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(Formerly)

179/36

~~24/46~~

SUBJECT:

CANCELLATION OF POSTAGE STAMPS - RULES

CONNECTED FILES.

NUMBER AND YEAR.

24/46

179/36

Stamps for Dealers.

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

DESPATCHES AND TELEGRAMS.

To S. of S.			From S. of S.		
No.	Date.	Page.	No.	Date.	Page.
			<i>Telegram 85</i>	<i>22.10.47</i>	<i>9</i>
			<i>See Despatch</i>	<i>16.1.4⁵⁰</i>	<i>45</i>

EX. CO. MINUTES.

Date.	Page.	

EXTRACT FROM INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO SURGEON COMMANDER E. W.

BINGHAM, R.N. - OCTOBER, 1945. (Original filed in S/1/46 II)
(F. I. D. S. - 1946)

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It is a strict instruction that members of the staff of the Survey and of the ship's crews are not to be permitted to take advantage of the facilities which they will have for using the new issue of stamps as a special means of obtaining stamps for sale to collectors or dealers. The stamps may be used for bona fide correspondence only, and it will be your responsibility to ensure that this instruction is observed.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

CANCELLATION OF STAMPS.

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.

P.A.

J.A. Wordie Esq.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed by the Governor to request you to bring the attached instructions regarding Cancellation of Postage Stamps to the notice of all members of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey and to obtain their signatures below as having seen them.

A. B. ...

Colonial Secretary.

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.

John Huckle

David James

F. de Q. Robin

W. Borradaile

E. A. Massey

W. S. ...

Dennard ...

A. L. Burton

T. B. ...

*W. J. ...
J. R. ...*

J. G. Bursell

W. P. ...

W. James

A. H. Dargal

W. Roberts

Raymond J. ...

F. K. Elliott

J. Wordie

W. Roberts

J. T. Smith

L. E. Biggs

CANCELLATION OF STAMPS.

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Done

The following instructions regarding cancellation of postage stamps will be scrupulously adhered to in future by all concerned:-

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Postage stamps not cancelled through error or oversight on the part of the office of origin will be struck through with a thick line or cancelled in some other way by the office which detects the irregularity. They will not be stamped with the date-stamp.

Postmasters are forbidden to comply with requests to affix stamps to letters; or to cancel stamps whose backs are not affixed to letters by their gum (i.e. "attachment" by the marginal stamp paper is not "affixed"); or which otherwise are not legitimately used on covers destined to go through the post.

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- (iii) the cancellation of stamps on stamped covers handed in to the Post Office in the ordinary way; provided always that the Postmaster will not cancel stamps up to a higher value than the postage and other charges (such as insurance) on the cover.

EXTRACTS FROM 24/46 (STAMPS FOR DEALERS)

60 There has been some slick work somewhere and we must button up firmly before next season. The principal offender was Captain Burden.

(Intld) M. C.

27.5.47.

62 Pl. put pp. about cancellation of stamps together with orders given to Com. Bingham by S/S to F. I.D. S. personnel by Governor.

(Intld) A. B.M.

30.5.47.

69 Action is being taken on 60 herein in C160.

A.B.M.

24.7.47

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(Intld) M. C.

24.7.47.

P.M.

This is relevant to Dept instructions for as at present proposals. Please submit them herein.

Hon. Col. Sec.

ASH
25/7

I have submitted draft instructions in m.p. 24/46 before receiving this m.p.

J. J. L.
25/7/47

and
attach 24/46 to
25/7

Hon. Col. Sec. ^{82.}

24/46

81 - Seen (79)

2. I have telegraphed for a supply of the proper ink.

8 3. Draft instruction herewith, para ~~2~~ & 3 has been taken from the International Regulations.

[Signature] 23/8/47.

179/36 pt
28/8

NE.

now in this file

24/46
(stamps for Dealers)

60, 77 & 5 with 0245 below (= new f.c.) - (10) - (14) in 179/36.

8 2. I submit a Draft Notice for consi. pt. I have lightened the whole affair up. *[Signature]*
28.8

Good.

29/VIII

(It might be worth asking S&S to instruct (a) new FIOS personnel and (b) personnel of ship before leaving UK, about these requirements and warning them against entering into any arrangements with dealers?.)

NE.

7. Draft S/T for consi + a final S to the instructions. *[Signature]*
31.8

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 3rd September, 1947.

No. 78. SAVING.

By saving telegram No. 68 of 19th August, 1947. Cancellation of Postage Stamps.

I enclose detailed instructions which I have issued in this regard. They are based upon Mr. Thomas's circular despatch of 25th May 1936, Mr. Crosby Gore's circular despatch (2) of 15th January 1937 and the International Regulations. In view of recent abuse of postal facilities in the interests of commercial philately and of the undesirability of courting criticism that the issue of Dependencies postage stamps has a commercial object the tenour of these instructions is more stringent than has hitherto been thought necessary. I am concerned also with the considerable waste of time during visits of ships to bases which is occasioned by these transactions.

2. You may wish to cause copy of these instructions to be brought to the notice of new Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey personnel and personnel of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey vessel before leaving the United Kingdom together with a warning against their entering into any commitments with dealers. Master of Trepassey was a particular offender in this regard.

G. V. L. O. R.

Reply at 9

79 in 24/46
"Stamps for
dealers"

8
11 in 179/36

14 in 179/36
"Procedure in
regard to
applications by
dealers etc for
postage stamps"

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There is no objection to

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- (iii) the cancellation of stamps on stamped covers handed in to the Post Office in the ordinary way of business; provided always that the Postmaster shall not cancel stamps up to a higher value than the weight of the cover and other charges (such as insurance) demand.

Contravention of these instructions will be regarded by Government as an offence against discipline and will be dealt with accordingly.

P.M.

P. is in S to see concerned.
A copy to go to S.G. by next mail.

Hon. Sec. ABE
4.9

I have taken copies of the above and will issue to all concerned. Will send a copy to S.G. by next mail. 19/47.

ABE
19/47

No. 24/46

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

MINUTE.

Copy filed in 0150
Cancellation of
Stamps.

Original filed in 24/45 - Stamps
for dealers. 34

6th September, 19 47.

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To All Heads of Departments,

Stanley.

I am directed by the Governor to say that certain officers in the public service appear to have accepted pecuniary commissions from stamp-dealers and others in connection with correspondence regarding the sale or cancellation of Falkland Islands and Dependencies postage stamps.

2. This is contrary to Colonial Regulation 52 which reads:-

"An officer whose remuneration is fixed on the assumption that his whole time is at the disposal of the Government is prohibited from engaging in trade, or employing himself in any commercial or agricultural undertaking".

3. I am to request you to bring the terms of this Colonial Regulation to the notice of your staff, and to say that its contravention in future will be regarded as an offence against discipline.

(Sgd.) A. B. MATHEWS

VP.

Colonial Secretary.

9a.

Prin. 2

When are his latest instructions
please?

W.S.H.
30.12

A.C.S.

Pl. see 11 in 0447 ~~out~~.

W.S.H. 31/12/47

Saving.

24/46

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Date 22 October, 1947.

No. 89 Saving.

7. Your saving telegram No. 78 of 3rd September.
Cancellation of postage stamps.

8 I am obliged for the copy of the detailed instructions which you have issued and trust that they ^{will} prove a useful guide to the post office staffs.

*P.M. has a copy.
Okey.*

8 || 2. I should, however, be grateful if the last line of the paragraph (ii) might be amended to read "charges only and will ring round the others in pencil and place the figure 0 against each without defacing them in any way); or". This suggested amendment is designed to bring the local rules into accord with the International Regulations (Art. 145(5)), the intention of which is clearly that only those stamps which are being used to prepay fees shall be defaced so that they cannot be used again. Drawing a thick line through a stamp defaces or cancels it just as effectively as does the use of a date or other cancellation stamp and should, therefore, be avoided in the case of any stamp for which no service is being rendered by the postal authorities.

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SEGER.

*Mc
MABC*

*P.M.
Re. a type 8.
as amended
ABC
19/11*

1929

C.S.O. No.....

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Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No.....

Hon. Col. Sec.

Recd & has been re-typed as amended.

11

Copy herewith.

D. H. R. M.
12/11/17.

11

CANCELLATION OF STAMPS
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(iii) the cancellation of stamps on stamped covers handed in to the Post Office in the ordinary way of business; provided always that the Postmaster shall not cancel stamps up to a higher value than the weight of the cover and other charges (such as insurance) demand.

6. Contravention of these instructions will be regarded by Government as an offence against discipline and will be dealt with accordingly.

The notice "Cancellation of Stamps" issued on the 4th September, 1947, is hereby cancelled.

P.M.
— 10 Re. / add to "Nat" 11
cancels 8 : - issue.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Ash
13.11

I have numbered the paragraphs and added as above, re prototype issued 4/9/47.
By P.M. 14/10/47.

YE

9

shd. know that 11 has issued.

Abel
17.11

Good - see that copies go down in F.I.D.S ship
for Boss and are also issued to Captain for his own
information and for display on board; Capt. Buden spent
far too much of his (and F.I.D.S.) time in stamp merging

M.C. 17/xi

Miss L. Smith.

pro. in conjunction with
P.M. Br. when F.I.D.S.
ship arrives.

Abel
17.11

RS

A copy should be given to every member of the
rebel party and to every member of the ship's company;
far too much time was wasted last year in
phantasi jiggen-pockey.

M.C. 7
1-48.

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No.....

A.

Ag. Postmaster.

H. C. S. would like 100 rounded copies of 11 before H.M.S.

"Snipe" arrives, pl.

B.

with for C.S.
8.1.48

Hon. Col. Sec.

Herewith 100 copies.

C

J. J. G. Linn
8/1/48

P/MASTER

amended

110 copies before Snipe's arrival pl.

Remainder before John Biscoe's arrival pl.

with for C.S.

9/1/48?

D

Hon. Col. Sec.

Cas
A.C.S. spoke P/M. In view of
amended itinerary lower
quantity required at the
moment.

with 9/1/48

25 amended copies herewith &
will have more rounded before
John Biscoe arrives.

J. J. G. Linn
9/1/48

E

P. Sec.

Amended copies of Ramps notice for F.F.D.S.
pl. One copy each for members at the
Bases, members going down on HMS "Snipe",
and for the Commander of HMS "Snipe".

F

with for C.S.
with 9/1/48

Mc.

G

Copies sent to members HMS "Snipe" - Bases
F, H, D, A & G for distribution to personnel.

13.1.48

P.S.

to New pt. sent to R.M.

for 13 B.C.

2. I don't know why 40 were
asked for at 13 B. only 25
supplied?

Abel
13.1

P/Master

For action on 13 C. pl.

Abel
14.1

H.M.S.

As I was extremely busy with mails etc at this time, working until 11 o'clock each night, I enquired at the C.S.O. if 24 copies would be sufficient for this time, & would have more ready for "John Biscoe". I was informed that a number would be required to give each member of the Bases at which H.M.S. Ships was calling a copy - namely F-4, H-4, D-5, A-4, G-4 - Total 21 copies.

John Biscoe
16/1/48.

P.S.

to K.I.V. pt.

Abel
17.1

H.M.S.

Have spoken to P/Master and copies are being despatched to all Bases in "John Biscoe".

18.1

No.

MEMORANDUM.

15

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

20th February, 1948.

To The Honourable,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

From Ag. Col. Postmaster,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Among the mail received from the Dependencies per H.M.S. Snipe on the 13th February, 1948, there were 97 philatelic covers marked Registered Airmail, and addressed to J.J. Marshall, Esq., "Red Cove" Mawgan Porth, Newquay, Cornwall, also 8 Ordinary Airmail letters for various persons in Australia and United Kingdom. As these have all been postmarked in South Orkneys, the philatelic covers bearing the date stamp of 27th March, 1947 and the others various dates in 1947 and 1948. As the airmail service has not been extended to the Dependencies, I would be pleased if you would advise me if these covers and letters are to be sent to the addresses by ordinary mail.

I am inclined to think that the regulations relating to "Cancellation of Stamps" have not been thoroughly read or understood by the personnel at South Orkneys.

[Handwritten Signature]
Ag. Col. Postmaster.

No. - 2. Reg. Letter
"is"
received 2/2/48
fine

[Handwritten initials]
2/2/48

16.

P.M.

15 The instructions in force
 at the material time were those on
 p. 2? Or were the covers dated
 stamps prior to their receipt at
 "H" (or "C")? If so, what
 were the instructions then in force?

2. Re. let me see one or 2
 specimens.

ASL
 25.2

Hon. Col. Sec.

The instruction in force at the time
 these covers were cancelled are at ~~page~~ 2.
 Specimen covers (1 of each) herewith.

26/2/18

YE

15-16

At the material time only 2 was available at 'H'. It was run by hi: Rhi (see 3). It is considerably less drastic than II. It supersedes it. But if YE agrees I wd. be disposed to take the view that this case may be regarded as covered by the permissive character of the proviso a x of 2. But the cover w.

2. They are frankly ~~philatelic~~ 'philatelic' in character but it is only in the F.I. D'cier (i.e. St, judging by a recent statement in the 'Times', at e.g. time. (see. 1st.) that a severe view is taken of such covers. Since hi: Rhi may well agree that 2 covers him, since it was Law II, YE may take an indulgent view.

ABH
27.2

This time.
MC 27/ii



18

A

Ag. Sm.
to note pl.
M. Jones.
1. 3. 48.

Hon. Col. Sec. B

Noted. Thank you.
G. H. P. R.
2/3/48.

PA 119
3/3/48.

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

OF 10/III/48.

*Original filed in 0648. Special set of stamps to commemorate
His Majesty's Silver Jubilee.*

The philatelic racket in the Dependencies continues.

Leader at Base B complained to me that he had received
3 or more large parcels of stamped empty envelopes from
Mr. Rowe all requiring cancellation. What has the
public been told in this connection?

x

(intld) M.C.

10/iii

VP.

D

P.M.
P. note to x. What was it article
to the Row at the 11.3
C. B. L. notice time (re
© in 24/46)?

Hon. Col. Sec. E

Mr. Rowe & all other stamp dealers have
a copy of the instructions Cancellation of Stamps.
Herewith the instruction issued to the P.M.
on 2/2/46, which was brought into force at the
time Mr. Rowe wanted to have his Dependencies
overprinted stamp cancelled.

G. H. P. R.
12/3/48.

P.M. A

What is the answer to 18 D?

2. See x of 0 in 24/46. The instruction for produce was late than that in here is no evidence to show that it has in the public eye area of it.

3. As to 18 E 51 - Yes, but when did they receive them?

ABH
12/3

Hon. Col. Sec. B.

When the instruction 'Cancellation of Stamps' was issued in Sept 1946, a copy was sent to all dealers about this time & also a copy of the amended instruction late in 1947.

I cannot trace anything further in this office, other than the instruction attached & this was published in July 1946. I am not certain if Mr. Rowe was aware of these as I was not in the P.O. at the time.

Col. Sec.
13/3/48

Y.E.

18-19 This began in 0 in 24/46 I am satisfied that Mr. Rowe has acted in good faith. Y.E. has since decided that Mr. Scadden may be asked to cancel these envelopes & return during the winter?

ABH
20.3

20
DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.....

To Scadding Place B.....

Despatched: March 23rd 19 48 Time: 15.00.

Received: 19 .. Time:

Reference stamped envelopes received by you from Rowe, Governor satisfied Rowe acted in good faith and approves your cancelling stamps affixed to envelopes at leisure during Winter.

Reply at 21

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G.T.C.

P.M.

fr.

2 Re. detail Sir A.C.'s instruction.

Abel
24.3

Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted. Thank you.

2. Sir A.C.'s instruction withdrawn.

Edw. G. Kerr.
25/3/48.

LJH.

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DECODE.

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TELEGRAM.

From Fuchs Base E

To Governor

Despatched : 25 March 1948 Time : 0255

Received : 19 Time :

20 Reference your authority to Scadding to cancel 2700 stamps for Rowe.
Would respectively ^{pleas?} suggest this defeats object strict instructions issued
by You and London and successfully enforced this year for the first time
at all Bases. Also refusal many hundred requests for commercial and
private purposes from all over world will become impossible to support
if this number cancelled stamps come on the market.

CS

Reply at 23

Early - for views.

I hold M.S. to send them back in first

instance.

no.

pp ARB
27.3

22

YE.

21 We shd. stick to 20 ✓

Submit - Don't keep.

Major Butler

has views, 1 helix.

AB
30.3

Issue.

MC 30...
iii

AB

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				31. 3. 48.

To

FUCHS BASE E

21

Your telegram 25th March This is special case arising from consignment stamps sent to Dependencies over two years ago for what I am satisfied was believed in good faith and with good reason to be legitimate cancellation stop para 2 Present instructions remain unaffected and will be adhered to as before in other cases.

GOVERNOR
310930

PA [Signature]

Time

ljh.

Falkland Islands

0447

470

DESPATCH

NO. 16 A.

Date **30 MAR 1948**

Transmitted with the Compliments of the Secretary of State, for
the Governor's information.

the Governor's consideration.
observations.

Reference:- Secretary of State's
Governor's

} Telegram No.
} Despatch No.
} Savingsram No.
} of



Date	Nature of Communication
29 th Feb: 1948	Letter from L. T. Watson Esq
25 th March 1948	- to - - - Good. Mc

COPY

L.T. Watson,
Box 325,
Caledonia, Ontario,
CANADA.

25

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,
4 Millbank,
London, S.W.1.,
ENGLAND.

29th February 1948.

Sirs,

I am writing you in regard to a notice I received the other day from the Postmaster in Stanley, Falkland Islands and which I am enclosing herewith.

A few days ago, I received this notice in a reply from this Postmaster, sent in an official cover, in which was enclosed my order for unused stamps and my return envelope on which I had affixed a 5/0 stamp. In all sincerity and with righteous indignation may I ask what in hell is it any of his business or concern whether I use stamps on a cover to the value of one penny or one pound as long as I have the minimum value on. It is my stamps that I am using and my money that I am spending. Why is it that in the other Dominions and Colonies, no limit is placed on the value of stamps that a philatelist may use on his reply cover? Our Post Office Department and I presume it applies equally to those Post Office Departments in Australia, United States, Jamaica, etc. are very happy that we, extravegant stamp collectors use all the stamps we can on a cover as the more value we use the more revenue to their treasury.

What is the matter with the Mother Country? Is that darn Socialistic Government you have there now following the same path as other dictatorial Governments where under official ruling the rights and liberties of the individual are being tramped upon.

Reply at 27

AS

26

As a good British subject and Canadian citizen who still believes that we in the British Empire and Commonwealth have the finest democracy yet tried, I am at a loss to understand the action of this postmaster in Falkland Islands. In this particular case, I sent an order for unused stamps and enclosed a cover for his reply on which I had affixed a 5/0 stamp. As I said before this cover was returned and I am out 5/0. It is true that to be out of pocket 5/0 is not very much and if that amount was all I had lost or sacrificed in one year I could consider myself lucky in one sense. On the other hand, thank God that I have a little money to spend and it is not on myself but for a much nobler purpose in that it is costing me between Five and Ten Dollars a month in donating to Food Parcels for Britain Fund and this month we are asked to donate generously to the Save the Children Fund in Europe. Our Red Cross Officials and other charitable organizations do not tell us that we are only allowed to give so much and if we give more, we are breaking the law, so why should some sour or cranky old postmaster tell me how much I may spend on a philatelic cover.

I have been a stamp collector, (British Empire only) ever since 1918 and outside of reading, it is my main hobby during our long Winter evenings. I started collecting stamps just to put the time in when I was a patient in Tootall Road Hospital, Manchester, where I stayed some six months

recovering

recovering from being wounded in France
early in 1918, and now it is my great hobby
and I derive a lot of pleasure as well as
knowledge from it.

In closing I would like to have your verdict
on my complaint and if this Postmaster has the
sanction of your Department, then there is
nothing more I can do in the matter.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply,
I am,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Lanceley T. Watson.



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4706/B/48

25th. March, 1948

Sir,

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In reply to the letter which you addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies on the 29th February about the action of the Colonial Postmaster, Port Stanley, in returning an envelope which you had sent to him for posting in the Colony, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Creech Jones to explain that this action was taken in compliance with long standing instructions which are operative in all British colonial territories.

The ruling that postal officials should not themselves affix stamps to letters; cancel them in some special manner; post letters or otherwise act as agents for the public, including philatelic dealers and stamp collectors, was made for obvious reasons; while the postmaster's decision not to cancel any stamps that are not required for the prepayment of fees on a particular packet is in accordance with the provisions of the Universal Postal Convention which lays down the general rule that "any postage stamps not available for prepayment of fees are to be ignored (i.e. not to be cancelled). The figure nought (0) is placed by the side of

X

L. WATSON, ESQ.

these

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these postage stamps, which must be ringed round in pencil".

The Secretary of State regrets that you should have felt annoyed at the postmaster observing the international rules in this matter, and trusts that on reflection you will appreciate that they are in the best interests of the general users of the posts.

I am to add that there is no objection whatever to your arranging with some private person in the Falkland Islands for letters to be posted to you, but that these services may not be performed by any members of the postal staff in any British Colony.

The notice issued by the Falkland Islands postal authorities is returned herewith.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd) R. C. bade

Hon. Col. Sec

Dear. Thank you.

P.H.
24-27 Jip.
to CS.
18.5.48.

BA
1948

No. 6646

MEMORANDUM.

33

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.

I understand that restrictions regarding excess-postage has been relaxed for the "Silver Wedding" stamps in some of the British Colonies allowing the complete set to be postmarked. Could the restriction which applies to this ~~Falkland~~ Colony be relaxed please for this issue?

~~(2) on (2) refers~~
(0) on 8 refers

[Signature]
Postmaster.

pp

Spoke Abs.

Del. issued on Sat., 18

20/9.

2. P.M. she. check to him. but new issues I send out on Sat. 9 it has already been ✓
20/9

[Signature]

letter attached. restriction is 20/9
20/9
20/9
20/9

34 P.M.

A.

33 When did O/ or I come
from? It is much stricter than
X or 2.

by
23/5

B.

Hon. Col. Sec.

149/36

O/ or 8 was taken from para 4
on (21) & redrafted at (35^a) in connected m.p.
& was further amended by instructions from S. of S.
(vide para 2 of (9) in this paper pl.)

[Signature]
25/9/48.

YE

A

33 with 7, 8 and 9

0/ a S refers to 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: and as S/S ^{has} remarked upon it, it must stand.

2. But 33 is concerned with X/ a S. Then, strictly, the spirit ^{of the rule} guiding cancellation shd. be similar. But the earlier instruction (X a 2) reads "the P.M. is not required to cancel" which X/ a S was lightened up to read "shall not cancel" leaving him no option.

3. May we try it on S/S? If we do, we shall ^{doubtless} be referred to X a 27: and it seems a pity to lose revenue which the less scrupulous Administration is cleaning.

B

28/5

I don't think it is worth one trying it on S/S for the very reasons you have given; the S.W. stamps have a very short life (? 3 months) and we might relax on this occasion and for that reason, i.e. turn a blind eye? ^{We} cannot expect S/S to pull the chestnuts for us.

MC. 28/5

36

A.

P.M.

To see 35

L
289
B.

Hon. Col. Sec. Seen. Thank you.

[Signature]
29/9/48

[Signature]
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0447
TELEPHONE:
LOCKSHEATH 3135.

THE FAIRWAY.

LOCK'S ROAD,

WARSASH,

SOUTHAMPTON.
ENGLAND.

26-10-48.

Dear Sir.

MPL



As a keen stamp collector I wrote to the Colonial office. Church House Great Smith Street. London S.W.1. in connection with some postage stamps which, it was disclosed by them, were being used to help to pay for the Antarctic survey which is to be made in the exploration ship "John Biscoe" which sailed from Southampton recently.

In the reply from the Colonial office it was stated that I should contact the Colonial Secretary in the Falklands who would give me all the information that I require.

I should be much obliged therefore

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If you will kindly give me all possible information as to the cost of the stamps and the number available ... I should like to have at least one uncanceled specimen and one in the post-marked state, no doubt this could be arranged. In what form should I send you my remittance.

- I am

yours faithfully.

- J. R. Baron.

39 P.S. I enclose the letter which I received from the Colonial Office.

extension.....

Communications on this subject
 should be addressed to—
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
COLONIAL OFFICE
 LONDON, S.W.1
 and the following
 Number quoted: 86023/117/48

COLONIAL OFFICE

CHURCH HOUSE
 GREAT SMITH STREET
 S.W.1

19 ~~18~~ October, 1948.

Your Reference.....



Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Creech Jones to refer to your letter of the 6th October about stamps of the Falkland Islands Dependencies and to suggest that you should write to the Colonial Secretary, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands who will give you the information you require.

Handwritten notes:
 Done in
 the office
 by

The delay in replying is regretted.

I am,
 Sir,
 Your obedient servant,

Handwritten signature:
 J. R. Baron

J. R. BARON, ESQ.

P.M. Re. a/c with 38-39.
 C
 4.12

40 Hon. Col. Sec.

I have written to Mr. Baron
and forwarded a list of Dependencies Stamp
on sale, also a copy of the instruction -
Cancellation of Stamp.

[Signature]
6/12/28.

PAW
7.12

Minutes of a meeting of the Standing Finance Committee in the Colonial Secretary's Office on Friday, 30th December, 1949.

Present: Hon. Mr. A. L. Hardy, Hon. Mr. S. C. Luxton and Hon. Mr. W. J. Hutchinson.



The Committee considered and approved Applications to Incur Supplementary Expenditure as detailed in the attached Schedule.

2. Unofficial Members of the Committee unanimously proposed that the Secretary of State should be approached for permission to cancel complete sets of Falkland Islands stamps on single envelopes, with a view to increasing revenue. They consider that thousands of pounds are at present being lost annually through this practice being forbidden.

.....
Colonial Secretary,
Chairman.

.....
Secretary.

H.C.S.

You asked for an extract from the Minutes of the last Fin. Com. re Unofficial Members' proposal about stamps. I ~~attach~~ have had a spare copy of the minutes made for this purpose, & submit any.

RHS
13/1/50

Office:

Pl let me see the reference
quoted - 17.

10/1

Office

What I want are the two articles respectively quoted
in 17 - the International Regulation

10/1

Office

by the International Regulation
Regulation as well.

10/1

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

24th January, 1950.

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Dear Carter,

You probably know what a large part philately plays in these islands. I have never before been in a place which is so "stamp conscious". Mind you, this is all to the good as far as revenue is concerned, and I feel that, as long as we don't overdo it and kill the goose that lays the golden eggs, it is a perfectly legitimate source of revenue, and also about the most painless way of getting revenue there is. In this connection the Standing Committee on Finance, at its last meeting, consented on the ruling which forbids the cancellation of complete sets of stamps on single envelopes and expressed the opinion that the Colony was losing considerable revenue thereby. As far as I can discover the ruling is that the postal authorities may not cancel stamps in excess of those required for the postage of the packet in question. My impression is that this is a hard and fast rule, and there is no hope of getting it altered. But in order that I may try and satisfy the Finance Committee I should be grateful if you can tell me the reasons behind it. Their impression is, I gather, that it is a piece of "stiffness" from Whitehall who think that it should be below the dignity of British Colonies to make a profit out of stamps. They point out that other Colonies do it whether in fact they are allowed to or not. I have had a look through the Universal Postal Convention, drawn up in Paris in 1947, but can't find anything in that.

While on the subject, there is another snag. Our Post Office here and those in the Dependencies are inundated with various requests from philatelists, some of which they can, and therefore must, comply with. It seems to us that the function of a philatelic agency is not one which should properly be undertaken by a Government department, and there are plenty of private people in Stanley who act as agents for stamp dealers and buyers. I would prefer to see it stopped altogether but I presume that the Post Office must supply stamps in mint condition if requested, not only over the counter, but also in response to requests by post. But if we are to restrict the philatelic activities of the Post Office and leave the job to private persons acting as agents, as we would wish to do, we ought to safeguard the stamp collecting public by ensuring that these private agents are reputable persons. One way of doing this would be to make it compulsory for such people to be registered as stamp agents. An additional advantage of that would be that they would then have to record their transactions, i.e. keep books, and that the (legitimate) earnings which they made as agents could then be assessed for

Reply at 51.

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

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purposes of income tax, which at present it is difficult, if not impossible, to do. I should be very grateful for your views on the possibility of so registering stamp agents, and for any hints or models as to legislation for effecting it.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd) MICHAEL R. RAYNER

GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY

BW 31/3/50.

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CIRCULAR
4738/49



THE CHURCH HOUSE,
GREAT SMITH STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.
16th January 1950.



SIR,

Cancellation of Postage Stamps

I have the honour to address you on the subject of the treatment to be accorded to postage stamps which have been affixed to postal packets in excess of the proper fees.

*P. 111 5/ U.P. Colonisation
P. 113 2/ U.P. 2.*

2. As you will be aware, it is provided in Article 132 (3) of the Detailed Regulations annexed to the Universal Postal Convention that " all VALID postage stamps must be cancelled ", while Article 134 (5) says that " postage stamps . . . not available for prepayment are ignored. In this case, the figure nought (0) is placed by the side of these postage stamps, which must be ringed round in pencil ".

3. The interpretation hitherto placed upon these provisions has been that stamps which are in excess of the fee prescribed for a particular packet cannot be said to have been affixed in prepayment of postage on that packet and that it would not therefore be in accordance with regular procedure for them to be cancelled by the postal authorities. It has, however, been represented to me that this interpretation of the word " valid " in connexion with postage stamps is not unchallengeable, and that it should be read as meaning stamps which have not been invalidated.

The Postmaster General, with whom I have been in correspondence on this subject, concurs in the latter view and observes that Article 134, relating as it does to insufficient prepayment of postage, is intended to provide an indication to the postal authorities in the country of destination that the amount of postage represented by any non-valid stamps has not been taken into account in the calculation of the surcharge to be raised on delivery of an underpaid packet.

Helms Langbar !!!

I am informed that in this country it is the normal practice to cancel all valid stamps affixed to postal packets as it would obviously be impracticable to segregate over paid letters, etc., posted in the ordinary way before passing them through the stamp cancelling machine. Incidentally, the cancellation of these " excess " stamps is calculated to benefit postal revenues, since, if this were not done they could be used again.

In these circumstances I should be obliged if it could be arranged for the practice followed in this country to be adopted locally, and for only those stamps which have been invalidated, or which have been issued by another postal administration and are therefore not valid for local use, to be left uncanceled.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant.

*P/17 free and
spare copies !!*

A. (signature)

16 FEB 1950

The Officer Administering
the Government of
FALKLAND ISLANDS

*HCS
main stamp dealers
notified of the above*

2/1/50


A.

Y.E. may be interested to see p. 45. A complete volte face. This news will be welcome to the members of Finance Committee (see p. 41). I had written a d.o. letter to Carter on the subject at 43.

2) I have informed Postmaster & had the leading philatelist informed verbally. Instructions to sub post masters in S. Georgia and the forms will need to be modified. As far as I can see the parts enclosed in brackets in S (iii) and (iv) of rules at cover should be deleted, otherwise no amendment is required.

Agree

If Y.E. agrees, on return of file I will advise A.S.F. and A.O. S. Georgia.


22 FEB 1950

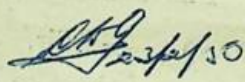
B

Take PM. shd. sign & date these instructions

wh. cannot otherwise be quoted.

MC - 22/11-50


A.C.S.
A.S.F.



C

Above w. p. 45. Pl take action to inform A.O., S. Georgia and all deputy postmasters at bases.

Amended copies of rules at cover should be prepared, signed by P.M., & sent down on next trip of biscuit.


23 FEB 1950

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DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

To: ~~xxxxx~~ The Administrative Officer, South Georgia.

From: The Colonial Secretary.

Despatched : February 23rd 19 50 Time : 14.30.

Received : 19 .. Time :

45

No. 28. Cancellation of Postage Stamps. Circular Despatch just received from Secretary of State dated 16th January 1950 authorises cancellation of any number of stamps placed on one envelope. Accordingly all previous instructions in this regard are cancelled. Will you please arrange for new procedure to be adopted forthwith.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

G. T. C.
LJH

48

S.P.T.

Will you please arrange for copy of amended notice to be filed herein and to be displayed locally. Copies should also be sent to all F.I.D.S. bases and to South Georgia

Alb Jones
24/2/50

A.C.S.

I will have copies sent to all F.I.D.S. bases and to South Georgia by first opportunity. Copy herewith for your file.

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Alb Jones
for S.P.T.
27/2/50

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CANCELLATION OF STAMPS.

The following instructions regarding cancellation of postage stamps will be scrupulously adhered to in future by all concerned:-

1. Correspondence will be impressed on the face by the office of origin with the official ink and cancellation stamp showing the place of origin and the date of posting.
2. Postage stamps not so cancelled through error or oversight on the part of the office of origin, will be struck through with a thick line or cancelled in some other way by the office which detects the irregularity. They will not be stamped with the date-stamp.
3. Postmasters are forbidden to comply with requests to affix stamps to letters; or to cancel any stamps which are not firmly affixed to letters by their own gum (i.e. "attachment" by the marginal stamp paper is not "affixed"); or which in other respects are not legitimately used on covers destined to go through the post.
4. If 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 objection to

5. (i) the supply of stamps in mint condition, provided that orders are accompanied by a remittance in proper form; or
 - (ii) 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; or
 - (iii) the cancellation of stamps on stamped covers handed in to the Post Office in the ordinary way of business.
6. Contravention of these instructions will be regarded by Government as an offence against discipline and will be dealt with accordingly.

All previous instructions regarding cancellation of stamps are hereby cancelled.

(Sgd) E. W. Enestrom,
Postmaster.

General Post Office,
Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

21st February, 1950.

7/3/50

Sec / F.I.D.S.

You do not appear to have seen

46^c

2. I understand from Postmaster that copies of 49 are awaiting an opportunity for sending to all Bases.

3. Do you feel that Bases should be advised by telegram as at (47)? If so will you please arrange.

R. Jones
4/3/53

S.P.T.

I spoke to the Postmaster regarding 47 and 49. We agreed that telegram should be sent to all Bases informing them

(a) That new instructions regarding cancellation of stamps will be forwarded to them in next Biscoe.

(b) That the gist of 47 should also be included in the telegram as this is not clear in the instructions at 49 and will cause considerable confusion at Bases.

R. Jones 8/3/50

B.V. for reply 843, para 2.

B.V. 1/5/50.

51



C.O. REF: 22247/c/50

Your ref: F.I. Ref: 0447



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

21 February, 1950.

Dear Raymer,

43

With reference to your letter of the 24th January on the subject of stamps, I sought the advice of the Department which is concerned, on the prospects of securing more revenue than you at present obtain.

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In regard to the first paragraph of your letter, I think you will find that the Secretary of State's circular despatch (No. 4738/49) of the 16th January, 1950, which apparently crossed with your letter, answers your point satisfactorily.

As to your paragraph 2, I do not think I can do better than quote the relevant part of the minute from the person whose advice I sought. He says:-

Yes. Yes.
we know.

"Colonial Postmasters are under a legal obligation to meet all requests for current (mint) stamps, if stocks permit, irrespective of whether demands are made over the counter or by post; but they are expressly forbidden (in a number of circular despatches to which we have drawn the attention of the Falkland Islands Government on several occasions) to perform any services of a philatelic nature, e.g. the cancelling of stamps which have not been affixed to postal packages, sticking stamps on covers and posting the envelopes, taking stamps from some particular part of a sheet, etc., etc. People who want 'first day covers' addressed and posted to them must employ their own

/ local

M.R. RAYMER, ESQ.



local agents to do this work, but it is again no part of the function of Government to take any responsibility for the activities, financial standing or integrity of those agents, who are not and should not be in any sense agents of the Government."

We can sympathise with the desire to tax the earnings of these agents, but it is doubtful whether in ordinary years - last year was exceptional because of the two special issues - their small commission, which is normally not more than 5% of the face value of the stamps used, would make any appreciable difference to the Colony's revenue. There does not appear to be any Colonial legislation which provides for the registration of people who perform services for others. Moreover, such a scheme would hardly be practicable since they do not all make a charge for their services, and the Government would scarcely make it compulsory for them to do so. Registration on the lines you require would be tantamount to acknowledging publicly that Government is concerned to sell stamps for the purpose of getting as much revenue as possible from collectors; whereas the only function of a Post Office is, and should remain, the servicing of the posts. Stamps are sold only to be stuck on postal packets. If some people like to buy them for other purposes that is their business, and Government's gain, but it is not the Secretary of State's policy deliberately to embark on the business of dealing in stamps, used or unused. You will appreciate, I am sure, that such a policy would be extremely shortsighted; it would only lead to the Colony being blacklisted by the philatelists, and would undermine the prestige of all Colonial Governments so far as stamp issues are concerned.

I am sorry to be such a damper, but I am sure you will understand that a certain amount of rigidity is necessary in this business.

Yours sincerely,

R. A. L. L. L.

H.

20 MAR 1950

KIV 43

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Y.E.

may wish to see S1-52 in reply to my 43.

The first part of my letter was dealt with by J. 48, which crossed it.

The second part of S1-52, re registrations stamp dealers is not very helpful - it doesn't look as if we can get any

further

No - I would hope so.

mc 24/11

123 MAR 1950

PA

No.

0447

MEMORANDUM.

54

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

30th August, 1950

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
STANLEY.

From The Superintendent,
Posts & Telegraphs,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT:- Cancellation of Postage Stamps to Order.

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I have the honour to attach hereto a copy of a letter received from Messrs. John Lister, Ltd., London, regarding the cancellation of postage stamps and with reference to paragraph 2, I should be grateful for guidance on the nature of reply to be given.

2 SEP 1950

H. Hs.

[Signature]
Supt. P. & T.

C O P Y

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JOHN LISTER LTD
Wholesale Philatelic Importers &c.,
122, Fonthill Rd,
Finsbury Park,
London, N. 4.

26th July, 1950

JL/DW.

The Postmaster,
Port Stanley,
Falkland IIs.

Sir,

Kindly inform us whether orders forwarded to your office stamped and addressed will be despatched by yourselves.

Should this not be the case, quote instructions in order that the matter may be settled by the Colonial Office as the majority of Colonies now undertake this service.

S.A.E. enclosed.

Yours faithfully

per pro
JOHN LISTER LTD

(sgd.) ?

Managing Director.

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ACS.

54-55. I think it is out of order, being on a ~~page~~ page with the case dealt with at 27-28. Pl. ~~for~~ p.v. the "long standing instructions" to which the S/S then refers.

ACS

pl see

39a in

179/36

5 SEP 1950

pps pc
[Signature]

ACS

Please see 5. of 5. Circ. Respatches at (11) & (14) in 179/36 attached.

[Signature]

5-9-50

A.

57

Y.E.

I am sorry to trouble Y.E. with a trivial matter, but I would like to be sure that I am advising the Postmaster rightly. Pages 54-55. The tone of 55 leaves something to be desired. The answer to para 1 is "NO", irrespective of what other Colonies may do. The authority is the S/S's despatch at page 11 in file 179/36 attached. With reference to para 2 on p. 55, I do not think that we are entitled to quote to a third party the exact instructions which we receive from the S/S. I propose to advise the P/M to reply, as in draft at cover, and to advise the S/S, against the letter which he is likely to receive from John Lister Ltd, of the reply which we have sent (draft "B"). Would Y.E. be good enough to confirm that this is the correct procedure? (We certainly get good revenue out of the philatelists, but we earn it!).

It is independent.

Certainly not

And a copy of Lister's letter pl.

B.

Action as proposed.

6.9.50.

MAC 6/IX

A.C.S.

C.

Please advise P/M that reply to SS may be as in draft "A" at cover. Then forward draft "B" to S/S.

6 SEP 1950

D.

Supt. P. & T.
Will you please advise P.M. accordingly and let us have a copy (or copies) of the letter for transmission to S/S

L. Jones
7/9/50

A.C.S.

E.

Thank you.

Copies of letter for transmission to S/S - file at back cover, pl.

A.M.
S.P.T.
7.9.50.

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 3th September, 1950.

No. 177. SAVING. COLONY.

Cancellation of Postage Stamps.

I enclose for your information copies of correspondence recently exchanged between John Lister, Limited and the Colonial Postmaster. Mr. J.H. Thomas' circular despatch of the 25th of May, 1936 refers, and the case would appear to be similar to that covered by the correspondence forwarded under cover of your Despatch No. 16 A of the 30th of March, 1949.

GOVERNOR.

55 3.59.

~~See 179/36.~~

24.

7th September, 50.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 26th July, 1950, and to inform you that, in accordance with long standing instructions issued by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Colonial Postmasters are not allowed to despatch stamped and addressed letters forwarded to them. Should you require any further information on this matter it is suggested that you should address your enquiries to the Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) J. BOUND,

Ag. Postmaster.

The Managing Director,
Messrs. John Lister, Ltd.,
122, Fonthill Road,
Finsbury Park,
London, N. 4.

Handwritten signature
11/9/50



60, Braemar Avenue,
Wimbledon Park,
London, S.W.19,
England.

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24th May, 1952.

Dear Sir,

I am a philatelist and from time to time correspond with the Postmasters of the Falkland Islands and the Falkland Islands Dependencies, usually writing per registered post, enclosing a British Postal Order and a self addressed stamped envelope for convenience of addressee's reply.

I understand and note that the Postmasters' concerned only cancel stamps on reply envelope not exceeding in value the appropriate charges for post and registration, etc., and that if the appropriate charges are exceeded, the Postmaster(s) will cancel with the cancellation stamp postage stamps up to the value of the charges only and will draw a thick line through the remainder.

May I enquire as to why the Postmaster(s) are forbidden to cancel all such stamps on envelope and whether such a pointless regulation meets with your approval?

May I also enquire as to the purpose of drawing a thick black line through such stamps which exceed the stipulated charges? I think it an impertinence and a liberty, with which view I hope that you also will share.

Yours faithfully,

D. A. Brugger

(D. A. Brugger).

Colonial Secretary,
Falkland Islands Colony,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands,
South Atlantic Ocean.

*Pl. on file
as per. to S/POT for
his observation pl.*

Reply at 62

7/7

Pl. See 49

S.L.T.

Accy. R.

[Signature]

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A

Hon. Col. Sec.

Stamps as affixed to all packages are now date stamped in the usual manner.

It was the instruction to date stamp stamps only to the value of the package and additional stamps were to be marked around outside the perforations with a blue pencil. Such stamps were not defaced by a thick line in the Post office.

AM. SPT
18/7/52

ALS,

b.

60 - a/c reply s.p.c.

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ALS

J. James in
amendment

[Signature]
2/7

22nd July,

52.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter of the 24th of May, 1952, regarding the cancellation of postage stamps and to inform you that all affixed stamps are now date stamped in the Post Office of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies. It was the practice to cancel postage value only of stamps affixed but this practice ceased some time ago; any defacing of stamps over and above those necessary to cover the postal charges was unauthorised, and I am informed did not take place in the Colony's Post Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) J.E. Briscoe

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. D.A. Brugger,
60, Braemar Avenue,
Wimbledon Park,
LONDON, S.W. 19.

[Handwritten signature]
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C.O. Ref: COM 199/224/03.

DESPATCH

CIRCULAR 302/53.

THE CHURCH HOUSE,
GREAT SMITH STREET,
LONDON, S.W.1.
1st April, 1953.



Sir,

POSTAGE STAMPS

I have the honour to inform you that my attention has recently been drawn to the divergent practices of some Colonial Governments in the matter of rendering to dealers and collectors special 'philatelic' services, some of which have not been specifically mentioned in any previous circulars dealing with this subject. It therefore appears to me desirable to summarise in this despatch the directions that have been given in the past, and to suggest the practice in certain other matters which experience has shown it is desirable should be adopted.

2. As you will be aware, the Crown Agents for the Colonies are not authorized to hold stocks of stamps for sale to any members of the public other than those dealers, resident in the United Kingdom or in North America, whose names appear on their lists of approved dealers; consequently dealers resident elsewhere and all private collectors can obtain such stamps as they may need only from dealers or by ordering them from an authorized officer of the Colonial postal administration in question. I see no objection to the continuance of the practice of executing such orders, as it is the duty of any Postmaster who receives an application for postage stamps in current use, accompanied by a remittance in full and in proper form, to comply with it if he is able to do so.

3. Remittances accompanying orders received by post should, however, only be accepted if they take the form of bankers' drafts (where appropriate), money orders, or British postal orders made payable to the officer concerned by his official designation. All other remittances should be returned to the senders with an explanatory note. It is not fair to the postal staffs concerned that they should be subjected to the temptation of receiving remittances in a form in which their receipt cannot easily and quickly be traced.

4. Officers should refuse to comply with requests to affix stamps to letters or to cancel stamps which are

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not affixed to letters (or other items) entrusted to the post in the normal manner.

5. Officers should similarly refrain from taking stamps, at request, from some special portion of a sheet, posting letters sent to them for the purpose by members of the public, or in any other ways acting as agents for dealers or collectors, as it is no part of their duties to assist in the manufacture of items of philatelic interest.

6. Stamped envelopes sent to a Postmaster for cancellation and posting or return in some other manner should be sent back 'unserved'. This may be done under cover officially franked in cases where arrangements are in force with the country concerned for delivery without surcharge of correspondence bearing a "paid" or "official paid" impression of the Post Office of the country in which it originates. In the case of countries where that arrangement is not in force the envelopes may be enclosed in official covers addressed to the Postal Administration of that country, accompanied by a brief indication of the reason for their return. Such covers would be regarded as correspondence on postal service exempt from postal charges.

7. There is, however, no objection to envelopes bearing appropriate Colonial postage stamps, which have accompanied orders for unused stamps, being used for the purpose for which they have been provided, or to the cancellation in the normal course of the stamps affixed thereto.

8. It is considered undesirable for any post office official to accept from dealers or collectors standing orders for the supply of new issues, new printings, etc., as such arrangements are calculated to lead to irregularities and complaints.

9. Postage Due labels should not be sold over the counter as they are not valid for the prepayment of postage fees. There is, however, no objection to Postmasters complying with orders received through the post for the supply of blocks of those labels.

10. I appreciate that in some instances the revenues derived from sales of postage stamps to philatelists may be an important factor in the economy of a territory, and for this reason I consider it desirable that in executing orders received by post care should be taken to see that the stamps supplied are in no way defective, and that they are so packed as to ensure that they reach their destination without suffering damage in transit.

11. I now come to the question, which has not previously been dealt with, of the supply and servicing of what are termed "first-day covers". I understand that it has been the practice of some Colonial Postal Administrations to print and sell to the public special envelopes for use with new issues of stamps, especially those of a commemorative nature. I see no objection to this practice per se, but I consider that it would not be proper for Colonial post office staffs to be required to address such covers, to affix stamps to them, or to make any special arrangements for the cancellation of stamps on them.

12. It is the primary duty of Colonial Postmasters to ensure that the postal services are, at all times, maintained at the highest point of efficiency for the benefit of the users of the posts, and that duty should never be subordinated to the rendering of special services to philatelists. In territories with large staffs the rendering of philatelic services might make little difference, but experience has shown that where staffs are small special services can only be performed to the detriment of normal facilities for the public. All persons wishing to have "first-day covers" posted to them or to make advance arrangements for the supply to them of new issues, etc., should appoint their own local agents to act on their behalf. Nor would it seem desirable that anyone in authority should take the responsibility of recommending any private person or firm to undertake those services.

13. You will, I am sure, appreciate how important it is, if complaints are to be avoided, that all administrations should adopt similar procedures on the matters mentioned above, and I would suggest that the contents of this despatch, which is based upon the practice followed in this country, should be reflected in the local Postal Office Rules of the territory or territories with which you are concerned, if this is not already the case. If postal staffs are allowed to render special services to philatelists, this is not only in most cases liable to be to the detriment of their normal services to the public, but is also liable to expose officers, some of whom may be in receipt of comparatively low rates of remuneration, to considerable pressure, and possibly also to the temptation of accepting inducements, to render such special services to dealers or collectors. It is undesirable that postal staffs should be in such a position.

14. This circular has been addressed to all Colonies and Protectorates etc., and to the East African High Commissioner

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It has been sent to the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya under cover of a separate despatch.

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

Oiver J. [Signature]

S. P. L.

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W. J. [Signature]

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See C.S.

63-66 seen thank you.

The instructions are addressed to in
the P.O. pl.

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ONTARIO

IN REPLY REFER TO
LOAN NO

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURAL LOANS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
TORONTO



123 Kelso St.,
Toronto 12, Canada.
6th February 1954.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir;

As I am quite an enthusiastic collector of postage stamps of the British Empire, and more especially those issued during the reign of King Geo.VI, I am taking the liberty of asking for your assistance.

Enclosed are eight covers with the stamps issued by the four Falkland Island Dependencies. As I have so far, been unable to secure these stamps used, I would deem it a very great favour, if it could be arranged to have these sent to their respective post offices, cancelled and returned. Please do not have them registered, regular air mail will do.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Thanking you kindly,

Yours sincerely,

R.L.Cooke.

Ask Pm. what he does in cases like this & follow his procedure.

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Reply at 68

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9th April,

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Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter of the 6th of February, 1954, regarding postage stamps and to enclose herewith a copy of the procedure adopted locally in such cases. Your covers are accordingly returned.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) C. Campbell

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Handwritten signature/initials

Mr. R.L. Cooke,
123 Kelso Street,
Toronto 12,
CANADA.

REGISTERED POSTAL PACKET. NO. 587

Office of Posting.....

Addressed: - \

Regn. No. 250

Mr. R. L. Cooke

Toronto

Canada.

by *sp*

Office and Date of Delivery.

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Auxerre 11th April 1954

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Dear sir,

Having no correspondent at Falkland
Dependancies, can you please return me,
at registered by air mail, these two *cover*
copies for my stamps collection of
English Colonies.

With my sincerely thanks, and
awaiting your reply, believe me,
dear sir,

yours Faithfully

L. Carré
Avis chef de gare
Auxerre - Yonne
France.

Herewith some
French stamps
to thank you.

Miss Pas
sending
We shd tell him

Reply at 70

12th June, 54.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to your letter of the 11th of April, 1954, regarding postage stamps and to enclose herewith a copy of the procedure adopted locally in such cases. Your covers are accordingly returned.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) ~~W. Hurtle~~

W. Hurtle.

for COLONIAL SECRETARY.

PA m 15/6/54

Mr. L. Carré,
8 Rue Paul Dourner,
Auxerre (Yonne),
FRANCE.

Regn. No. 90 Certificate of Posting of a Registered Postal Packet

A Postal Packet addressed as under, upon which a Fee of Three Pence has been paid, in addition to the Postage (ofd.) has been registered and posted here this day.
(for Parcels only)

See also OVERLEAF.

Mr. L. Carré
Auxerre (Yonne)
France
(C.S.O.)

Date Stamp

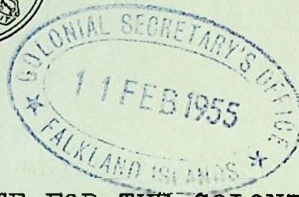
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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

C.O. Ref: COM 207/01

SAVINGRAM

CIRCULAR 188/55

22nd February, 1955.

MAILING SCHEMES

I have been approached by Messrs Paul Baratte and Associates, Ltd., of London, a firm of advertising agents who for some years have been operating schemes of advertisement which involve the posting in selected territories of large numbers (usually about 42,000 - a number which may in the future be increased to about 80,000) of cards to various addresses in France. It has been their practice to obtain the consent of the Colonial Postmasters concerned to the purchase from the Crown Agents of such stamps as may be needed; these are then affixed to cards bearing the address and a little advertising matter on the front and on the reverse a view in the territory from which the cards are to be posted. The cards are then sent to the Postmaster concerned with the request that they may be placed in the mails on a specified date.

2. The firm represent that while many administrations have co-operated willingly in such schemes, a few have declined to do so on the ground that it would infringe the local regulations, or have caused them inconvenience by not answering communications on the subject.

3. You may therefore wish to know that I do not consider such schemes to be comparable to the activities of philatelists which gave rise to the request in my predecessor's circular No. 302/53 that postal authorities should refuse to cancel stamps on letters which have not been entrusted to the post in the normal way; these schemes appear to be quite different from the philatelic devices referred to in that circular and they appear to fall within the quite legitimate category of "bulk posting of circulars" which provides for such items to be tied in bundles and handed in over the counter for postmarking and despatch in the normal way. There is the additional difference that the scenic cards draw attention to local places of interest and thus serve also to advertise the territory's tourist amenities as well as providing a not inconsiderable addition to postal revenues.

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4. I have consulted the Postmaster General in this matter and am informed that he will not take exception to the delivery of any such circulars as may be addressed to recipients in this country. I should therefore, see no objection to Postmasters co-operating in such schemes in the territory or territories with which you are concerned if that action is not an infringement of the local postal regulations.

4. This circular has been addressed to all Colonies (including the Federation of Nigeria), Protectorates, and Regional Organisations except Malta, the Regional Governments in Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland. It has been sent to the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya under cover of a separate despatch.

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Copies sent to:- Postal Service Department, G.P.O.
Crown Agents for Oversea Governments
and Administrations

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14/3/55.

acs Postmaster confirms we are complying.
T.H.
at S.P.D.
14/3/55.

acs
71-72 J.C.
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W.H.
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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

C.O. Ref: COM 244/27/01

SAVINGRAM

CIRCULAR

288/55



23rd March, 1955.

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My predecessor's circular No. 302/53 of 1st April, 1953, summarised the advice which had been given in the past regarding the rendering of special "philatelic" services to dealers and collectors.

2. Paragraph 6 dealt with the use of "paid" or "Official paid" impressions, but from enquiries which have been received by the G.P.O., London, it would appear that some postal administrations are in difficulty about the use of such impressions, in one instance because the local regulations require Government Departments to pay postage on all official mail addressed to overseas countries.

3. I therefore draw attention to paragraph 1 of Article 52 of the Universal Postal Convention, Brussels, 1952, and to Article 182 of the Detailed Regulations annexed to that Convention, and suggest the use of the red impression of either a postal franking machine or a simple "Paid" hand stamp instead of postage stamps to show the amount of postage paid on all official correspondence for foreign destinations which is not admissible free of postage because it is being sent on postal service.

4. If neither device is used at the moment the Supplies Department of the G.P.O., London, can give advice about the purchase of franking machines or supply "Paid" hand stamps according to local requirements.

5. This Circular has been addressed to all Colonies (including the Federation of Nigeria), and Protectorates and the East Africa High Commission. It has not been sent to the Regional Governments in Nigeria, Northern Rhodesia, nor Nyasaland. It has been sent to the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya under cover of a separate despatch.

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Copies sent to :- Commonwealth Relations Office
General Post Office.

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In observations, pl.

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Spec.

It is the practice in this P.O. to use an "official Paid" cancelling stamp. (Black in colour). for official mail addressed within the British Empire, & all official mail for foreign destinations has to bear stamps which are cancelled in the usual manner.

These methods conform with the Postal Regulations.

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"Falklands",
High Halden,
ASHFORD, Kent.

12th June, 1956.

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



Sir,

I am assisting an eminent philatelist to compile a complete history of the Falkland Islands' postal services and should be most grateful if you would allow the Colonial Postmaster to give what information he can on a specific point which has not yet yielded to much research in Colonial Office and GPO archives.

Can the Postmaster please inform me whether (a) he has a "PAQUEBOT" cancellation stamp for official use in the Falkland Islands; whether (b) if he has he has ever used it and (c) what would be the proper procedure in the case of Falkland Islands' mails for a cover to receive this franking.

Your kind help in this matter will be much appreciated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Gordon G. T. Roberts

Gordon G. T. Roberts.

Reply lat 76

Sp. for joint comment of Dept. of Post & Telegraphs 9/8/56

Hon. Col. Sec. The P.O. has never had a "Paquetbot" cancellation stamp and according to the Postmaster there has been no occasion to use one. There is no Govt. mail steamer on which to use one in this Colony or its Dependencies

*AM-547
10.8.56*

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION
AIR LETTER
ABROGRAMME



The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Second fold here

Sender's name and address: Gordon G. I. Roberts,
"Falklands", High Halden,
ASHFORD, Kent.

AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY
ENCLOSURE; IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED
OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL.

To open cut here

J.H.

75. The writer is the son of a former
Director of P.W.D.

Draft letter at bc for consideration

J.H.
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is slightly amended.

J.H.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS.

14th August, 1956.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter of the 12th June, regarding a "Paquebot" cancellation stamp and to reply as follows:-

- (a) The Post Office has never had a Paquebot cancellation stamp.
- (b) No occasion to use such a stamp has ever arisen.
- (c) There is no Government mail steamer in the Islands and the need for the use of such a stamp is not likely to arise.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) D.R. Morrison.

for ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Mr. M. G. Roberts,
"Falklands",
High Halden,
ASHFORD, Kent.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEPENDENCIES
SURVEY

*With the Compliments
of
The Secretary*

STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

*1845
24/10/20*

BASES POST OFFICES.

These instructions have been agreed to by the Colonial Postmaster for the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

The Base Leader is the Deputy Postmaster. He may delegate the work if necessary but as in all other Base matters he will remain personally responsible for the accuracy of the Post Office accounts and for the manner in which postal affairs are conducted. The following points are for his guidance :-

1. Stamp Accounts.

Stamp Account forms are to be completed in triplicate at the end of each month. The originals, together with Postal Orders, Money Orders, Reply Coupons, cash for stamps sold, damaged stamps and issues being withdrawn, are to be forwarded to the Colonial Postmaster by the hand of a First Officer of a F.I.D.S. vessel at every suitable opportunity. The Deputy Postmaster must obtain a receipt for these items from the First Officer who will be responsible for delivering them to the Colonial Postmaster at Stanley. The second copy is to be posted to Assistant Treasurer, Stanley and the third copy retained at the Base.

Forms are self-explanatory, though care must be taken to render separate statements if ever there is more than one issue of stamps on sale at a given time. (Normally the old issue is automatically withdrawn whenever a new issue comes on sale but occasionally commemorative issues are on sale at the same time as a current regular issue).

The value of stamps sold on credit to each individual and their names must be telegraphed monthly to Stanley as soon as possible after the Stamp Account Form has been completed. These telegrams are to be addressed "T.M.2. Postmaster, A/T (F.I.D.S.), Stanley" and are to be sent irrespective of whether or not credit sales have been made.

2. Cancellation of Stamps.

The following instructions regarding cancellations must be scrupulously adhered to and disciplinary action will be taken in default :-

- (i) Letters and packages will be impressed across the postage stamps by the office of origin with the official ink and cancellation stamp showing the place of origin and the date of posting.
- (ii) Postage stamps not so cancelled through error or oversight on the part of the office of origin, will be struck through with a thick line or cancelled in some other way by /the office...

the office which detects the irregularity. They will not be stamped with the date-stamp.

- (iii) Deputy Postmasters are forbidden to comply with requests to cancel any stamps which are not firmly affixed to letters or packages by their own gum (a stamp is not "affixed" if it is attached by the marginal stamp paper); or which in other respects are not legitimately used on covers destined to go through the post.
- (iv) If a request is received to cancel stamps affixed to letters or packages and to return them as a batch, the Deputy Postmaster will return them under official cover with a note to the effect that it is forbidden to comply with requests of this nature. There is no objection of course to such letters, providing they are correctly addressed and stamped, being regarded as legitimate mail destined to go through the post in the normal way.
- (v) You may supply stamps in mint condition, provided that orders are accompanied by a remittance in proper form.
- (vi) The Deputy Postmaster must cancel all the postage stamps on each letter or package.

3. Postal Rates.

The rates for all mails are stated in the Falkland Islands Orders in Council No. 3 of the 1st July, 1953, a copy of which has been supplied to you.

(a) Air Mails.

Air-mail letters should be carefully weighed on the scales provided and only accepted as air-mail if the correct value of stamps is affixed. Air letter forms for which a sixpenny stamp is sufficient need not be weighed.

(b) Surface Mails and Packages.

- (i) Letters accepted for forwarding by surface mail must have the correct value of stamps attached.
- (ii) Packages may be accepted but the appropriate Customs Declaration Forms must always be attached. Green Customs labels are for use on parcels under 2 lbs. in weight and for parcels sent at letter rate. Blue Customs labels are for use on parcels over 2lbs. in weight or any parcels sent at parcel rate.

4. Registered Mails.

There are no facilities for registering outgoing mail from the Bases though registration from Stanley onwards may be arranged through the Colonial Postmaster. Deputy Postmasters are required to keep a Letter Register in which all in-coming registered mail must be entered and in which private addressees must sign before taking delivery. Details of any action taken must also be recorded in this book in the case of correspondence addressed to the Deputy Postmaster or Post Office.

5. Postal Orders, Money Orders and Reply Coupons.

These are not available for issue at a Base. Orders and Coupons received by the Postmaster in payment for stamps must be date stamped and signed, when they may be regarded as cash in hand and returned to the Colonial Postmaster. Each Reply Coupon in foreign currency is worth 5d. i.e. the rate for an ordinary sea-mail letter to the foreign country concerned. Postal and Money Orders are not encashable at Base but may be accepted in payment for stamps. Members of the Survey desiring to have money transferred to them by Postal or Money Orders should instruct the senders to address the remittances to the Assistant Treasurer, Dependencies Treasury, who will sign on their behalf, pay the cash into personal Bank Accounts and advise the person concerned by telegram of the transaction.

6. Receipt and Despatch of Mails.

(a) All private mails accepted by the Deputy Postmaster (i.e. air or sea) must be sealed in a mail bag and addressed to the Colonial Postmaster. A Mail Receipt must be made out in duplicate for each bag of mail so despatched. The original Mail Receipt is to be handed to the First Officer of the ship taking the mail and his signature obtained on the duplicate, which must then be retained until the Colonial Postmaster acknowledges by telegram receipt of the mail bag. As soon as mails are despatched the Deputy Postmaster must advise the Postmaster, Stanley by telegram of the number of mail bags forwarded.

(b) Official correspondence and packages from the Base Leader to Secretary, F.I.D.S. or the Chief Meteorological Officer is to be dealt with in a similar manner except that a "Schedule of Contents" must be enclosed in each official mail bag and a duplicate copy kept at the Base. The bag is to be addressed to Secretary, F.I.D.S. Office, Stanley. The Base Leader must inform Secretary, F.I.D.S. by telegram as soon as the mail is despatched. The latter will telegraph the Base Leader as soon as the mail is received.

(c) In-coming private mails will be covered by Letter Bills; the First Officer will require the recipient's or Deputy Postmaster's signature

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on these before handing over the mail. The receipted Bills will be returned by the First Officer to the Postmaster, Stanley.

- (d) Mail bags containing official correspondence and packages from Secretary, F.I.D.S. or the Chief Meteorological Officer will be likewise covered by Letter Bills which the Base Leader will be required to sign. The First Officer will return the signed Letter Bills to Secretary, F.I.D.S. Office, Stanley. Each bag will contain a "Schedule of Contents" for convenience of checking.

7. Ordering New Stocks of Stamps.

The Colonial Postmaster is able to estimate your requirements and normally all you are required to do is to telegraph on the 1st November each year the stock of stamps held at the end of October. You should also inform the Colonial Postmaster by telegram if you find your stocks of any denominations are getting abnormally low. This action should only be taken during the summer relief season, when there may be an opportunity for the Colonial Postmaster to send you further supplies.

8. Details of Administration.

On taking over his duties a new Deputy Postmaster should familiarise himself with the equipment provided. Post Office business should be conducted on the following lines :-

- (a) Bulk Stocks of Stamps.

Each denomination should be in a separate envelope (Item No.77 Section 16.E) and pasted on the front of each envelope should be a running record of contents made out according to the following example :-

Current Ship Issue				Denomination $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	
Sheet Serial Nos.	No. of Sheets.	No. of Stamps.	Signature Deputy P.M.	Date	Action.
0101-0110	10	600	J. Smith.	1.1.56.	New stock.
0102-0110	9	540	J. Smith	1.2.56.	To issues.
0102-0110) 0201-0205)	14	840	B. Jones	1.12.56.	Replenishments.
0103-0110) 0201-0205)	13	780	B. Jones	1. 1.57.	To issues.
0105-0110) 0201-0205)	11	660	B. Jones	1. 2.57.	Bulk sale.

The example is self-explanatory and takes into account occasions when two or more serial numbers of a denomination are held at a time. Part sheets should never be held in bulk stock and whenever sheets are added or removed an entry must be made.

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(b) Stamp Issuing Book (Item No. 8 Section 18.P)

This book is to hold stamps from which day to day sales are made. All stamp sales are made from this book except when a customer requires whole sheets of stamps when sales are made from bulk stocks.

Stamps are transferred to the book from Bulk stocks as required, usually one sheet at a time. It may be necessary to divide the sheet into several parts according to the size of the book. It will generally be found convenient to stick the stamps in by their edging.

(c) Sales of Stamps on Credit.

Stamps may be sold on credit to F.I.D.S. and Government employees only. A receipt must be made out in duplicate in the Receipt Book (Item No. 10 Section 18.P) for each transaction. Each denomination of stamp issued must be shown and the customer's signature obtained. When details of credit sales are telegraphed to Stanley the telegram reference and date must be entered on the appropriate pages of the Receipt Book. When the monthly Stamp Account Forms are completed one copy of each receipt must be torn out of the book and attached to the relevant Form. These receipts are the supporting vouchers for entries under "Analysis Personnel Accounts". The Base copy of the receipt remains in the book.
Example:

<u>Stamps sold on credit.</u>		<u>Date. 1.12.56.</u>		
Base.....	B Name:	Date.....		
	J. Smith.	£.	s.	d.
	3 @ 6d.		1	6
	4 @ 9d.		3	-
	12 @ 1/-d.		12	-
			<u>16</u>	<u>6</u>
Signature.....	J. Smith.			
Telegraphed to Stanley: 1.1.57.		Date Time	Reference	
			011400Z	

(d) Letter Register (Item No. 9 Section 18F)

You are required to enter in your Letter Register details of all incoming registered mail, both official and private and all other mail addressed to you as Deputy Postmaster or to your Post Office.

All letters, whether registered or otherwise, addressed to you as Deputy Postmaster or to your Post Office must be filed together with copies of any replies made. These letters and copies of your replies are to be retained at the Base for a minimum period of five years after the date of receipt. This procedure is most important as claims and enquiries are often received some time after the Deputy Postmaster concerned has departed and your successor or the Colonial Postmaster will require to know exactly what has transpired before making his reply. The following is an example of a page of the Letter Register :-

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No.	Date Received	Addressee	Date Sent	Sender	Registered No.	Enclosures			Action	Signature	
						Cash	Money Order No.	Postal Order No.			
1	1.12.55.	J. Wright	-	-	B.1063	-	-	-	-	Delivered	J.Wright
2	1.12.55.	M. Hunt	-	-	AO.7996	-	-	-	-	Delivered	M. Hunt
3	1.12.55.	Postmaster	1. 6.55.	W. Jones	-	-	-	-	1	Replied 22.2.56.giving information required. (See file P.O. 1955 page 4)	J. Smith
4	1.12.55.	Post Office	3. 5.55.	G. Blyth.	9843	10/-	-	-	-	Replied 2.2.56. stamps sent. (See file P.O. 1955 page 6.	J. Smith
5	2. 2.56.	Postmaster	1.10.55.	P.Raymond	-	-	-	85D768-543	-	Replied 3.3.56. stamps sent. (see file P.O. 1956 page 7)	J. Smith.

- Notes:
- (a) Items 1 & 2 Registered letters addressed to Base members and signed for by them.
 - (b) Item 4 Registered letter addressed to Post Office and action signed by Deputy Postmaster.
 - (c) Items 3 & 5 Non-registered letters addressed to Post Office and action signed by Deputy Postmaster.
 - (d) All letters addressed to Post Office must be filed and cross referenced to the number in the left hand column of Letter Register.

(c) Preparation of Stamp Account Forms.
(see sample form appended)

(i) Stamp Balances.

First enter along the "Balance brought forward" line the balance of stamps, "Cash in Hand" and total value (which includes "Cash in Hand") as shown on the final balance from the previous month.

New stocks of stamps received during the month to which the Form refers should be entered along the "New stock received" line. No entry is made along this line in the "Cash in Hand" column. The total is the total value of the new stamps received.

The next balance is the total of the "Balance brought forward" and "New stock received" lines. The "Cash in Hand" is brought down to this line and included in the total value.

All stamps sold during the month, whether cash or credit sales or supplied against Money or Postal Orders or Reply Coupons, must be shown along the "Sales and Withdrawals" lines. Any damaged stamps being returned to Colonial Postmaster, Stanley, or stamps being withdrawn must also be included. £1. in small change should prove sufficient to transact the day to day cash sales but this sum may be increased or decreased to suit the requirements of the Deputy Postmaster. If "Cash in Hand" is to be increased the amount by which it is to be increased must be deducted from the total value of "Sales or Withdrawals", and an entry in red ink shown in the "Cash in Hand" column. If it is to be decreased it must be added to the total value and an entry in black ink shown in the "Cash in Hand" column.

The final "Balance" line is then obtained by deducting the "Sales and Withdrawals" line from the previous "Balance" line. The "Balance" of "Cash in Hand" is brought down from the previous balance if there has been no change or adjusted by the amount by which the "Sales or Withdrawals" line total issue has been increased or decreased, i.e. increasing the total "Cash in Hand" if a red entry appears in the "Sales and Withdrawals" line and vice versa for a black entry. The total quantities of stamps held at the month end both in "Bulk Stock" and the "Stamp Issues Book" should tally with the quantities shown along the final "Balance" line and a physical check should always be carried out.

(ii) "Forwarded to Postmaster".

The total values of "Money Orders", "Postal Orders", "Foreign Currency" (sterling value), "Reply Coupons" and the "Sterling" currency being forwarded to the Colonial Postmaster should be shown. The total shown in "Analysis (Personal Accounts)" should be added to give the final total. This final total should equal the total value shown in the "Sales or Withdrawals" line.

(iii) "Analysis (Personal Accounts)".

All credit sales made during the month are covered in the Receipt Book (see sub-paragraph (c)) and entries should be made from these receipts. Signatures are not required on the Stamp Account Forms.

(iv) Deficiencies.

Any deficiencies must be made good by the Deputy Postmaster concerned. For this purpose a credit sales receipt should be made out to himself detailing the losses and marked "Deficiencies". The Receipt is then incorporated in the "Analysis" as if it was a credit sale.

86

S A M P L E

DATE... 31.1.56.

BASE... D, HOPE BAY

STAMP ACCOUNT.

Issue... CURRENT SHIP

For the month of... JANUARY 1956.

E.9. (18.10.56.)

Denomination	1/2d	1d	1 1/2d	2d	2 1/2d	3d	4d	6d	9d	1/-	2/-	2/6	5/-	10/-	20/-	Cash in Hand	£.	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	24	48	24	60	24	4	9	20	12	40	30	16	8	18	4	1.	-.	-.	25. 6. -.
New stock received	60	-	60	-	-	60	-	60	-	60	-	-	60	-	60	-.	-.	-.	80.15. -.
Balance	84	48	84	60	24	64	9	80	12	100	30	16	68	18	64	1.	-.	-.	106. 1. -.
Sales or Withdrawals	48	24	24	12	-	24	-	40	-	60	10	8	20	-	24		10.	-.	35. 5. -.
Balance	36	24	60	48	24	40	9	40	12	40	20	8	48	18	40	1.	10.	-.	70.16. -.

ANALYSIS (PERSONNEL ACCOUNTS)

Forwarded to Postmaster

	£.	s.	d.
Money Orders	10.	-.	-.
Postal Orders	5.	-.	-.
Sterling	5.	10.	-.
Stamps withdrawn	-.	-.	-.
Foreign Currency:- (Uruguay)	1.	5.	-.
Reply Coupons (foreign @ 5d. ea.)	4.	-.	-.
(Commonwealth @ 3d. ea.)	3.	-.	-.
Total £	28.	15.	-.
Total Personnel Accs.	6.	10.	-.
Total £	35.	5.	-.

Rate
\$9.60

Name	£.	s.	d.	Name	£.	s.	d.
J. Brown	1	-	-	Brought forward	6	10	-
L. Smith	2	10	-				
B. Jones	3	-	-				
Carried forward	6	10	-	Total	6	10	-

Copies to: Postmaster, Assistant Treasurer, Base File.

* "Cash in Hand" increased by 10/-.

Signature... J. Smith
Deputy Postmaster

No. 87/156

MEMORANDUM.

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

22nd March, 1961.

The Secretary, F. I. D. S.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Philatelic Activities-FIDS Bases.

This memo is accompanied by a box of 540 envelopes with stamps to the value of 2½d. on each envelope, total value £5. 1s. 3d. The package was received by the Base Leader designate for Base E in January, 1960, and kept at Deception Island for a year because Base E was not established. It was handed over to the present Base Leader in January, 1961, who, in turn handed it to me early in March, in the condition in which you find it. I understand there have been similar packages at other bases issued from the same source. I have been told that there is such a package at Base W which was closed down early in 1959 but I have been unable to confirm this.

I should make it clear that I have no wish to cause trouble for Mr. Luxton and I sincerely hope that official censure will not result from this letter. My main concern is that the FIDS Base Leaders should not be bothered with such requests in the future. Not only that, but the receipt at Bases of parcels of some value can be most embarrassing to the Leaders, especially when opportunity does not arise to return them promptly. I have known occasions in the past when stamped envelopes of considerable value have gone astray so causing much acrimonious correspondence from the senders in Stanley and rendering the Leaders concerned open to suspicion of dishonesty.

In this particular case it is plain that the covers are not legitimately destined to go through the post in the normal way, i.e. the envelopes are empty and are not sealed down and have affixed to them stamps of greater value than the official rate from the Dependencies to Stanley. This would appear to contravene the current regulations issued for the guidance of the Deputy Postmasters. It may well be said that these envelopes were destined to go through the normal post channels but this is not clear from the covering letter, nor is a second impression of the date stamp on the envelope called for under normal circumstances. However, I would not wish to press this matter of regulations which are in themselves somewhat vague on the subject of philatelic mail generally.

I have been concerned about these deals for some years but this is the first occasion upon which a Base Leader has refused to have anything to do with a parcel of covers and has asked for official backing in the action he has taken, which is to return the stamps to the sender in mint condition. I can confirm that in the circumstances under which Base E was established this season he would, in any event, have had no time to frank so many envelopes, neither has he time to deal with all the individual letters addressed by philatelists to the Base and these must perforce remain in abeyance until next season when they will, in some cases, be three or four years old.

In view of the present commitments at FIDS Bases it is perhaps time that the post office situation was reviewed and the position generally clarified. One suggestion I have in mind is that all philatelic mail to the Bases should be opened and dealt with by the Post Office in Stanley and then sent down under official cover for franking and return to the Stanley Post Office for onward transmission to the senders. The advantages here would be -

(a) that the Base Leaders would be absolved from responsibility in respect of registered packages and their proper handling.

(b) The Leaders would be saved considerable time in the operational season.

(c)/...

(c) Adequate records would exist in Stanley so avoiding future ~~inadequate~~ correspondence about supposed missing packages.

(d) The time taken in transit would be considerably shortened and this would be of benefit to the senders.

(e) The Bases would not need to carry so many stamps.

(f) Losses and other discrepancies should, in theory, be more easily avoided.

X) Finally, I would like to repeat that I believe the practice of sending down boxes of covers has been going on for some years, that it has been brought to the notice of the authorities and that no positive action has been taken and that I would, therefore, be most reluctant to be the cause of getting this particular officer concerned into trouble.

J. P. Sheen

89

S.P.T. for comments
Please
22/3/61

90.

JRG/SC

See

Before commenting it would be appreciated if I could see:-

- 63 (a) the S/S's instructions regarding the handling of philatelic mail by overseas tentmen
- 78 (b) the current regulations referred to in S/S's third para.
- no record. (c) any correspondence in connection with x above

J.P.S.
23.3.61.

91

S.P.T.

as above for

J.P.S.
25/3/61

H.C.S.

87.

Being a revenue collector perhaps I see things in a different light. Philately is encouraged in the Stanley P.O. and batches of envelopes such as the one in question would certainly be cancelled with care and passed through the post in the normal manner. Surely it would be in F.I.D.S. interests to do likewise and boost Dependencies revenue - their life blood.

I can see snags in S/F's suggestion that all philatelic mail addressed to the Bases should be opened and dealt with in the Stanley P.O. Apart from being highly irregular in postal circles the main trouble would be remittances from overseas. Such remittances are made payable to the respective P.M.'s. at the Bases and should of course be cleared by them - otherwise I fear we would be in trouble with the Accountant General, G.P.O., London.

It may be argued that the P.O.'s. in the Dependencies are more of a political nature than of postal value but if it is known in international circles that the P.O.'s. do not in fact function as such then the political value is lost?

While I appreciate that to a scientist with much field work etc. on his hands, the Post Office side of a Base must be a nuisance but if we have internationally accepted P.O.'s. in the Dependencies then they must function as such. Would it not be the answer to relieve Base Leaders of these duties and appoint Base W/T Operators as Deputy P.M.'s.?

To revert to the question of philately and the franking of packages of envelopes, I gather that it was never the intention that the 540 envelopes referred to at 87 should be returned other than through the post in the normal way. This would then come within the meaning of F.I.D.S. General Instructions (pl. see X on 79).

Incidentally, I note that the practice here varies somewhat to the S/S's. X on 64. However the despatch appears to read more on the lines of a suggestion rather than a directive.



Supt. P. & T.
29.3.61

93.

S P & T Could you bring P.M.'s. letters as
one of the documents when you next speak?
I have rather forgotten the circumstances.

lv of 79 seems to give some discretion in
case of receipt of batches like this i.e. when
to treat them as ordinary letters or send them
through the post but 64 (c) seems a bit more
definite on that.

29/3/61 94

207. means. We refer to a previous attempt to
apply the S.I.S. instructions strictly which resulted in a halt
to the philately - Can you get to file 2 on 64/61.

HCS

95

1 in 24/46 and refer.

DLR
5.4.61

ACS.

96.

1 in 24/46 is not what we are looking for. What is required is the representations said to have been made by the British Philatelic Assn. which it is thought led up to relaxation in the handling of philatelic mail. Could a thorough search be made for this, pl.

Q
14.4.61.

Sfe

97

Will you pl. cause a further search to be made.

J 17.4.61

ACS.

98

Regret above cannot be traced, but please see F. 48 in 179/36 and F. 5 in 70/29. Both files attached.

inf. 18/4/61.

99

SP7. Hfg information. As regards not cancelling stamps we cannot take this has been altered ~~at all~~ (consider in new volumes) as we now do cancel envelopes. It seems to me that we must take it that 63 is intended by 71 as the instructions which I would intend to read.

(a). Empty stamped envelopes need to be returned with unused stamps should be used for returning unused stamps since the public are entitled to order stamps from a Post Office

(u) Color Picture postcards advertising a country

can be sent to a postman in his hands
 with a request that he should post them
 since ~~the~~ the object of the exercise is
 to examine with frequency - or at any rate
 (c) we wish to have a philatelic
 service performed.

(c) - If a person puts an ^{envelope} stamped
 addressed envelope in his post or
 hands it in at the counter in the
 ordinary way - it is dealt with in
 the ordinary way like any other postal article
 since there is no case against putting envelopes.

(d) Batches of envelopes sent to the Postman
 with a request that he should post them should not
 be posted because it is required that this should
 be definitely to perform by the Postman of
 a philatelic service.

I should think that in the absence of any
 message to date we must accept this unless we
 address SPS again for further clarification

8/23/61

Y. E.

Please see 87. I have gone into this with S.P.T. and there has been a good deal of correspondence in various files. I think we must on the whole be guided by 63. The difficult point is 6 of 64. S.P.T. also agrees that we should adopt this procedure in the case of dealers who send large quantities of such stamped envelopes. (Such dealers could, however, send them to a friend or agent here who would be able to post them). S.P.T. however, suggested that there is no need to apply this in its full vigour and that in the case of quantities of not more than 12 envelopes which could be assumed to be from private collectors and not professional dealers there would be no harm in the Postmaster franking them. Sometimes single envelopes are received from school children with a request to post them back and it seems unnecessarily churlish to go to a great deal of extra trouble to send them back 'unserviced' when it would have been much easier to have granted the innocent request. It will be seen from the 1st paragraph of the circular that the circular is worded as a 'suggestion'.

Mr. Luxton obviously acted in good faith and this was done some years ago - the stamps have been awaiting the establishment of Base E. But if we accept the above we must regard this action as incorrect and not to be repeated. The stamps may be returned to Mr. Luxton.

o

26. 5. 61

28

RHDM/MJ

H. C. S.

I do not think we need follow 63 too closely. As far as the Colony is concerned, the importance of good sales of postage stamps to our revenue is the main consideration, and I favour the Post Office giving all possible assistance to dealers, and private individuals. Although most revenue from a new issue comes from mint stamps, sales of franked stamps are undoubtedly increased if the Post Office here has the reputation of dealing with requests promptly and putting post marks on clearly. It does mean, particularly at the time of a new issue, increased work for the staff, but the results justify it.

2. The problem is not so easy for the bases. It is a fact that when our ships arrive there is a very great deal of work to be done, and there is not the time for large numbers of envelopes to be properly franked. At the sametime, the Dependencies need the revenue from stamps, and as the S.P.T. points out, the various bases are recognised as post offices. We also should not overlook the publicity value that we receive from stamps franked at our bases.

3. We need to have a policy on this, for if all requests from dealers were to be turned-down, it would not be very difficult for them to get in touch with individual base members and offer them a commission for looking after orders. I think this would be undesirable. We also cannot have one base leader returning covers, and another handling them. The Northern bases would probably present less of a problem, for they receive several calls from one or other of the ships during the course of the season. Bases further South, particularly Halley Bay, which receives but one call during the year when everybody has to work flat out, would be unable to deal with piles of philatelic mail. In the latter case, it could be dealt with during the course of the winter, and I should think it would be possible to ensure that the franked letters would not go astray before the ship calls the next season.

4. Mr. Green did not mention this matter to me before he left, and he will only be returning shortly before the first ship next year. We must have our policy clear, otherwise there will be confusion. The instructions to base post offices at 78 to 86 of this file seem pretty clear, but it might help if the S.P.T. were to speak to Mr. Clapp about this, for the latter has no doubt had recent personal experience of the problem.

RA

29th May 1961

S FT

could you discuss with Mr Clapp re this again

30/5/61

104

Mr. Blapp

Dolios 87-102.

Perhaps you would drop in & discuss
the next time you are in the 'city centre'

105.



S.P.T.

30.5.61

Mr. Blapp

We discussed & you promised to
record the result.



1.6.61

NSI: Record of result of discussion at f. 106.

This file was
received
this morning
from FIDS office
- but there was
no 'record'

ask him
for it. pl

by 7.6.61
for 'record'

2nd June,

The Superintendent of Posts
and Telegraphs

The Secretary, F.I.D.S.

I agree wholeheartedly that we should evolve a policy to prevent instances like this again, but I would stress that the Leader concerned did act in accordance with instructions per book. During the 'open' season down South all base members are extremely busy and I oppose the responsibility being definitely shifted on to someone else. The Base Leader has that option anyway under the opening paragraphs of General Instructions for Base Post Offices.

The receipt of large packets of philatelic mail by bases has been going on for a long time and is definitely a time-taking problem for the Deputy Post Master. I recommend that we should give the Deputy Postmaster a path out of the problem by recognising the possibility of all philatelic mail being dealt with during the winter. This should give the Deputy Postmaster a chance to clear philatelic mail at his (and F.I.D.S.) convenience. What I do also suggest is that you should despatch a circular to the philatelic organisations concerned explaining that there will be a delay due to the limited postal facilities at bases.

I submit the following amendment to 78(iv):

"IF A REQUEST IS RECEIVED TO CANCEL STAMPS FIXED TO LETTERS OR PACKAGES AND TO RETURN THEM AS A BATCH, PERMISSION IS GIVEN FOR THE DEPUTY POSTMASTER TO DEAL WITH THEM AT HIS CONVENIENCE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. THEY ARE NOT TO BE RETURNED AS A BATCH BUT POSTED IN THE NORMAL MANNER. IF A BATCH OF ENVELOPES IS RECEIVED AND IS NOT PROPERLY ADDRESSED OR GUMMED DOWN, THEN THE DEPUTY POSTMASTER IS TO RETURN THEM UNDER OFFICAL COVER TO THE COLONIAL POSTMASTER, PORT STANLEY, DRAWING ATTENTION TO THIS PARAGRAPH."

This, I am sure, will give the Deputy Postmasters the leeway they require and will alleviate some of the burden from a conscientious D.P.

I would like you to give some consideration to Mr. Green's suggestions in the past paragraph of 87. It would certainly be beneficial if a routine like this could be carried out.

With regard to the remittances problem, if the post office here do handle accounts already, could not permission be obtained from the Accountant General to handle the remittances this end on behalf of the bases? It would, of course, only apply to that mail addressed to the Postmaster of a base which would obviously be philatelic matter.

EJC/HDC

107

SP7

5
9/6/61

I discussed this with the S.P.T. 63 with the modification mentioned in my minute on 101 is practised in the Colony, and causes no hardship since philatelists can get agents to post the letters for them. It is, however, necessary to be more liberal in the Bases so as to encourage philatelists to buy our stamps.

With regard to Secfids suggestion at 106, the following comments are made:

- 1) The S.P.T. thinks that the time that would actually be taken in cancelling stamps is very little, and suggests that in most cases it might be almost easier to get them finished and away in the summer.
- 2) You do not always have to gum-down envelopes. I presume that it would be sufficient if we said "Properly addressed or stamped".
- 3) They should not be returned to the Colonial Postmaster, but to the sender. Although the Postmaster did send the batch about which this correspondence arose, it is agreed that normally he should not play any personal part in the proceedings. I wonder whether the following amendment would be considered satisfactory by Secfids:

"If a batch of letters or packages is received with a request to cancel the stamps, and if it is not possible to deal with them at the time without legitimate work suffering, permission is given etc."

For "gummed-down" read "stamped", and delete all the words after "official cover"

109

Secfids Do not agree²
J 13/7/61

11th July 1961

110

I agree to the amendment and suggested the last sentence be clarified to read:-
"Then the Deputy Postmaster is to return them under official cover to the sender"

I must still disagree that the time factor involved is "very little"

E. Bluff
14.7.61

111
Secfids
Please amend accordingly
J 14/7/61
So amended
E.P.
20.7.61

- (i) In my opinion the Base Leader concerned acted contrary to instructions contained in E.1. Para 2 (iv) - Now 78(iv) - Instructions for Base Post Offices.
- (ii) I do not consider Deputy Postmasters should be given 'a path out of the problem'. Surely the duties of a Post Office should be to deal quickly and efficiently with all mail - private and philatelic. If these duties cannot be performed by the base staff, consideration should then be given to withdrawing the Post Office from the Base concerned. If Post Offices are to be maintained in the bases they must be prepared to accept and handle philatelic mail. In a normal Post Office such mail would be passed over the P.O counter or posted in the Posting Box. These facilities do not exist in the bases. Even if they did they would not be available to the private collector. In the circumstances I feel such mail should be sent to the Deputy Postmaster, E.1.(iv) was obviously meant to cater for such requests.
- (iii) Re amendment to 78(iv): I whole-heartedly agree that covers should not be returned in a 'batch'. Covers cannot however, be returned unfranked, simply because they are not gummed down.
- (iv) and (v) An emphatic NO to dealing with remittances and philatelic mail in Port Stanley.

J.Hunt
Postmaster.
27.vi.61.

MEMORANDUM.

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

2nd June, 19 61

The Superintendent of Posts
and Telegraphs

The Secretary, F.I.D.S.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

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Suggestion that philatelic mail be dealt with in Stanley & merely sent South for forwarding

E. P. Hill

EJC/HDC

P.M.

I should be grateful for your comments

21/6/61

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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29.7.61

To
STAT
OIS ALL BASES

4/416B FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO E 2 1v IS TO BE INSERTED IN ADMINISTRATIONS HANDBOOK
QUOTE IF A BATCH OF LETTERS OR PACKAGES IS RECEIVED WITH A REQUEST TO CANCEL THE
STAMPS AND IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH THEM AT THE TIME WITHOUT LEGITIMATE
WORK SUFFERING PERMISSION IS GIVEN FOR THE DEPUTY POSTMASTER TO DEAL WITH THEM AT HIS
CONVENIENCE DURING THE WINTER MONTHS STOP THEY ARE NOT TO BE RETURNED AS A BATCH
BUT POSTED IN THE NORMAL MANNER STOP IF A BATCH OF ENVELOPES IS RECEIVED AND IS NOT
PROPERLY ADDRESSED OR STAMPED THEN THE DEPUTY POSTMASTER IS TO RETURN THEM UNDER
OFFICIAL COVER TO THE SENDER UNQUOTE

SECFIDS

SRT 110
to note pl.
[Signature]
21.7.61

NES 111
[Signature] Thank you
112

Time

Stamp returned
to P. M.
27.7.61
24.7.61
27.7

No. 87/257

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



MEMORANDUM.

10th April, 1962.

The Honourable Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

The Secretary, British Antarctic Survey,
Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Philatelic Mail.

Please refer to my memorandum 87/156 dated the 22nd March, 1961, which is filed at 87 in C.S.O. file 0447.

During my recent tour of the Dependencies I was once again shown a box of stamped envelopes addressed to Mr. Luxton. It looked very like the box I brought back last year. It had been given to an officer of the "John Biscoe" with a request that he should arrange to have the envelopes franked at one of the Bases.

Without hesitation, I instructed him to return the box to Mr. Luxton and it was sent up on the "Shackleton".

I had not then seen the correspondence 87 - 109 on 0447 but I still consider it wrong for a Government official to act as a philatelist's agent, especially when the nature of his work places him in a privileged position in this respect (CR 48 refers).

This is the story about the box of covers which I enclose for return to Mr. Luxton.

Safe
[initials]

BUF

[Signature]

3

114

S.P.T.,

First may I know the facts and also have your comments?

(Intld.) DM

H.C.S.,

115.

16.4.62.

I thought this business had been cleared up.

As the envelopes in question have been floating around for over four years and on the strength of correspondence culminating with folio 109 in this file, I gave Mr. Luxton the permission which he sought to send the covers back south for cancellation - on the express understanding that in future he was not to be involved in anything which might appear on the surface to be an agency. There is of course no objection to an officer making a private stamp collection and the fact that the envelopes were addressed to Mr. Luxton in person is not sufficient evidence to accuse him of running an agency, even though the number (540 envelopes) might suggest this.

In the circumstances I see no objection to the covers being serviced.

18.4.62.

Per note to reach us here

On S of S - on rep

matters.

8/24/62.

116

H.C.S.,

File 1212/II attached, pl. Section 13 (pages 17-20) refers.

27.4.62.

119.

Please also consider in this volume in connection
w/2 Sec BAS what it is best thing to do
w/2 his box of stambs who

8/10/5/62.

120

Spoken. The point is that Mr L.
did his service before as a friend &
not as Postmaster. He will not perform
such service again. SPT will give
up. ~~also~~ w/2 Sec BAS about the volume
box of stambs

F.

8/23/5/62

Pa.

Y.E.

Please see minutes at 101 and 102.

This was later on gone into by Acting Secretary B.A.S., S/P.T. and me and we agreed on the amendment to the Order and this was made at 109.

The original Order is at 79 (iv).

Since then a new factor has arisen which would furnish an additional argument in favour of the amendment.

File with ME

In my minute at 101 I was worried by the instructions at paragraph 6 of 64 but since then these instructions have all been superseded by section 13 of 17 in 1212/II. There is now no inherent objection to performing the services required but of course it would still be in order for B.A.S. to decline to perform them on the grounds that it took up too much time. I got the impression however that this objection would not hold good if they kept them till the winter.

It is bad luck that permanent Secretary B.A.S. had to make a decision while at the bases without having seen the papers or having any opportunity of seeing them. It is also perhaps unfortunate that, a general Order on the principles to be observed having been made in consultation with B.A.S. we did not actually tell him of the action being taken with regard to this particular box.

No blame attaches to Mr. Luxton for sending the box South the second time as he had permission of S/P.T.

May I suggest that Y.E.

1. Approves the Order made at 109.
2. Endorses the action of S.P.T. in
 - (a) Ordering the Postmaster not to be involved himself in anything appearing to be an agency. I think if this is accepted we can specify in a little more detail what he can and cannot do (S/P.T. and I could work this out).
 - (b) Giving the Postmaster permission to send these particular covers back for cancellation again.

Having settled these principles S/P.T. and Secretary B.A.S. and I could probably work out between us what is the best thing to do with this particular boxful. (I believe the man who sent them died long ago).

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vide 2(a) above. We might consider giving
to Postmaster specific instructions as to what he
can & what he cannot do. Possibly he would have
known what sort of permits applied on which
a ruling should be given