

C. S. O.

MAI/GEN/4#4

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1/48

(Formerly)

SUBJECT:

PARCEL POST TO AND FROM UNITED KINGDOM.

31

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

E. G. Rowe
care of:-

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE MANAGER

RYAN & LOGG WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS.

Estb'd 1863.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

22nd January 1948

RADIO ADDRESS
"WILLIAMS"
CODES USED
BENTLEYS
A.B.C. SW ED.
A.I.

Sir,

Some months ago I sent a quantity of my old shirts (washed and clean) by parcel post to a firm in London that advertised repairing shirts.

They duly effected the repairs (new cuffs and new neck bands) and when they sent the parcel to be posted back to me in one of London Offices, the clerk informed them that it was Prohibited to send "worn clothing" by parcel post to the Falkland Islands.

(They then took the parcel to another post office where no objection was raised, so I expect the parcel to reach me in due course).

But the fact remains that the clerk in the first Post Office was quite right. The G.P.O. Post Office Guide (Nov. 1946 is the issue I have consulted) quite plainly states under

"FALKLAND ISLANDS

Parcels

"Prohibitions: Letters; firearms (other than sporting guns), except under permit; WORN CLOTHING. "

As I fail to understand why that prohibition exists, may I suggest that steps be taken to have it eliminated from the Post Office Guide.

The partial prohibition affecting 'firearms' might also be removed.

Yurs faithfully,

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary
Stanley.

I Ad. 23/

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A.

Can the wife of the currier pro-
hibit to trees?

2. What an P.M.'s was?

AKL
24.

Aq. P.M.

B.

A above pl.
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27.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have looked through a 1939 P.O. Guide and the prohibitions to the Falkland Is. were the same then as they are at present.

I do not know why the prohibition of worn clothing was brought into effect, but I can understand the prohibition of firearms during war. I think these could now be deleted from the P.O. Guide, unless the impostation of firearms has something to do with the Firearms Ordinance.

No.

P. 75 in 1930 Supplement

AKL
28/1/48.

P.M.

Es. Pe. ask G. P. O. to
delete 'worn clothing' for their
next edition: nipa li hove

CB
29.1

Hon. Col. Sec.

I am writing by next mail to
G. P. O. asking them to delete the words
'worn clothing' from the G. O. Guide, as
stated to be prohibited to the I. S.
I have informed Mr. Rowe to this effect.

CB
31/1/48

PA CB
31.1

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D R A F T.

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Telegram from Postmaster to G.P.O., London.

PRIORITY. REPLY URGENTLY REQUIRED.

Terminal charges on parcel post. New charges foreshadowed in Secretary of State's Circular Savingram No. 22020/A/51 of 5th July and confirmed in your letter 31035/51 of 7th August do not correspond with those given in revised edition of British Table C.P.I. forwarded under cover of your letter 59145/48 dated 31st August. Grateful confirm that charges quoted in your letter of 7th repeat 7th August are correct ones.

2. Assume that new British terminal charges will not be levied on parcels posted here before 1st October even though they arrive in U.K. after that date, and grateful if imposition of new charges may be delayed in case of parcels from this Colony until after receipt by you of parcels posted by next outward mail from here which will be second week in October. Reason for this request (as well as for early reply to this telegram) is that rates here will have to be raised to correspond and as we have only one outward mail in five weeks it makes it very awkward to impose new rates ^{in the middle of} between mails ^{period} and much more convenient to do it on the day after a mail has left.

Reply at 6

ACS
To P/H7 please. H.C. has seen - approved
with telegram.

J.M.
to you accordingly, pl
J.M.S.
20/9/51

A.C.S.
Have sent telegram as above.
E. J. M. 20/9/51

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MEMORANDUM.

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No.

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

24th September, 1951.

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From: Supt. Posts & Telegraphs.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Parcel Post Rates.

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Herewith copy of reply telegram received from the G.P.O. London.

The credit allowed to Great Britain on the present rate is as follows:

<u>3lbs.</u>	<u>7lbs.</u>	<u>11lbs.</u>	<u>22lbs.</u>
1/11.	3/4.	4/9.	8/-.

The new credit rate to be as follows:

3/3.	6/-.	8/6.	14/6.
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The present charge on parcels sent from the Colony to U.K. as follows:

2/3.	3/9.	5/6.	9/-.
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Based on the difference between the present charge and the credit allowed to Great Britain for parcels despatched from the Colony to U.K., the new rate will be:-

3/7.	6/5.	9/3.	15/6.
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E. Eustrom

for Supt. Posts & Telegraphs.

W. H. H.

24 SEP 1951

*There is a file called "Parcel Post to U.K." which
contains this letter then "Compendium relating to Mails" in which
this story begins - pl. remove today the relevant correspondence
- all 0327*

(0638?)

Jsq.

ACS

*May I have a note of the new U.K. rates, the
and they change the U.K. public for overseas parcels*

W.

25/9/51.

*ACS Pm. says he hasn't got them - but thinks they
are as 'at x above - not v. helpful Jsq.*

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
F99	London etat BG	57	1255	22.9.51.
To	Postgen	Stanley		

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Reference your telegram 20 September stop Revised terminal charges
 quoted in our letter 7 August confirmed stop CPI includes revised
British transit credits which are now lower than revised terminals
 stop Agree to delay in imposition of new charges and suggest new credits
 to be allowed for mails despatched on or after 1 November

Postgen

What, precisely, does this mean?
MC 27/in

VJSS

Time

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THE POST OFFICE ORDINANCE, 1898.

ORDER BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

No. of 1951.

GOVERNOR.

In exercise of the powers vested in him by the Post Office Ordinance, 1898, and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows :-

Short Title. 1. This Order may be cited as the Post Office (Amendment) Order, 1951.

Amendment of Section 2. (f). 2. Section 2. (f) of the Post Office Order, 1949 is hereby amended by the deletion of the figures "2/3. 3/9. 5/6. 9/-." under Parcel Post rates to the United Kingdom and the substitution therefor of the figures "3/6. 6/6. 9/3. 15/6." No.

Made by the Governor in Executive Council ~~at a~~
~~meeting held~~ on the 10th day of July, 1951.

Clerk of the Executive Council.

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H.C.S.

Draft Order in Council submitted, jse

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Advised
27.9.51

Y.E.

ref: page 5-6. I mentioned this to Y.E. before p.4 was sent, and Y.E. approved that draft. The G.P.O., London have been, as they always are, most helpful and co-operative. We shall have to amend our own parcel postage rates, because it is from the proceeds of them that the terminal charges claimed by the G.P.O. are paid. I recommend the new rates proposed by P/M at "Z" on p.5, except for a slight rounding off of his figures (3/6 instead of 3/7 and 6/6 instead of 6/5). Draft Order-in-Council at p.7 submitted. May this be put before Ex:Co: on Saturday, with a view to getting the new rates operative on the day after the next outward mail goes?

Yes.

2. I think that if Ex:Co: approves the new rates we ought to notify the public in advance that the rates will be going up.

[Signature]

27.9.51.

1. And why?

2. I said that in the meeting...

3. ...

27/9

Y.E.

Quite correct. I of my minute the app is not a question - I really wish people to be told why the increase is being introduced.

I thought that we ought to give the public notice of the impending change in the rates, largely because I saw that they did so in England. To do so, and to encourage people to post by this mail, would not lose us any revenue. The amount we get from outwards parcels remains unchanged, the extra goes to the U.K. Post Office by way of increased terminal charges that end. Any extra revenue which we are going to get will come from increasing our terminal charges this end, which are paid by the U.K. Post Office out of the charges which they make to the public for posting parcels in U.K.

2. I certainly think we should explore the disparity between the terminal charges here and in the U.K. I have not been able to trace any papers giving a ruling, and it may be, as Y.E. suggested, that the U.K. Post Office claim the higher rake off by reason of having to pay the Royal Mail Lines' mail contract. We shall in any case have to put ours up something, and I would like to take the opportunity to put them up to the same as the U.K.'s, though I doubt if we should be allowed to do so. I am not quite sure whom we should best approach on this, the S/S or the G.P.O. ?

Entirely correct.

3. Page 6. Terminal charges and transit credits differ. The former are the charges which the sending administration has to pay to the delivering administration. The latter are the charges of an administration acting as a forwarding agency. C.F., if I send a parcel from here to Sweden, it goes via the U.K. The U.K. Post Office makes a charge for seeing the parcel on its way.

W
28.9.51.

MC 28/ix

JE
I fear I misunderstood 1 of Y.E.'s minute points.
2) Para 2. Draft telegram to S/S s.f.c.

W
28/9/51

It speaks at convenience. I think our means must bear some relation to actual costs.

MC 28/ix

Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council held on the 29th of September, 1951.

5. The Post Office (Amendment) Order, 1951. Council advised that the Order should take effect from the 1st November, 1951. His Excellency concurred and ordered accordingly.

W. C. G. G. G.
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE

Despatched: 2.10.51. Time: 1500. Received: Time:

224/46/11

No 228. Restricted. Your circular Saving of 5th July.

Postal Charges on Parcels to U.K.

Increase in U.K. terminal charges necessitates proportionate increase in ordinary parcel postage rates from here and necessary increases are being made. Terminal charges raised by this Administration have always been much lower than those claimed by U.K. Post Office and disparity now even more greater. Some increase in this administration's terminal charges will obviously have now to be made and unless you see any objection, I would wish to raise them by at least as much as the difference between old and new terminal charges of British Post Office.

2. Grateful for early reply.

GOVERNOR.

GTC.

B.N. 20/10/51
20/10/51
30/10/51

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				30. 10. 51
To CHAPELRIE LONDON.				HOA/C

10 NO 246 BY TELEGRAM 228 STOP TERMINAL POSTAL CHARGES STOP NEWPARA
2 GRATEFUL IF REPLY COULD BE EXPEDITED.

ROY. GOVERNOR.

Time

BW
~~7/11/51~~
 14/11/51

DECODE.

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No 110.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 10.11.51. Time: 1515. Received: 11.11.51. Time: 0845.

10 No 212. RESTRICTED. Your telegram No 228. Postal charges on parcels to United Kingdom.

No objection to proposal.

P/M
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2. Presume you have now received G.P.C. letter of September 18th reference 31,035/51 regarding increased claims in respect Uruguayan handling charges and sea conveyance from Uruguay to the United Kingdom.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

To P/M via S.P.T. for early comments pl.,
(Intld) M.R.R.
11/11/51.

GTC.
SS

See 18.

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H.C.S.

Herewith the correspondence received
from the G.P.O. relating to the terminal charges
also the C.P.I. table.

Exp for S.P.T.
14/11/51.

S.P.T. for P/N.

Reading p. 12 with the G.P.O.'s letter of 18th Sept:
it seems to me that they want both the
amounts - which is very high. Is this your
understanding of it?

all 15/11/51.

H.C.S.

It seems a bit confusing.
I think it will be best to give the
credits as shown in C.P.I., and not worry
about their letter at present, they will
then adjust the General Account & show
where we are wrong.

Exp for S.P.T.
17/11/51.

P/O.

All right. Let us so proceed.

ll

20/11/51.

I.C.S.

Thank you.

Per. Dir.

20/11/51.

Per. Dir.
20/11/51.

No.

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



MEMORANDUM.

5th December, 19 51. 15

To: The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From: ~~Post~~Supt. Posts &

Telegraphs.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Parcel Post rates.

Further to your conversation of yesterday with the Postmaster, I have the honour to submit the following as requested:

Parcel Post ~~from~~ ^{to} U.K. ~~to~~ ^{from} F.I.

	<u>3lbs.</u>	<u>7lbs.</u>	<u>11lbs.</u>	<u>22lbs.</u>
Postage to U.K.	3/6.	6/6.	9/3.	15/6.
Terminal Charges paid to G.P.O. London.	^{4/2} 3/3.	^{3/4} 6/-.	^{4/5} 8/6.	^{2/-} 14/6.
Payment to be made to G.P.O. for account Uruguayan P.O. as from 1/1/52. as per letter attached.	8d.	1/2.	1/2.	2/4.
Retained by F.I. Post Office.	3d.	6d.	9d.	1/-.

Parcel Post from U.K. to F.I.

	<u>3lbs.</u>	<u>7lbs.</u>	<u>11lbs.</u>	<u>22lbs.</u>
Postage from U.K.	3/9.	6/3.	9/3.	15/-.
Terminal Charges paid to F.I. Post Office.	6d.	1/-.	1/6.	2/-.
Balance retained by G.P.O. London.	3/3.	5/3.	7/9.	13/-.
	1/11	2/7	4/0	6/6.

A. Mercer

Supt. Posts & Telegraphs.

This does not appear to be any subsequent.

X/

A.

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A.C.S.

I'm afraid this doesn't give me quite the information which I want. We recently asked permission to increase our terminal charges by as much as the U.K. increased theirs by. Does "X" on attached minute take this into account? I rather think not. What I am trying to get at is the amount by which U.K. terminal charges exceed ours. Admittedly out of what they receive from us in the way of terminal charges they have to pay the Uruguayans and a part of the Royal Mail's mail contract, but on the other hand we have to pay the F.I.C's mail contract.

U

B.

7.12.51.

S.P.T.,

Will you please furnish the additional information which H.C.S. requires.

RTY
A.C.S.
10/12/51.

C.

How Col See

P.M. will discuss this afternoon at 3 pm.

AM. SPT
10.12.51

D.

Y.E.

In the letter at back cover from the G.P.O. to P/M we are informed that the charges for transmission through Uruguay of mails from here to U.K. are paid on our behalf by the G.P.O., London, and that these charges are about to be increased. The recovery which the G.P.O., London makes from us must therefore be increased. Briefly they will want another 4d., 8d., 8d., and 1/4 for the different types of parcels. As is noted on page 15, this is more, except in the case of 11 lb parcels than we retain from the present parcel post fees.

2. Having just put the parcel rates up here it will be a nuisance to have to put them up again. We have received authority at p.12 to increase our terminal charges, which means that our revenue from the G.P.O., London in respect of inwards parcels will be considerably increased. If we don't put up our outwards parcel rates we shall make a small loss (1d. on 3 lb parcels, 2d. on 7 lb parcels and 4d. on 22lb ones, but still a profit of 1d. on 11 lb ones). We could pay for this out of our increased revenue from inwards parcels. Our new terminal charges are:

1/10 3/8 5/3 8/6

as compared with the old ones of:

6d. 1/- 1/6 2/-

and the volume of inwards parcels is about three times that of the outwards ones. I feel that it might be justifiable thus to subsidise outwards parcel post at the expense of the inwards ones, at least for a trial period of six months.

E.

and revised

Agree: please do so for report at 1st July.

U

Mc 12/51

S.P.T

Minutes D & E needed for information of
Postmaster - letter at cover returned.

W

12/12/51

Don C.S.

Thank you. Postmaster has seen.

AM. SPT
13.11.51

~~BW
1/12/52~~

Saving.

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDSDate February, 1952.No. 47 Saving.12. My telegram No. 212 of 10th November, 1951.

Postal charges on Parcels between Falkland Islands and United Kingdom.

Postmaster Falklands has advised G.P.O. London that revised Falklands terminal rates on parcels received from the United Kingdom will, subject to approval, be increased to 1s. 10d. 3s. 8d., 5s. 3d. and 8s. 6d. for 3lb., 7lb., 11lb. and 22lb. parcels respectively. This represents increases of 1s. 4d., 2s. 8d., 3s. 9d. and 6s. 6d. at the four steps of the weight scale.

2. Revised U.K. changes advised in my circular savingram of 5th July, 1951 represented increases of 11d., 11d., 1s. 3d. and 1s. 6d. which added to the current Falklands terminal charges and rounded to the nearest 3d., would give terminal charges for Falklands of 1s. 6d., 2s. 0d., 2s. 9d. and 3s. 6d. It was on the basis of these rates that my telegram under reference was sent.

3. Rates quoted in paragraph 1 above may cover possible increased cost of sea conveyance from Port Stanley to Montevideo, but even so the increases seem high.

4. I should be grateful to learn (a) whether the rates you propose are related to the actual cost of the services performed, (b) whether proportionate increases are being made in Falklands' own overseas postage rates, and (c) whether in accordance with normal practice Falklands' terminal charges are the same for incoming and outgoing parcels.

Reply at 23. SECER.

Sgt Foranments
1952

91 in
2224/46

How? They
didn't know
what we had
in mind.

Why?
ask

19.81

Hon Cal Sec,

Para 4 of 18. (a) The rates are not directly related to the actual cost of the services performed, but, it was felt that the rates were rather low and this opportunity is being taken to bring the Falklands terminal rates more into line with the recent high increases fixed by the G.P.O.

15 The rates quoted in my memorandum of 5th Dec 1951 were decided upon after consultation with H.C.S.

(b) There has been no increase in rates for the service.

(c) Falklands terminal charges are less on incoming parcels than on outgoing parcels.

AM SP
24.4.52

Handwritten notes in red ink on the right margin.

Handwritten signature or initials at the bottom of the page.

YH

Ref: (18)

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(9) (15) (16) also refer.

I am afraid we have gone astray in this matter.

2) (9) on 224/46 attached clearly shows the revised
U.K. terminal charges at

1/9 2/3 3/- 4/- ✓

This represents an ~~increase~~ increase of

11/5 11/5 1/3 1/6

3) My predecessor took on actual payments (below) as
representing terminal charges:

3/3 6/- 8/6 14/6

making the increase of substantially greater.

4) In actual fact the bulk of these sums
represent Unrepaired charges which G.P.O. very
kindly pay for us both ways.

5) Our terminal charges should therefore be

1/6 2/0 2/9 3/6

as indicated in para 2 of (18) & even so we
are doing quite well.

6) As regards para 1 of (16)² owing to increased Unrepaired
charges on outward mail we in fact lose
1/5 on 2 lb parcels, 2/5 on 7 lbs, 4/5 on 22 lb & make 1/5
on 12 lb parcels.

7) As the volume of 'in' parcels is about
three times greater than 'out parcels' I think
we can carry this loss w/o putting up
our postal rates, in view of our increased
terminal charges — albeit this is less than
we originally hoped for.

8) In order to facilitate accounting I suggest

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we agree to the
1/6 2/0 2/9 + 3/6 terminal charges
by telegram & explain the position
by samgram in the next mail.

13/5

Has Treasurer any views? It makes very little
sense to me.

Mc 13/V.

Spoke. Action as proposed.

Mc 14/V.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				16.5.52

To

CHAPELRIE LONDON

HOA/C

18
NO 77. YOUR TELEGRAM 47 SAVING OF 1ST MARCH 1952 STOP POSTAL
CHARGES STOP YOUR PARAGRAPH 2 STOP I AGREE TO REVISED FALKLANDS
TERMINAL CHARGES AT ONE SHILLING AND SIXPENCE TWO SHILLINGS TWO
SHILLINGS AND NINEPENCE THREE SHILLINGS AND SIXPENCE AND GRATEFUL
YOUR CONFIRMATION STOP SAVINGRAM FOLLOWS EXPLAINING POSITION.

GOVERNOR

Time

SS

SAVING TELEGRAM

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

From: The Governor of the Falkland Islands.

Date: 16th May, 1952.

No. 119. SAVING. COLONY.

18.

Your Saving Telegram No. 47 of the 1st of March, 1952. Postal charges on parcels between Falkland Islands and United Kingdom.

It is regretted that proposed Falklands terminal charges of 1/10, 3/8, 5/3 and 8/6 for 5 lb., 7 lb., 11 lb. and 22 lb. parcels, as advised by Postmaster here, was based on misinterpretation of previous correspondence.

22.

2. As stated in my telegram No. 77/52 I now wish to propose the Falklands terminal charges at 1/6, 2/0, 2/9 and 3/6.

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of your above quoted saving telegram

- (a) These rates are not directly related to the actual cost of services performed but it was felt that the previous charges were too low.
- (b) No proportionate increases are being made in Falklands own overseas rate.
- (c) Falklands terminal charges are not the same for incoming and outgoing parcels as General Post Office pay Uruguayan transmission charges on our behalf.

GOVERNOR.

VP

*S.I.T. / J.C.P.
J. C. P.
fines.
21.5*

*Am C.S.
I See. Thank you*

AM SPT

22.5.52

*Bo.
30/6/52
26/5*

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR

Despatched: 27.6.52. Time: 1440. Received: 28.6.52. Time: 0845

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No 83. Your telegram No 77. Postal charges. Revised rates confirmed. New credits will be allowed from 1st November 1951.

Postmaster has been informed.

SECRETARY OF STATE

S.P.T / J. Infante

[Handwritten signature]
30/6

H.C.S. noted. Thank you

Seen 2/7/52

P/L
SS

File SP5
2.7.52

[Handwritten signature]

No. _____

MEMORANDUM.

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



9th January, 1953.

0638

To: The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From: Supt. Posts & Telegraphs.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- Parcel Post.

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

We are losing elevenpence on the 3lb parcel but are making sevenpence on the 7lb, two shillings & onepenny on the 11lb and fourshillings and twopence on the 22lb. As there are more 11 and 22 lb parcels than 3lb sent, I do not think it advisable to alter the present rates.

A. Mercer

Supt. Posts & Telegraphs.

*BU on file
gd*

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

P.O.Ref: 80632/51.

17th December, 1952.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to confirm the terms of the telegram sent to you on the 9th of December which were as follows:-

"Your telegram twenty ninth November it is confirmed parcel post credits four shillings fivepence, five shillings elevenpence, seven shillings twopence and eleven shillings fourpence due to U.K. correct. Letter follows".

The credits required are made up as follows:-

Not exceeding	<u>3lb.</u>	<u>7lb.</u>	<u>11lb.</u>	<u>22lb.</u>
Uruguay Transit	8d.	1s.2d.	1s.2d.	2s.4d.
Sea from Uruguay to) Great Britain.	2s.0d.	2s.6d.	3s.0d.	5s.0d.
Great Britain Terminal.	1s.9d.	2s.3d.	3s.0d.	4s.0d.
TOTAL	4s.5d.	5s.11d.	7s.2d.	11s.4d.
<i>7.1. Postal Charge.</i>	<u>3s.6d</u>	<u>6s.6d</u>	<u>9s.3d</u>	<u>15s.6d</u>

The table below showing the composition of the postage rates at present charged by this administration may be of interest to you:-

	<u>3lb.</u>	<u>7lb.</u>	<u>11lb.</u>	<u>22lb.</u>
G.B. land	1s.9d.	2s.3d.	3s.0d.	4s.0d.
" sea	9d.	1s.11d.	3s.7d.	6s.9d.
Uruguay	8d.	1s.2d.	1s.2d.	2s.4d.
Falkland Islands.	6d.	1s.0d.	1s.6d.	2s.0d.
	<u>3s.8d.</u>	<u>6s.4d.</u>	<u>9s.3d.</u>	<u>15s.1d.</u>
Postage rates	3s.9d.	6s.3d.	9s.3d.	15s.0d.

Since these rates were fixed in June 1951 the costs have risen to 4s.9d, 7s.6d, 11s.0d and 17s.3d. as a result of increases in the Falkland Islands' terminal credits and the payment required by the Shipping Company but no alteration has so far been made in the postage rates. The matter is, however, kept constantly under review and your Administration may, similarly, wish to consider increasing its postage rates to cover the costs of the service.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(sgd) S.H.Eaton.

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P. 25/26.

What we lose on the swings we are more than gaining on the roundabouts and I recommend S/P.T.'s advice be accepted and we leave the rates as they are at present.

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S.P.T.

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Am. C.S.

Noted. Thank you

AM S.P.T.

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COM. 207/50/01.

COLONIAL OFFICE,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
London, S.W. 1.

FALKLAND ISLANDS



NO. 84

22 July, 1955.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you copies of two letters which Mr. E.G. Rowe, of the Falkland Islands, addressed to Mr. F.W. Harris, M.P., on the 29th June and the 4th July, regarding the delay in the delivery of a parcel sent from the Falkland Islands. The portion of wrapper enclosed in the letter of the 4th July is also attached.

2. Although the wrapper does not show the date on which the parcel was posted in Port Stanley, the statement in the letter of the 4th July, that it was posted on the 13th March will no doubt enable you to trace the parcel in question.

3. I shall be glad to be informed in due course whether there was any undue delay in the despatch of this parcel from the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant

Alan Lennox Boyd

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

To me in due course with comment after investigation p.l. 24/7/55 5/9

S.P.T. para. 3 above - every pl

Reply at 39

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C O P Y

c/o Glenfield Lodge, 29
8, Fox Hill,
Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

29th June, 1955.

Dear Mr. Harris,

I thank you for your letter of 27th June and am amused at your describing yourself as my Member of Parliament. Certainly I am lodging in your constituency at present, but my permanent address is Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, where I shall return as soon as I get certain business matters settled. And, of course, the Colonies have no Member(s) of Parliament. I sent those papers to Lt.-Col. Bromley-Davenport because he seemed to me to have reason(s) to be interested in P.O. faults. But as you have written me I am going to let you know a few more facts.

Until the outbreak of the 1914-18 war the Colony of the Falkland Islands had a splendid mail service. The Pacific Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. of Liverpool used to put in to Port Stanley one of their passenger liners every 15 days. A schedule was published periodically giving the names of these 5000/7000 ton vessels, showing the dates leaving Liverpool, calling at Montevideo, putting into Port Stanley, and also of the vessels moving in the reverse direction - when they left Valparaiso, called at Punta Arenas, put into Port Stanley, called at Montevideo and arrived in Liverpool.

Do you know what we get today? An irregular service by one little steamer of 381 tons registered tonnage. She flits between Port Stanley and Montevideo and back every 4, 5, 6, 7 or sometimes 8 weeks intervals. All passengers have to travel by her - she takes about 5 days on the trip to Montevideo, and needless to say a lot of them are very sick.

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It might be unfair to say that the Home Government is apathetic. But they certainly have been unable to find time to try and definitely improve communications as between the Colony and the outside world. On the other hand large sums of money are spent annually on the so-called Falkland Islands Dependencies - where, apart from the whaling crews at South Georgia, there are no settlers, no industries and in my estimation never will be. Barren wastes of rock and ice!

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) E.G. ROWE.

COPY

4th July, 1955.

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Dear Mr. Harris,

It is indeed pleasant to learn from your letter of 2nd inst. that you are taking up with the Secretary of State for the Colonies the matters I detailed in my letter of 29th June last.

In the meantime I have just received (I think on Friday 1st July) a small parcel posted by my office in Port Stanley on 13th March.

This parcel contained 130 letter-heads and a cheque book for my use here. I attach the pertinent part of the wrapping showing that it was plainly and correctly addressed to this house.

It has taken THREE AND A HALF MONTHS to reach me, by surface mail.

I am certain you will agree that there must be something wrong.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) E.G. ROWE.

The Right Hon. F.W. Harris.

NEW

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Date Stamp. **PARCEL**  **POST.** Place to which the Parcel is addressed.
FALKLAND ISLANDS.
FORM OF CUSTOMS DECLARATION. **8, Foxhill**
Upper Norwood
London, S.E. 9.

Gross weight of Parcel.	CONTENTS.	Net Weight of Contents.		Value as Merchandise.		
		lbs.	ozs.	£	s.	d.
2 lbs. 11 ozs.	The nature and value of the contents shall be accurately stated. Undervaluation of the contents, or failure to describe them fully, may result in the seizure of the parcel.					
130 Letter-heads				1	8	10
1 Cheque Book				1	-	-

Date Stamp of Office of Exchange.	(For use of Post Office of exchange only.)	Name and Address of Sender:—
Parcel Bill No. 4	No. of Rates prepaid	Mrs. LOUIS WILLIAMS,
Entry No. 9		PORT STANLEY,
		FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Wm.



"GLENFIELD LODGE"

8, FOXHILL

UPPER NORWOOD

LONDON. S.E. 19

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Colonial Office, 33

FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Church House,

NO: 97

Great Smith Street,

London, S.W.1.



23 August, 1955.

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to Despatch No. 84 of the 22nd July and to transmit to you copies of a further letter addressed by Mr. Rowe to Mr. F. W. Harris, M.P., at the end of July.

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2. I also enclose a copy of the reply which has been sent to Mr. Harris.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

Walter de Hopkinson

*24/7/55
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See 39.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING

THE GOVERNMENT OF

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

O P Y

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c/o Glenfield Lodge,
8, Fox Hill,
Upper Norwood, S.E.19.

Dear Mr. Harris,

I have now received your further letter of 22nd inst. with the copy of the reply you received from S. of S. for the Colonies.

'Economics' are of course very much in the picture. 'Economics' are gradually depopulating the Colony - as the younger generation are finding it more to their taste to emigrate - many of them have found jobs in U.K. Quite a number have gone to Australia, some to New Zealand; quite recently Canada has attracted a brace of young couples. Private enterprise is not interested in giving the Colony a truly progressive outlook, and the Government has had to subsidise the shipping connections. In the days of the P.S.N.C. the subsidy was small, but the service excellent. In these days the subsidy is much larger, but the service third rate.

But the Government has spent millions, and continues to spend (I think it runs into some £250,000 per annum now) on the "Antarctic" where there are no settlers.

There was a fine ship (R.R.S. Discovery II) which was built and operated on money produced by the taxation on the whaling industry. She never did any "service" to the Falkland Islands and now she has been collared by the National Institute of Oceanography. Now there is another expensive ship being built (so I have been told) to be sent into the Antarctic.

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If this new ship could be put into service between Montevideo and Port Stanley (to carry cargo, mails and passengers) when not actually on runs into the Antarctic (she need only go into the Antarctic twice per annum for three or four weeks at a time - excepting on the emergence of some crisis there) she would do the settlers in the Falkland Islands some good.

The Falkland Islands is the only really 100% British Colony, about 95% of the inhabitants are of pure U.K. stock, and the other 5% are of European stock.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) E.G. Rowe.

17th August, 1955.

In Lennox-Boyd's absence I am replying to your letter of the 28th July enclosing a further communication from Mr. Rowe.

I have no doubt that the matters on which Mr. Rowe comments are engaging the attention of the Falkland Islands Government. The new ship to which Mr. Rowe refers, however, is being provided by Her Majesty's Government to assist in carrying out the enlarged programme of scientific work in the Antarctic announced by Lennox-Boyd in the House on the 28th June.

During her four or five months' stay in the Antarctic the new ship will be fully occupied visiting the bases of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey and will return to the United Kingdom each year, at

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Fred Harris, Esq., M.P.

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the end of the season's work, to bring home scientists and material and to refit. She may be able to make a voyage to South Georgia occasionally. I am assured that it is out of the question for her to be diverted to the Montevideo run.

Mr. Rowe's letter is returned.

(Sgd) H. HOPKINSON.

HCS

Ref 28. Para 3.

Question of this parcel had already been raised from this end, as can be seen by attached slip. I regret we are unable to explain the delay which evidently took place in Montevideo or U.K., (presumably Montevideo), but the parcel was despatched ^{from Stanley} on 15th March 1955 & we have no means of tracing where individual parcels are delayed "en route".

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8/9/55.

Draft reply to (28) a.f.c. as br. pl.

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15th September, 1955.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 138. COLONY.

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to your Despatch No. 4 of 22nd July, 1955, forwarding two copies of letters which Mr. E. G. Rowe, of the Falkland Islands, addressed to Mr. F. W. Harris, M.P., on 29th June and 4th July, 1955, regarding the delay in the delivery of a parcel sent from the Falkland Islands.

2. Post Office records reveal that there was no delay in despatch of the parcel from the Falkland Islands. The parcel was actually posted on the 7th March (not 13th March as claimed by Mr. Rowe) and was despatched by the first possible opportunity, ~~late~~ in the mail which left the Colony on the 15th March, 1955. I regret that I have no means of tracing where the parcel was delayed but it is possible that this occurred in Montevideo.

that is to say

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

(Sgd.) A. G. Denton-Thompson

OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
ALAN LENNOX BOYD, F.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

JB/DM

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No. 0638

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

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS,

29th April 1969.

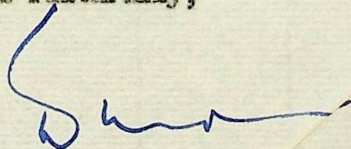
Dear Members

G.O.D. Parcels

In answer to the question asked by the Honourable Mr R.M. Pitaluga, we charge a delivery fee of 4d. per parcel plus 4½d. for the first £ of value and 2½d. for each succeeding £ or part thereof.

During 1968 the value of G.O.D. parcels delivered was £10,036. 1s. 6d. Revenue £137. 4s. 5d. In addition the Falkland Islands share of postage on G.O.D. parcels is claimed.

Yours faithfully,



(W.H. THOMPSON)
COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To: All Members of Executive Council.

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