

C.S.

Departmental
Posts & Tels
Stamps
No. 179/36

1936

see Postmaster

SUBJECT.

1936

4th Aug

Previous Paper.

~~Magistrate, S.S., G.P.O.~~

Procedure in regard to applications by Dealers, etc., for postage stamps.

MINUTES.

1-3 Minute from see Postmaster 4/8/36.

Y.E. Submitted.

This seems unusual from Mr. Barlow.

2. I suggest that the Postmaster be informed that definite instructions regarding the cancellation of stamps should be issued to all post offices in the Colony & Dependencies.

3. ~~No. 8~~ The Magistrate South Georgia should also be informed that all communications on postal matters should in the first instance, be referred to the Postmaster, Stanley.

Yes

Pres.
14/8/36

Mr. Barlow should be informed that his action in communicating directly with the General Post Office was irregular and improper and he should be dissuaded further as you suggest. A convenient form of disseminating

Subsequent Papers
0160 0447
see file

and Dauri
instructions to for Bay (the only other P.O.?)
would be for the P.O. to send a copy of
the queries raised with the reply to each of
them.

I cannot agree that (C) is in order
No P.O. should place insufficient stamps on
a letter or condone in any way loss of revenue
to the Colony

14/8/36

Minute to Col. Postmaster, of 14/8/36

(4)

S of S despatch no. 92 of 14/4/36

(5-6)

PA.
18/8/36

Y.E.

Submitted.

The drop Despatch referred to in para 2 has not yet
been received.

2. I think it would be sufficient to ask for a
copy of the Despatch by mail as it is possible
that the enclosure despatch may come with
next mail arriving here on 24 Oct.

F.C.S.
17/9/36

Yes. (Schedules of the unmail p. the L.V. of that time should
be carefully examined
if not already done)

18/9

Y.E.

The schedule has been examined carefully but
there is no ref. to this particular Cst. Desp.

a drop Desp. is submitted for the consideration

Y.E.

F.C.S.
21/9/36

④ Despatch to S. of S. N° 133 of 22/9/36

Y.E.

Dep. submitted for signature

Rel
22/9/36

⑧ Minute to Postmaster of 24.9.36.

P.A.
25/9/36

⑨ Minute from Col Postmaster 3/11/36

Y.E.

Subject to the approval of Y.E. I propose replying to the Postmaster as at para 7 of Red ⑧ in n.l. 40/29.

Rel
4/11/36

It is sufficient to say that the cancellation of stamps will be effected & letters in parcels & the Postmaster will be informed
W.H. 4/11

⑩ Minute to Colonial Postmaster of 4.11.36.

P.H.
3/11/36

3rd pr. from S. of S. of 30/11/36.

(11-12)

Colonial Postmaster.

Please note red 11.

MCH
C.S.
15. XII. 36

Hon. Col. Secretary

Noted, thank you.

MCH
C.S.
18/12/36

Submitted. The practice in this Colony has varied from time to time. So long up as 1910 the practice of cancelling stamps sent or ordered by dealers was forbidden. I fear that in more recent times dealers and others have been somewhat "spoilt" by the Postmasters wish to increase sales and thus comply with their requests. During the time I was P.M. dealers had to take stamps as they came - there was no mutilating sheets looking for special blocks, perforations etc. etc.

Governor
Allahabad

2. Some years ago we had Stamp Sellers who received 5% comm. I do not advise this, but what I do advise is that dealers should get a local Agent to deal on their behalf with such matters as affixing stamps to envelopes etc. etc.

MCH
C.S.
17. XII. 36

I agree

~~11/11~~ 22/11

In column find 11 plain
memo

13. Minute to Col. Postmaster and Mag. South Georgia of 24/12/36

✓
P.A.
mch.

(14) S of S. linc. (2) despatch of 13/1/37

YK.

Red (14) submitted

? Copies to Postmaster and
Magistrate, S.G.

G. P. M.
18/2/37.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Yes, please.

mch

ay. Govt

18. 2. 37

(15) Minute to Col. Postmaster and Mag. S. G. of 19. 2. 37.

P.A.
19/2/37

16. Minute to Col. Postmaster of 7. 5. 37.

P.A.
8/5/37

11/5/37

Unit from Col. Postmaster, 8/5/37. '17

Col. Postmaster,

From my reading of the
S. off. instructions if a person
sends 50 envelopes and requests
that stamps be put on them
even the postage the request
must be refused. The 49
should be returned to the sender
and stamps to cover postage and
reply may only be put on the
envelope containing the reply.

Perhaps you will say if this
is what you are doing. The names
of local people prepared to ^{affix} stamps to
envelopes would be sent in each
case when envelopes are returned.

W. H. C.

10. 5. 37)

Hon. Col. Sec,

I am aware that to affix stamps in
great numbers is forbidden & have had only
the postage affixed in prepayment.

If a stamp letter order comprises great
numbers of stamps, five or six envelopes are used
in packing the unit stamps and these must
necessarily bear postage according to weight and
destination.

I fail to see that there has been a
breach of the regulations as these stamps have
been packed under my supervision.

There are three or four hundred of
orders to be executed.

According to the local orders nearly
every other person has an agency for postage
stamps.

M. C. P. M.

Col. Postmaster.

Thank you. We merely want to avoid any representations that may be made. We are safe so long as the instructions are observed.

W.H.
ET
12.5.37

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen.

M.P.M.
26/5/37

P.A.
26/5/37

18. Minute from Colonial Postmaster of 4.4.38.

M.

Point raised by the Postmaster submitted. Stamps must be affixed to letters before they can be postmarked. It is not clear what "affixed" means. In the case mentioned by the P.M. the stamps have been affixed by the outer edges only this means that after handling, the gummed side is intact. If the gummed side is intact it indicates that the stamp has not gone

through the post. I do not
think a stamp can be
considered as affixed unless
it is properly jammed on the
envelope.

WCH
cl.

S. 4. 58

"Affixed" means attached in such
a way that they cannot be removed
after being postmarked and utilized for
some purpose other than the payment
of the postage on the package.

There appears further to be an idea
that it is the duty of the Post Office
to postmark stamps in excess of
the amount required for conveyance of
the packet. That is not so. The mere

fact of a stamp being affixed which
is not in payment of postal rates entails
no duty whatever on the Post Office

In this instance the Postmaster can
postmark one stamp and deliver the
package (unless of course common postal
practice here and elsewhere differ
from that) 7/4/38

Postmaster.

To see H's minute. It has
always been the practice here to
postmark all stamps affixed to an
envelope and this is done in other

Countries therefore the practice should continue.

2. You should inform Mr Rowe that in future the stamps must be properly affixed otherwise they will not be postmarked.

McH
C.
7. 4. 18

Hon. Col. Sec.

Mr Rowe has been informed also the clerk in the Post Office for future guidance.

McP.M.
7/4/18.

P.A.
7/4/18

19-20. Minute from Supervisor Est. of 10/11/11.

Supr. Est.

Yes, but what is the meaning of the Code words VI 905 and TIBOH. please.

A.J.
for
11/11/11

Hon Col Sec

The original was attached to my minute in error, and has now been replaced by a copy with decode. Thank you

Supr. Est.

Thank you,

A.J.
for
12/11/11

Hon C.S.
dated

A.H.
S.E.T.
12/11/11

Despatch No. 49 from S. of S. of 20.11.41. 21-24

Col. Postmaeké,

To note Reas 21-24 and for your observations please.

A. J. Ford
27/1/42

Non. Col. Sec.

Noted. Care will be taken in future.

M.C.F.M.
29/1/42

yff

Reas 21-24 submitted for information. Col. Postmaeké has been notified as above. Our instructions from the S. of S. in regard to the execution of orders for stamps are clearly laid down in this file and should be adhered to?

A. J. Ford
29/1/42

There is no change in the instruction.

A. J. Ford
29/1/42

P.A.

- ① Attach copy of NLT from Wingfield.
- ② The P.M. is bound by the instructions in ① but there seems no rule about cancellation of stamped envelopes as handed in in the usual way, nor do I see any instruction to refuse cancellation on stamps affixed by a non-official of the Post Office.

A. J. Ford
25/3/42

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Col. Postmaster

To note please

^{W.L.S.}
for C.S.
25/2/42

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted, thank you W.C.P.M.

25/2/42

PA.

(32)

P.M.

He spoke to-day about the rules regarding cancellation of stamps in case for philatelists.

2. They are set forth in A-B of (11) as modified by C of (14).

3. He saw also X in the previous page.

4. He speaks (for I think you will need to get some 'return slips' printed before the history issue comes out).

W.L.S.

16.9.46

A.C.S.

(33)

I saw P.M. Mr. Rose to-day. He asks P.M. to 'ret' the date before see if it is clear.

W.L.S.

17.9.46

By P.M.

(34)

as in (33) & (34) pl.

W.L.S.

18/9/46

Hon. Col. Sec.

(35)

I have read the draft very carefully & it seems quite clear. In the 3rd para - line 9. could we insert as in the margin. (As elsewhere - using the stamp with lines) We have a stamp in the P.O. which I think is meant for cancelling stamps that are put on covers in excess of postage. Print of stamp herewith.

I have attached a copy of a proposed 35^a P.O. Notice for your approval pl.

[Signature]
19/9/46

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A.C.S.

The draft is not quite in my lines. E.g. 'accidentally' is last para. Does it follow the penultimate para.?

2. X of 35 — this, I think, imports a ~~rather~~ possibly undesirable innovation.

3. Pl. sph. with the amended draft at

(35a)

[Signature]
19.9.46

H.B. [unclear]
19/9/46

37

(35c) appd. for issue as amended. Copy to
Leader F.I.D.S. a fine (see) opportunity.

[Signature]
20.9.46

(38)

Ag. P.M.
Approved Notice should now issue, and a copy of it might be sent to sub-Post Offices at Fox Bay and South Georgia, as well as to the main stamp dealers in Stanley.

[Signature]
20/9/46

New Post.

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No.

MINUTE.

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

4th August, 19 36.

From

To The Hon.,

The Colonial Postmaster,

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

STANLEY.

I have the honour to transmit to you the attached letter which has been communicated to me by the Postmaster General London.

I should think that in future all letters from the Deputy Postmaster, South Georgia, referring to Postal Matters must be sent through the correct channels and not direct to the General Post Office, London.

H. Carey

Colonial Postmaster.

(4.)

No. 179/36.

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

MINUTE.

17th August, 19 36.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

STANLEY.

To The Colonial Postmaster,

STANLEY.

With reference to your Minute dated the 4th August transmitting a copy of a letter sent direct to the Postmaster General by the Deputy Postmaster, South Georgia, I am directed by the Governor to say that Mr. Barlas should be informed that his action in communicating direct with the General Post Office was irregular and improper and that all communications on postal matters should, in the first instance, be referred to you.

2. I am to add that definite instructions regarding the cancellation of stamps should be issued by you to all post offices in the Colony and Dependencies. In this connection your attention is directed to the recent despatches regarding the consignment of stamps to Messrs: Wingfields, London.

3. The enclosures to your Minute are returned and should be retained by you for record.

Reads 173

JS

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Copy.

Q.300/30.

Post Office,

South Georgia.

6th May, 1936.

Sir,

I should be grateful if you would kindly advise me of the procedure to be followed when cases of the following nature arise:-

- (a) Application is received for stamps affixed to unaddressed envelopes to be cancelled and returned to sender.
- (b) Application, accompanied by remittance,
 - (i) and envelopes enclosed,
 - (ii) without envelopes enclosed

is received for stamps to be affixed to covers, cancelled, addressed and returned. There have been instances of up to 200 envelopes being received from one person for stamps of various denominations to be affixed and returned.

- (c) Application for letters to be under stamped and sent to other colonies with a view to being surcharged in such colonies.
- (d) Application for envelopes to bear additional postmarks on front and back of envelopes.
- (e) Application for sheets of stamps unaffixed to be postmarked and returned under cover to sender.

2. I should be glad also to know whether the para. under "Packets sent to Postmasters for Re-posting" (page 65 of P.O. Guide, Jan. 1936) applies here.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) W. Barlas

Deputy Postmaster.

The Controller,
Postal Services Dept.,
General Post Office,
St. Martins le Grand,
London, E.C.1.

(6)

Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
17 July, 1936.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 92.



Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a letter, addressed by the Deputy Postmaster in South Georgia to the Controller of the Postal Services Department of the General Post Office, which has been transferred to the Colonial Office for necessary action.

6.5.36.

2. It will now be apparent from the terms of Mr. J.H. Thomas's Circular despatch of the 26th May that requests of the nature described in the letter from the Deputy Postmaster in South Georgia should be refused and I shall be obliged if you will cause him to be informed accordingly.

Not yet received.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Signed) W. ORMSBY GORE.

GOVERNOR

H. HENNIKER-HEATON, ESQ., C.M.G.

etc., etc., etc.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

22nd September, 1936.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 153.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch, No. 92 of the 17th of July, 1936, regarding the procedure to be adopted in connection with applications received from dealers and collectors for postage stamps, I have the honour to inform you that the Circular despatch of the 25th of May, to which reference is made in paragraph 2 of your despatch, has not been received and to request that I may be furnished with a copy thereof

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
humble servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
W. C. GEMSEY-GORE, P.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

No. **179/36.**

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

MINUTE.

24th September, 19 36.

From

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

To The Colonial Postmaster,

STANLEY.

Recd 4

With reference to my minute, No. 179/36 of the 17th of August, 1936, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the Secretary of State has ruled that requests of the nature described in the letter addressed direct to the Controller, Postal Services Department, General Post Office, London, by the Deputy Postmaster, South Georgia, should be refused and to request that you will cause the Deputy Postmaster to be informed accordingly.

2. I am to add that a convenient form of disseminating instructions to Fox Bay would be for you to send a copy of the queries raised with the reply to each of them.

J
ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

No.
(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute, the above Number and the date may be quoted.)

MINUTE.

3rd November, 19 36

From

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Postmaster.

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

STANLEY.

Mr. A. Newing enquired if stamps affixed to brown paper and addressed as attached specimen could be postmarked.

My opinion is that once stamps are cancelled they have lost their character of valid stamps and can no longer serve as stamps of value or be utilised to pay rates due to the post.

The post does not accept them - the stamps having already served their end.

Submitted for your decision please.

McCarry

Colonial Postmaster.

No. 179/36.

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

MINUTE.

4th November, 19 36.

To The Colonial Postmaster,

STANLEY.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Red 9.

With reference to your minute dated the 3rd of November, 1936, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that the cancellation of stamps not affixed to letters is forbidden, and Mr. A. Newing should be informed accordingly.

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Downing Street,

25th May, 1936.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that I have had occasion to consider the question of existing practice with regard to the treatment of stamped envelopes sent by philatelists and stamp dealers to Colonial Postmasters for cancellation and return. Paragraph 7 of Mr. Amery's circular despatch of the 15th December, 1928, states "that officers should refuse to comply with requests to affix stamps to letters, or to cancel stamps which are not affixed to letters." No directions, however, have been laid down by my predecessors or myself with regard to the treatment to be given to requests by stamp dealers and philatelists to cancel stamps already affixed to envelopes and to return them by post, and it has become apparent to me as the result of various representations received that there is a wide divergence of practice in this matter throughout the dependencies. This divergence of practice has given rise in certain cases to complaints from stamp dealers and philatelists that they do not receive in this matter as favourable treatment from some Postmasters as from others, and I consider it desirable that there should be uniformity of practice.

2. The view I take, after consultation with the Postmaster-General, is that it is no part of the functions of a Colonial Post Office to assist the operations of philatelists or stamp dealers, and therefore that, when a request is received from stamp dealers or philatelists to cancel stamps affixed to envelopes and to return them by post, the officer concerned should return the envelopes under official cover with a note to the effect that they are forbidden to comply with requests of this nature for the cancellation of stamps affixed to envelopes. I shall be obliged if you will cause instructions to be issued accordingly.

3. Steps are being taken to bring this instruction to the notice of stamp dealers and philatelists in this country through the usual channels.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

J. H. THOMAS.

179/36

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4738/36.

✓

The Secretary of State for the Colonies presents his compliments to the Governor of the Falkland Islands and with reference to Mr. Henniker-Heaton's despatch No. 133 of the 22nd of September, has the honour to enclose as requested, a copy of Mr. Thomas' Circular despatch of the 25th of May.

Ready

25.5.36.

Downing Street,

30th October, 1936.

No. 179/36.

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

MINUTE.

24th December, 19 36.

From

Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

To The Colonial Postmaster,

STANLEY, and

The Magistrate,

SOUTH GEORGIA.

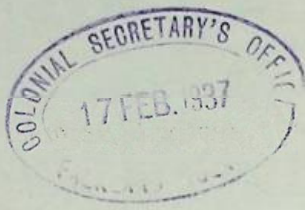
I am directed by the Governor to transmit for your information and guidance the accompanying copy of a circular despatch dated the 25th of May, 1936.

2. I am to say that the instructions contained in paragraph 2 of the despatch should be rigidly adhered to.

Meth

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(147)



CIRCULAR. (2)

Downing Street,

13th January, 1937.

Sir,

Read !!

With reference to Mr. Thomas's circular despatch of the 25th of May, 1936, regarding the treatment of stamped envelopes sent by philatelists and stamp dealers to Colonial Postmasters for cancellation and return, I have the honour to inform you that the second paragraph of that despatch appears to have led to some misunderstanding.

2. I have been asked whether postage stamps should be affixed at the expense of the Colonial Government concerned to the covers in which the stamped envelopes are being returned to the senders, or whether they can properly be franked as official and dispatched without stamps affixed. I am advised by the Postmaster-General that there appears to be no objection to the envelopes in question being returned direct, under cover officially franked, in all cases where arrangements are in force with the other country concerned for the delivery without surcharge of correspondence bearing an "official paid" or "paid" stamp impression of the Post Office of the country in which it originates. In the case of foreign countries, where such an arrangement is not in force, it is suggested that the envelopes should be enclosed in official covers addressed to the Postal Administration of the relative country of origin, accompanied by a brief indication of the reasons for their return. Such a communication would be regarded as correspondence on postal service exempt from postal charges under the provisions of Article 49 of the Postal Union Convention.

3. In this connection, however, I would explain that the directions contained in paragraph 2 of the circular despatch of the 25th May, 1936, were not intended to

Read !!

The Officer Administering
the Government of

relate to envelopes, bearing Colonial stamps, sent with an order for unused stamps for the specific purpose of being used as a cover for the new stamps ordered. In such cases I see no objection to the stamped and addressed envelopes being used for the purpose for which they have been provided or to the cancellation of the stamps affixed thereto.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

W. ORMSBY GORE.

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No. 179/36.

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

MINUTE.

19th February, 19 37.

From

To The Col. Postmaster, and

The Colonial Secretary,

Magistrate, South Georgia.

STANLEY.

I am directed by the Acting Governor to transmit, for your information and guidance, the accompanying copy of a Circular despatch dated the 13th of January, 1937.

C. I. J.
for Colonial Secretary.

No. 179/36.

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

MINUTE.

7th May, 19 37.

From

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

To The Colonial Postmaster,

STANLEY.

Red 13
Red 11
Reds. 14 & 15

I am directed to draw your attention to the minute from this office of the 24th December, 1936, transmitting for your information and guidance a copy of a Circular despatch dated the 25th of May, 1936, on the subject of postage stamps, and to the copy of Circular despatch dated the 13th January, 1937, a copy of which was sent to you under cover of my Minute of the 19th February, 1

2. Attention has been drawn to the fact that the instructions contained in the Circular despatches referred to have not been complied with and it is alleged that stamps have in fact been affixed by the Post Office to envelopes sent out by dealers and others, in direct contravention of the Secretary of States instructions.

WCH

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

17

MINUTE.

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

8th May, 19 37.

From

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Postmaster.

The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

STANLEY.

With reference to your minute 179/36 of the 7th May, I have the honour to inform you that stamps have not been affixed by the Postal Staff other than the amount sufficient to cover the postage.

It would appear that false statements are being presented to you regarding the work done in the Post Office.

The Stamp Letter Orders already executed are open for inspection.

I may add that the Secretary of State's instructions have been strictly adhered to.

M Carey,

Colonial Postmaster.

No.

MINUTE.

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

4th April, 19 38.

From The Colonial Postmaster,

To The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The addressee of the attached envelopes requests the Post Office to postmark the stamps thereon.

It is noticeable that the stamps are not properly affixed and I am doubtful if the postmarking should be done.

Many similar envelopes have been tendered for postmarking. Would you please advise me in this matter.

M. Carey, P.M.

(19)

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
A23	DM/U.K.	42		

To

Psy.

P/LC David Field 7 Vigo Street, London stamp dealers anxious find representative willing keep them advised by wire of new issues stamps provisional issues surcharges Falkland Isles will pay for all messages which should be accepted on a collect basis. TIBOH. (Can you arrange to) please.

GLY. 23.40/16. October, 1941.

Time

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No. _____

MINUTE.

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



10 November 1941

From

Supervisor to Dept

To Hon Col Secretary

Stanley

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Submitted please. Service telegram from Cable + Wireless Ltd London. Do you approve of this being broadcast please?

RM.
10/11/41

COPY.

THE EXPLORERS CLUB,
30 WEST 72ND STREET,
NEW YORK.

September the 4th 1941.

The Postmaster General of the United Kingdom
and Director of Postal Matters of the Colonies and
Protectorates and Dominions of Great Britain
London, England.

Sir,

After a conference with two official sources here, it seems
regrettably necessary to lodge this urgent complaint with the office
of His Majesty's Postmaster General.

The matter concerned is the practice of certain stamp collectors
or philatelists in sending envelopes (covers) to various British
Colonial post offices together with a bone fide postal money order to
cover the cost of the desired stamps.

The results in four different philatelic cases and over many
post offices petitioned have been as follows:

1. Courteous compliance and full stamping and posting of the covers: Dominica, Turks & Caicos Islands, Falkland Islands, Condominium of New Hebrides, Cayman Islands, Pitcairn Island.
2. Returning all covers but sending stamps which when appended could be returned to the petitioned office and the letters put through the mails regularly. Examples Antigua, St. Vincent.
3. Return of all covers and with stamps but statement that they might not be affixed and sent back from any point for mailing, as British Solomon Islands Protectorate.
4. Return of covers and moneyorder with an arrogant official notice, transmitter to the writer by the United States Post Office Department, from Brunei.

The considerations are of an economic and personal nature. The writer does not hesitate to state that his family is concerned in manufacturing, with executive control of the manufacture, of vital British orders. Every consideration has been given not only because of a common cause but because of affection and respect for Britain in its general and official character. Secondly the writer is a lecturer with a public address system contract in the United States and has been unerringly favorable to Great Britain in all the aspects as becomes any right minded person.

With no such caddish idea as any threat, the writer may still state a very close personal relationship with various officials of this Government.

The aggravations have gone on over a period of time until I wish to point out that unused stamps of any British Colony are purchasable at any stamp dealers in New York. The purchasing of these stamps directly results in more currency for whatever causes such currency may be desired in the field of foreign exchange by the several parts of the British family of nations. I am sure it is only because of the request to the British Post Office officials in New South Wales by the Assistant Postmaster General of the United States that the authorities of the Condominium of New Hebrides granted the request.

By

By continuation, I may point out that this superiority of official attention casts a direct judgment on the hobby of stamp collecting enjoyed by His Majesty, the Late King George, as well as on the present President of the United States who has, I believe shown his friendly attentions to Great Britain.

Your office may disclaim any relation to the postal matters of the colonies and protectorates but the influence of your office and of you as a very vital official has not been overlooked. If an unsatisfactory answer is received on this matter I shall turn to various official relations in high power and ask that more vehement representations be made.

It may be that as in the British Virgin Islands there is a feeling that such courtesies would take too much time from the regular duties although it may be reasonably doubted if the Postmaster at Tortola, British Virgin Islands is quite as busy as the Postmaster at Kingston, Jamaica or Reading, England.

I suggest a uniform settlement that the British Empire has declared against all stamp collectors in whatever part of the Colonies, or else that an official admission that the business of affixing purchased stamps be permitted, and, if one may surmise, profitably suggested for the purposes of foreign exchange. You have a vast conflict on your hands and foreign exchange has value.

The Post Office of Fiji announced the new set of stamps of Pitcairn with the frank thought of making a reasonable profit there from. It is the understanding of the author of several books that such was projected for Norfolk Island but not put into effect. That cannot be a matter for complaint of course, by any alien.

May I urgently request your attention to this matter and if lessons of courtesy can be extended to Brunei they are suggested. With the deepest wish for VICTORY, I close with the anticipation that this matter may prove how much closer we are as Nations, and not breach for wider separation in the hour of Victory. There are 7,000,000 philatelists in this country and 5,600,000 in the United Kingdom and upwards of 400,000 in the Dominion of Canada. A definite policy is therefore feasible.

Respectfully and faithfully,

(Sgd.) Philip H. Cummings.

COPY.

Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W.1.

4738/41.

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November, 1941.

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Moyns to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th September, addressed to the Postmaster General of the United Kingdom which has been referred to this Office.

2. In reply I am to explain that the standing orders issued, on the instructions of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, by the Officers Administering the Governments of British Colonial Dependencies to all Colonial postal officials require that:-

- (a) Officers should refuse to comply with requests to affix stamps to letters, or to cancel stamps which are not affixed to letters; and
- (b) When a request is received from stamp dealers or philatelists to cancel stamps affixed to envelopes and to return them by post, the officer concerned should return the envelopes under official cover with a note to the effect that it is forbidden to comply with requests of this nature for the cancellation of stamps affixed to envelopes.

3. In the case of foreign countries where no arrangement is known to be in force for the delivery without surcharge of correspondence bearing an "official paid" or "paid" stamp impression of a British Colonial post office, the instructions provide for the envelopes (covers) to be enclosed in official covers addressed to the Postal Administration of the relative country of origin, accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons for their return, so that they may be treated as correspondence on **postal service exempt from surcharging.** The procedure adopted by Brunei in returning your covers and moneyorders through the United States Post Office Department was in accordance with these instructions.

4. There is, of course, no rule against compliance with orders for the supply of stamps in mint condition, provided such orders are accompanied by a remittance in proper form, or to the cancellation of stamps affixed to envelopes sent with an order for unused stamps for the specific purpose of being used as a cover for the new stamps ordered, so long as the stamps affixed do not exceed in value the appropriate charges for postage and registration.

5. I am to express regret for any inconvenience that may have been caused to you through the incorrect procedure which has been adopted in some of the cases in question to which the attention of the administration concerned is being drawn.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) J. B. SIDEBOTHAM

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

RECEIVED.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
52	London	36	15.30	18/3/42

To

NLT NEWING,
STANLEY.

COLLECT THREEHUNDRED STERLING LOUIS WILLIAMS SEND COMPLETE SETS FOR
AMOUNT CANCELLED NOT ON COVER THIS ESSENTIAL SAVE SHIPPING SPACE ADDRESS
WINGFIELDS CARE BPA 3 BERNERS STREET LONDON CABLE DESPATCH ENABLE US
INSURE.

WINGFIELDS.

Time

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

CANCELLATION OF STAMPS.

~~It is hereby notified for general information that instructions have been issued to postmasters in the Colony and Dependencies, that they are forbidden to comply with requests to affix stamps to letters; or to cancel stamps which are not affixed to letters.~~
or which remain on a legit. they used on covers & which is to be through the post.

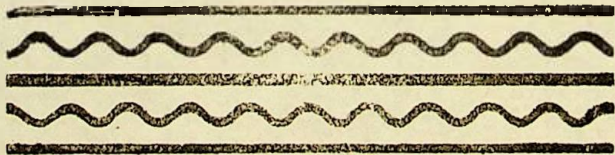
When a request is received to cancel stamps affixed to envelopes and to return them by post, ~~it will be the duty of the Postmaster to~~ ^{vice} return the envelopes under official cover with a note to the effect that it is forbidden to comply with requests of this nature ~~for the cancellation of stamps affixed to envelopes.~~

There is ~~however~~, ⁽ⁱ⁾ no rule against the supply of stamps in mint condition, provided that orders are accompanied by a remittance in proper form; or against the cancellation of stamps affixed to envelopes sent with an order for mint stamps for the specific purpose of being used as a cover for the new stamps ordered; so long as the stamps do not exceed in value the appropriate charges for post and registration. ^(If they do exceed the appropriate charges, the Postmaster will cancel stamps as is done in other countries - use the stamp with lines: up to the value of the charges)

~~There is no rule regarding~~ ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾ the cancellation of stamps on stamped covers handed in to the Post Office in the ordinary way; provided always that the Postmaster is not required to cancel stamps up to a higher value than the postage and other charges (such as insurance) on the cover.

~~Accordingly No Postmaster in the Colony or the Dependencies, will cancel stamps except those legitimately used on covers destined to go through the post.~~

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POST OFFICE NOTICE
CANCELLATION OF STAMPS

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Postmasters in the Colony and Dependencies are forbidden to comply with requests to affix stamps to letters; or to cancel stamps which are not affixed to letters, or which otherwise are not legitimately used on covers destined to go through the post.

When a request is received to cancel stamps affixed to envelopes and to return them by post, the Postmaster will return the envelopes under official cover with a note to the effect that it is forbidden to comply with requests of this nature.

There is no rule against (i) the supply of stamps in mint condition, provided that orders are accompanied by a remittance in proper form; or against the cancellation of stamps affixed to envelopes sent with an order for mint stamps for the specific purpose of being used as a cover for the new stamps ordered; so long as the stamps do not exceed in value the appropriate charges for post and registration, (if they do exceed the appropriate charges, the Postmaster will cancel stamps up to the value of the charges), or (ii) the cancellation of stamps on stamped covers handed in to the Post office in the ordinary way; provided always that the Postmaster is not required to cancel stamps up to a higher value than the postage and other charges (such as insurance) on the cover.

DECODE.

3/5/44

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No. 197.

TELEGRAM.

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : September 27th 19 46 Time : 13.30.

Received : September 27th 19 46 Time : 16.30.

No. 134. Postmaster has telegraphed in abridged for my "guidance" instructions relative to requests from philatelists.

Red 11
Red 10
in 2/5/44
Red 5
in 2/5/44

2. In order that there should be no misunderstanding and in fairness to me I request that the following facts be clearly laid before His Excellency. From the date I assumed duties of Deputy Postmaster here until December 1944 instructions contained in Secretary of State's circular despatch of May 25th 1936 were rigidly adhered to and in my telegram No. 89 of 1944 I suggested public should be notified in sense of paragraph 2 of that despatch. In reply I was directed definitely to "disobey" such instructions "and dealt with all those things in the quickest and simplest manner etc." (your telegram No. 72 and your despatch 29th December 1944). Strong representations were made in my demi official letter of February 28th 1945 but these were ignored and so I had reluctantly to submit to undesirable practice of dealing with requests of nature referred to in instructions contained in Postmaster's telegram which are now sent to me for my information and guidance.

G. T. C.

MAGISTRATE.

Reply Red 41

3/5/44 - "Stamps for F.I. Dependencies"

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.
FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.
SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				7. 10. 46.

To
MAGISTRATE SOUTHGEORGIA

Red 40
Number 132. Your telegram 134 stop Instructions were sent to you for guidance as well as to Southern Bases because it would have been invidious to omit one Sub Postmaster even though your very proper attitude was realised stop paragraph

2 His Excellency fully shares your views in this matter colon and the instructions recently issued about sale and cancellation of stamps are based on Secretary of State's orders which, in His Excellency's view comma were disregarded in the communications to which you refer stop paragraph

Red 39a.
3 The intention of the order was to put Secretary of State's directions once and for all clearly before all concerned.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

See Red 44

Time

DECODE.

No. 48.

179/30
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TELEGRAM.

From Mr. Clement, Fox Bay.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: October 8th 19 46 *Time:* 15.30.

Received: October 9th 19 46 *Time:* 09.30.

Post Office cancellation of stamps clause 2 third paragraph GPO London permits the cancellation of stamps over and above the actual postage consider that the same rule should apply to the Falkland Islands in respect of letters sent to United Kingdom.

Reply at 43.

CLEMENT.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

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Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				10.10.46.

To

CLEMENT FOXBAY

Red 42

~~Your~~ telegram 8th October stop These rules are by direction of Secretary of State to apply to Colonial Post Offices stop I should however be grateful for any quotation from official instructions on this subject by GPO. LONDON.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

DECODE.

179/36

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TELEGRAM.

No. 144.

From The Magistrate, South Georgia.

To The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched: November 13th 19 46 Time: 00.20

Received: November 13th 19 46 Time: 10.00

Red 41 No. 162. Your telegram No. 132. I am informed that the following procedure is permitted at Stanley in regard to the cancellation of postage stamps:-

(a) making up and posting of parcels containing blocks of wood with full sheets of stamps affixed to wrappers by gumming outer edges only.

(b) inserting metals in cover to make up the weight to the value of stamps on the cover.

(c) affixing one high value of stamps to cover in excess of the postage and registration.

2. As (a) at least would appear to be contrary to the intentions of standing instructions will you please confirm that such procedure is permissible.

MAGISTRATE.

G. T. C.

Reply at Red 45

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To The Magistrate, South Georgia.

Despatched: November 19th 19 46 Time: 11.00

Received: 19 ... Time:

Red 44 No. 153. Your telegram No. 162.

- (a) is permitted because stamps are affixed. If they were not affixed they would become detached.
- (b) it is not the concern of the Post Office to determine the contents of parcels except when licences are required.
- (c) evades spirit but cannot well be held to evade letter of instructions.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

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Capt. Burdon, J.A. Wordie, Esq., Surg. Com. Bingham
Postmaster.

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For all members of the Falkland Islands Dependencies

Survey and Master and Crew of "Trenassey."

CANCELLATION OF STAMPS.

1. Postmasters in the Colony and Dependencies are forbidden to comply with requests to affix stamps to letters; or to cancel stamps which are not affixed to letters, or which otherwise are not legitimately used on covers destined to go through the post.
2. Stamps on covers intended to go through the post in the ordinary way will be cancelled up to the value of the postage and other charges (such as insurance, if available) on the cover.

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have issued the Notice to the main stamp dealers in Stanley, will forward a copy to sub Post Offices when opportunity arises. Copy herewith for file.

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PA
C.B.S.
23.9.46

Ag. P.M.
23/9/46

40 Tel. No. 134 from Mag. S.G. of 27. 9. 46

41 132 to 7. 10. 46.

PA
7/10/46

42 Tel from Mr element of 8. 10. 46.

43 .. to 10. 10. 46

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44. Tel No 162 from Mag. S.G. of 13. 11. 46.

45. Tel No 153 to mag. S.G. of 19. 11. 46.

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Ag. P.M. to see (40) & (44) pl.

Ag. P.M.
19.11.46

Hon. Col. Sec.

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Seen. Thank you.

Ag. P.M.
20/11/46

PA
22/11/46

48.

Notice sent regarding Cancellation of Postage Stamps to PostMaster, Surg. Com. Bingham. Copies to Capt. Burdon and J.A. Wordie, Esq., with accompanying letter requesting signatures of Crew - F.I.D.S. 30.12.46.

PA
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