like copies of this subsequent correspondence.

If practicable, the new list should show, in respect of the registered articles, whether the whole packet was lost or whether the contents or part of the contents were missing. Under international regulations, compensation is payable only for the loss of an entire registered packet and it was this "difficulty" the G.P.O. were referring to in their previous letter.

SECEP.

[Handwritten initials]

C.S.

See 181

R.M. to 7-6-49

90/45
F. I. ref 22204/8/49
C. O. ref:

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

5th September, 1949.

Date:

No. 144 SAVING. COLONY.

15 | Your Saving Telegram No. 105 of the 4th August, 1949.

Claims against Uruguay for losses of registered mail.

Copy retained by [unclear]
I attach a list of all claims up to 31st August, 1949 met by the Falkland Islands Administration.

The London G.P.O. states the total contents of each registered article were lost.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 24th March, 1951.

No. 67 COLONY.

151

Your Saving Telegram No. 105 of 4th August, 1949.

Claims against Uruguayan Postal Administration for losses of registered mail which occurred in Montevideo during the year 1945.

2. Five years have now passed since these losses occurred and in the interim this Government has met claims amounting to a total of £755. 18. 9d.

3. When local Postmaster was in United Kingdom on leave last year he was informed by General Post Office that a satisfactory settlement had been reached with the Uruguayan Postal Administration which had agreed to meet the claim in full. Subsequently this Administration was notified of this intention by the Director of the Uruguayan Postal Administration who sought advice as to the manner in which he should effect payment. The Director was asked to remit payment through the Government Agents in Montevideo, Messrs: Maclean and Stapledon, but up to the present no such remittance has been received.

4. In the circumstances I should be grateful if the matter could be taken up with the General Post Office and the Uruguayan authorities be pressed to honour their undertaking without further delay.

Reply at 186
GOVERNOR.

R.

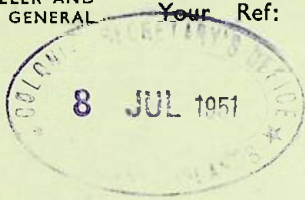
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Address communications to
THE COMPTROLLER AND
ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, GENERAL POST OFFICE,
ST. MARTIN'S LE GRAND, LONDON, E.C.1.

Telephone: HEAdquarters
P.O. Ref: AGD.208
Your Ref:



21st April, 1951.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to forward
herewith a letter from Uruguay, received in this Department
out of course.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. H. H. H. H.

for Comptroller and Accountant General.

*not enclosed
9.7.*

So inform them pl.

WJH

Reply at 185

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

17th
July,

XX 1951.

Sir,

182+

I am directed to refer to your letter AGD.208 of the 21st of April, 1951, regarding a letter from Brugusy received in your Department out of course and to inform you the letter was not enclosed in your communication under reference.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Michael R. Raymer

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Comptroller & Accountant General,
Headquarters Building,
General Post Office,
St. Martin's Le Grand,
LONDON, E.C.1.



186

SAVING

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date... 5.7.51

No. 58 Saving.



181

Your Savingram Number 67 Colony, of 24th March, 1951.

Claims against Uruguayan Postal Administration for losses of registered mail which occurred in Montevideo during 1945.

1. The Postmaster General has made further representation to the Uruguayan Post Office, urging early settlement and offering his assistance in meeting any difficulties which may have arisen.

2. I have now received through the Postmaster General a copy of the letter of the 27th of March, 1950, from the Uruguayan Post Office to the Colonial Postmaster, Falkland Islands. It is apparent from this letter that the obligation of the Uruguayan Postal Authorities is limited to 50 gold francs for each registered article and to the normal limits in respect of two parcels. This statement may have been made to clarify their position as regards their responsibility in respect of the insured articles. According to a statement of claims furnished by the Colonial Postmaster to the Postmaster General, 63 registered packets, 17 insured packets, two insured parcels and one uninsured parcel are concerned. It thus seems likely that the Uruguayan Post Office will meet the claims in respect of all the registered articles, unless it elects to adhere strictly to the provisions of the Postal Union Convention, under which compensation is payable for the entire loss of a packet but not for the loss of the whole or a part of the contents. In these circumstances they may decline to pay compensation where a whole packet is not missing.

3. As regards the insured letter packets and insured parcels, while Uruguay is party to the Postal Union Insured Letter and Box Agreement and has apparently accepted the provisions in the Postal Union Parcel Post Agreement relating to the exchange of insured parcels, it does not actually participate in the insurance service either for letters or parcels. Uruguay may, therefore, object to meet in full the claims made by the Postmaster in respect of the insured packets and parcels.

4. It is suggested that this difficulty may be one of the reasons why Uruguayan Authorities have delayed the payment of the claims made against them. They are, however, liable up to the limit of 50 gold francs (i.e. compensation for registered letters) for each insured letter packet, and according to the Agreement the outstanding balance is due to be shared by the other Administrations concerned, namely the Falkland Islands and the United Kingdom in the present instance. It would also seem that the Uruguayan Authorities intend to limit their liability in respect of the insured parcels to that for uninsured parcels. In the case of insured parcels, however, it is normal for the despatching Administration to credit any intermediate Administration with a proportion of the insurance fees paid by the senders; and this being so, the latter Administration is expected to assume responsibility should loss or damage to the parcels occur while the parcels are in its custody.

5. Please inform me, therefore, whether in the case of insured parcels sent to the United Kingdom any insurance credit is allowed to Uruguay. If not, and this credit is retained by the Falkland Islands Post Office, that office will have to bear the full loss in the present case, less amount which is recoverable in each instance from Uruguay in respect of an uninsured parcel.

SPT
J.C.C. f.
11/9/51

But we have already paid in full?

Reply at 191

F. I. ref 90/45

C. O. ref: 22204/8/51 Cons.

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

From: The Officer Administering the Government of the Falkland Islands.

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 25th August, 1951.

No. 151 SAVING. COLONY.

186 Your Saving Telegram No. 58 of 5th July, 1951.

Claims against Uruguayan Postal Administration for losses of registered mail which occurred in Montevideo in 1945.

2. No insurance credit is allowed to Uruguay on insured parcels sent to the United Kingdom via Uruguay.

GOVERNOR.

C O P Y

195^a

Postal Services Department,
Headquarters Building,
General Post Office,
St. Martin's - le- Grand,
London, E.C.1.

15th October, 1951.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to refer to your letter of the 22nd of April 1950 and to previous correspondence, concerning the compensation paid by your Administration in respect of registered and insured articles mistreated in Uruguay in 1945, and to enquire whether the matter has now been satisfactorily settled by the Uruguayan Post Office.

It is understood, from a communication received by the Colonial Office from the Governor of the Falkland Islands, that your Administration does not allow insurance credits to Uruguay for insured parcels sent to the United Kingdom via Uruguay; and, in these circumstances, Uruguay can be called upon to bear the cost of compensation only up to the limits fixed for uninsured parcels.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) S. H. Eaton)

The Colonial Postmaster,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Mr. Director General
Secretary of Discovery,
Falkland Islands

Dear Sirs,

We wish to communicate
that on the 2/2/51 we received
through the the Bank of London
& South American the sum of
£4-5-0.

We are grateful for
payment of the said account,
date & number of same.

Thanking you for at
your orders etc etc.

José Comesa Castro.

C.S.O. The account is a
Telegraphic account.

See Crown Agent's Accts
Jan'y 1951. P.V. 71.

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SERVICIO DE TRANSMISIONES
DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVA

Montevideo, Febrero 14 de 1951.-

Al contestar cite:

(citer en cas de réponse:)

Nota N.º 44/51.-

Expte.

RÉFÉRENT:

Sr. Director Gral. de Secretary

Discovery Islas Falklands:

Muy señor nuestro:

Plácenos comunicarle que con fecha 2/2/51 hemos recibido por intermedio del Banco de Londres y América del Sur el importe de £ 4.5 (cuatro libras, cinco chelines).

Agradeceríamos nos comunicara a que cuentas pertenece dicho pago, fecha y número de la misma.-

Nota 28/51.

Quedando a sus gratas órdenes saludamos a Vd. con nuestra más alta consideración.-

El Jefe Int. Sec. Contaduría.-

José Canosa Castro
José Canosa Castro.-

El Director Int. Div. Adm.-

Contador:

Fernando Criado Suárez
Fernando Criado Suárez.-



*c/a
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Januy 1951
P. V. 71.*



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Address communications to
THE COMPTROLLER AND
ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, GENERAL POST OFFICE,
ST. MARTIN'S LE GRAND, LONDON, E.C.1.

Telephone: HEAdquarters
P.O. Ref: AGD.208.
Your Ref: 90/45.

27th August, 1951.

29 OCT 1951
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Sir,

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I am directed by the Postmaster General to refer to your letter dated the 17th July and to express regret that the letter from Uruguay was not enclosed with his letter dated the 21st April

205a. The letter is forwarded herewith.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. D. Dixon

for Comptroller and Accountant General.

The Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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*See & ask P/m to translate
10/1/52*

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No. _____

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

12th July, 19 52.

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From: Supt. Posts & Telegraphs,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Loss of Registered packets in 1945.

211a

Herewith a letter from the G.P. O. Montevideo re compensation for the loss of the Registered and Insured packets in Montevideo in 1945.

It seems that they will only accept the responsibility to the value of 4,080 gold francs, and they want to know if we will accept this sum.

E. G. G. G.

for Supt. Posts & Telegraphs.

P.M.

Office Re. ask P.M. for a translation of the encl. letter.

H.C.S. Herewith translation 211b P.M. also P.O. file on the same dates. *14/7*

Please *W.H.P. B.S.* 15/7/52

P. a m g h e p l e

DIRECCION GENERAL DE CORREOS

Montevideo, 24 Junio 1952

211a

SECCION SERVICIO INTERNACIONAL

SIRVASE CITAR

GENERAL POST OFFICE
FALKLAND ISLANDS
POST STANLEY

No. 1118

Expte. 2710/51

Señor Postmaster General:

Motivo
Cont.ped.inf.s/
pago indem.pzas.
y encem.violadas

Tengo el honor de referirme al asunto de que me habla en su estimada de fecha Noviembre 6 de 1951, relacionada con las indemnizaciones de las 80 piezas certificadas y 3 encomiendas expoliadas en mi Servicio, por las que mi Administración se hace cargo en su caracter de piezas perdidas, correspondiendo la responsabilidad en consecuencia dentro de lo que prescribe la Convención y el Acuerdo de Buenos Aires.

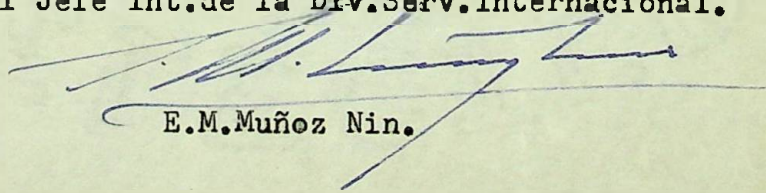
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Anexo

Sobre este particular me permito hacerle saber que el monto a pagar será de frs.oro 4.080 y que este asunto se encuentra ya a resolución definitiva y que una vez resuelta me será particularmente grato ponerlo en su conocimiento.

Reitero al Señor Postmaster General, las seguridades de mi mayor consideración,

Por el DIRECTOR GENERAL;
El Jefe Int.de la Div.Serv.Internacional.



E.M. Muñoz Nin.

EMN/JPC

211b.

Have the honour to refer to your letter dated 6th November, 1951 relating to the indemnity of the 80 registered and 3 parcels exploited in my service and which my Administration assured you of the losses and our responsibility in accordance with the Convention of Buenos Aires.

Under this particular we wish to state that the amount payable is 4,080 gold francs and this is our definite resolution of which we wish to advise you.

Yours etc.

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No. _____



MEMORANDUM.

It is requested in any reference to this memorandum the above number and the date may be quoted.

11th September, 1952.

To: The Honourable,

From: Supt. Posts & Telegraphs,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

SUBJECT:- Loss of package in 1945. A

216a

Herewith a letter received from M. Johnston, Australia,

In 1945 Mr. Johnston wrote to this office requesting stamps to the value of £10. for which sum he forwarded a cheque. The stamps were forwarded under registered cover No. 441 and I regret to say that this was one of the packets violated in Montevideo in 1945. Mr. Johnston wrote to us some time ago claiming compensation to the value of £10. but during the moving into the present Post Office his letter must have been lost and we wrote to him requesting him to advise us how he wished the compensation paid, the result being that he referred to a letter he wrote in February which has not been received and requesting that we send stamps to the value of £10.

May I have your approval to forward these stamps and write them off the stamp book please?

E. Guesting

for Supt. Posts & Telegraphs.

audited: Correct procedure would be to charge value of stamps to Compensation I think?

B
13/9

N.C.S. Yes. CR. 233 and 5/5 Dispatch 23.5.52 (line) 71-441123 refors. L.G. 4.11

If anything is enclosed, letter will be sent by ordinary mail.

Second fold here

Third fold here

First fold here

*Mr. Robert [unclear]
Stanley Johnson
100 Atlantic Ocean*



To open cut at top

[Handwritten letter text, mostly illegible due to cursive and bleed-through]

Belmont NSW

20th June 52

216a

The Postmaster

Stanley

Subtained Isld

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 11 Oct 1950 I replied on Feb 7. 1951 giving you the desired information but have not received no reply from you.

As it is now over a year since the original order was sent it is surely time that you had pinned the matter up.

However now that you have a new issue you may instead of refunding the £10, send the following stamps to make up the value £10:-

110 of 2d value, 510 of 1d value, 210 of 2,

110 of 2¹/₂d, 110 of 3d, and 16 each 4d, 6d,

9d and 1s values using some of above for registered postage

It is earnestly expected that at long last you will finalize this matter now

Yours faithfully

M Johnson

Please advise by airmail what you are doing in the matter.

No. 15/27

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



MEMORANDUM.

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24th February 1956

To: Acting Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

From: Auditor.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- LOSS OF REGISTERED PACKET AT POST OFFICE.

In March, 1955 the Postmaster paid £2 to Mr. D.J. Ross in respect of compensation for the loss of a registered packet addressed to San Carlos.

Post Office records contain no evidence of the packet having been despatched to San Carlos and the Postmaster agrees that all the evidence points to the loss (theft?) having occurred in the Post Office.

As the packet was originally posted by Mr. Ross in April, 1954 an enquiry now is likely to produce little, but having due regard to the circumstances it is considered that the approval of Government should be obtained for charging the compensation to public funds.

L. Bleasell

Auditor.

S.L./ In your standing file.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

17th April,

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To: Supt. Posts and Telegraphs

From: Acting Colonial Secretary, Department,

STANLEY.

Loss of Registered Packages.

It has been brought to my notice that two registered packages were lost in the Post Office and that compensation has been paid without the circumstances of the loss having been fully investigated.

2. It appears that no evidence exists that the packages were actually forwarded to the addressees and in one case a period of one year elapsed between the posting of the packet and the payment of compensation. This suggests that the loss of the package was not discovered for a considerable period. If this is so, some better system of checking registered correspondence and ensuring its safe custody and delivery would appear to be essential.

3. I am therefore directed to instruct you to investigate the cause of the loss of the two registered articles in question and submit a considered report on ways and means of preventing such occurrences in the future.

(Sgd) J. Bound

JB/MF

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY

Copy to: Auditor

Reply at 232

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MEMORANDUM.

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that, in any refer-
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number and date
should be quoted.

26th April 19 56

From: Ag Colonial Treasurer

STANLEY.

To: Ag Colonial Secretary.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

at core

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To see attached correspondence 215 in 90/45.
This surely is a matter for Superintendent Posts
& Telegraphs to take up - could I have a ruling
please?

Ag Colonial Treasurer

*What does
mean this?*

90/45 ref

*AcS 215 when P.M. says he
wrote to M.V. appears to be
the last word. ag ct.
1/5/56 P.M. should make a
police enquiry re settlement
of Mr. P.M. informed - referring to previous correspondence
of 1/5.*

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234.

7/45

10th August, 56.

To: Supt. Posts & Telegraphs Dept.

From: Acting Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

Loss of Registered Packages.

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I am directed to refer to my memorandum of 17th April
and to enquire when a reply may be expected.

(Sgd.) D.R. Morrison.

for ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Confidential.

No. 90/45

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



MEMORANDUM.

90/45

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13th August, 19 56.

From. Superintendent P & T Dept,
Stanley.

To The Honourable
Colonial Secretary,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Loss of Registered Packages.

I have investigated the cause of the loss of the two registered packages in the Post Office and find there is no record of the packages being forwarded to the persons concerned and it would appear that when the outgoing mails which should have carried the packages were prepared, the packages were not in the Post Office and the loss was not known until the sender had complained of nondelivery, about one year after being posted. The Post Office was searched thoroughly but there was no trace of the packages nor is there any evidence to shew the packages had been dispatched elsewhere.

2. Arrangements have been made with the P.W.D. to supply metal cabinets with locked compartments to keep registered and insured packets secure and counter clerks have been instructed to check the packages against the registered letter book on every occasion when mails are dispatched.

A. Mercer
Superintendent

C.H.F.
17.8.56.

90/45

238.

29th August,

56

To: The Auditor,

From: Acting Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Loss of Registered Packet at Post Office.

I am directed to refer to your Memorandum of the 24th February, 1956, regarding the loss of a registered packet and to enclose a copy of a Memorandum from the Superintendent Posts and Telegraphs. I am to say that the payment of compensation is approved.

(Sgd) D. B. Morrison.

for ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY

DRM/MF

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No. _____

MEMORANDUM.



It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

14th February, 19 57.

From: Supt. Posts & Telegraphs.
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To: The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

SUBJECT:- Loss of C.O.D. Parcel.

In June, 1954 we paid the G.P.O. London the sum of £5.- 9.- 7d. compensation for loss of a C.O.D. Parcel. As the parcel was not included in the mail, we overlooked forwarding a Verification Note to the G.P.O. London, and we were obliged to pay the full compensation. We wrote and asked the G.P.O. to reconsider bearing the cost equally between our two Administrations, and they replied that as no Verification Note was raised at the time the loss was ours.

Could approval be given for charging this to Head XIII. 13, Compensation Claims please.

A. Mercer.
Supt. Posts & Telegraphs.

*File
14/2*

Reply at 240

90/45

18th February, 57.

To: Supt. Posts & Telegraphs,

From: Acting Colonial Secretary.

STANLEY.

Loss of C. O. D. Parcel.

I am directed to refer to your memorandum of 14th February, 237 1957, regarding compensation for the loss of a C.O.D. Parcel and to approve the charging of the sum of £5 9s. 7d. to Head XIII 13 Compensation provided sufficient funds are available.

2. Please instruct the Postmaster to ensure that more care is taken with regard to the submission of Verification Notes in the future.

(Sgd.) S. G. Trees.

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

JR/MC

Copies to: Treasury.
Audit.

MEMORANDUM.

To:- The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.



From:- The Superintendent,
P & T Department,
STANLEY.

Subject:- Compensation Claim.

The Falkland Islands Co. have applied for a refund of postage charged on an airletter which was carried by surface mail in error, last January, by m.v. "Martin S".

The letter carried £6-17-0d in postage, whereas, the sea mail charge would only have been £-.5.0d.

May the refund of £6-12-0d be made, and from Head XIII sub-head 8 Compensation Claims please?

*1 suppose so.
24/5/57
8. 5. 57*

A. Marse,
Superintendent.

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No. P.O. 004/A/38

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

8th February, 19 58

From

Supt., Posts & Telegraphs,

STANLEY.

To

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Missing Registered Mail

On examination of the mail received this morning it was observed that the seal had been broken on one bag of air mail (Serial No.2 of 9.1.58). The contents were immediately checked against the letter bill and it was found that out of a total of nine registered items originally contained in the bag only one remained.

The Mail Officer on board H.M.S. "Protector" has been asked to investigate and communicate the result of his enquiries to this office at an early date. The necessary Verification Notes will be despatched by next outward mail.

[Signature]
Supt., Posts & Telegraphs

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No. 12

MEMORANDUM.

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It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

18th April, 1958.

From: Acting Colonial Treasurer,

To: The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Compensation for mails violated in Montevideo

211A.

In a letter dated 24th June, 1952, (211 in C.S. 90/45) the Uruguayan Post Office accepted responsibility for the violation of mail in 1945 and agreed to pay compensation amounting to Gold Francs 4,080 (about £476).

The history of the case is a long one and the final admission to responsibility only came in 1952 after much correspondence which is filed in 90/45 and Post Office 025.

Having agreed to pay compensation the Uruguayan Post Office did not act up to their word and to date no payment has been made. In fact, in a letter dated 5th August, 1957, addressed to the Postmaster (33 in P.O. 025) they appear to be denying that they ever admitted responsibility and, in the last paragraph, flatly refuse to pay.

211b.

The acceptance of responsibility up to a limit of Gold Francs 4,080 is stated to be in accordance with the Convention of Buenos Aires, and it appears to me that we should press for a settlement.

Letters from the Postmaster, however, will gain nothing, and it is suggested that the matter might be referred to the Embassy in Montevideo.

See 186



Acting Colonial Treasurer

LG/AE

Copy to - Postmaster

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GENERAL POST OFFICE,

STANLEY,

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Your Reference 1118 Expte 2710/51.

P.O. Reference 025/31.

8th May, 1957.

Dear sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No.1118 Expte 2710/51 dated 24th June, 1952 and subsequent correspondence from this office relating to compensation payable on registered and insured articles mistreated in your service during the year 1945.

In your letter under reference you agreed to accept liability to the value of 4,080 gold francs which this Administration confirmed in my letter 025/52 dated 25th July, 1952. As you are no doubt aware, several applications have since been made by this Department requesting a final settlement but unfortunately the matter appears to have been overlooked in your Office. In view of the long delay already experienced in this matter I would respectfully request that you now give this subject your most speedy attention and if possible arrange for the amount in question to be credited to this Government's account with Messrs Maclean & Stapledon S.A., Calle Colon 1486/90, before the end of the current month.

I should be grateful to receive your early acknowledgement together with any views you may wish to express.

Reply at 252b

Yours faithfully,
(sgd.) H.L.Bound.
Postmaster.

Jefe Int. Sec. Serv. Internacional,
Direccion General De Correos,
MONTEVIDEO, Republica O. del Uruguay.

TRANSLATION.

Montevideo, 5/8/57.

252d

No 1685

File 1609/57

To the Director General
Post Office
Port Stanley
Falkland Islands

Dear Sir,

252a With reference to your note No 025/31 of 8/5/57,
Regarding the goods destined for the Falkland Islands
which were (stolen) in 1945.
(Spoiled)

We are sorry that you insist on the text of our
letter No 1118 of 1952, as that attitude, which was not
definite should be considered mistaken and was reviewed
in consequence of the advice which was given on the matter.
Your Administration have been informed of this in our
X letters No 585 of 5/4/54 and No 2475 of 10/10/56.

In reassuring you that what was communicated in
the above letters is the definite attitude of my Administration
in this matter, I beg you to accept the expressions of my
highest consideration.

Postal Inspector

(Miguel I. Salinas)

Chief of International Service.