

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC

(S t a m p s)

C. S.

1946.

No. 24/46.

Manager, Estate L. Williams

SUBJECT.

1946.

23rd February

STAMPS FOR DEALERS

Previous Paper.

171/42

MINUTES.

1. Letter from Manager, Estate Louis Williams of 23.2.46

(2)

W.G.
I submit red (1) together with draft reply, pl.

3. Letter to Manager, Estate Louis Williams of 27.2.46

4. " from Maclean + Stapledon of 8.3.46.

(5)

Postmaster
Ref: red (4) para: 2. will you please say.

Hon. Col. Sec.
To date I have not received any orders from Mr Victor Knetchel, Buenos Aires for postage stamps. *M.P. 16/3/46*

7. Telegram to Maclean + Stapledon of 18.3.46

Subsequent Paper.

8. Circ. Savingsgram from S. of S. of 26.1.46

(9)

Col. Postmaster
to note red (8) pl. *Hon. Col. Sec.*
Seen, thank u

(10)

Letter from MacLean + Stapledon of 20. 4. 46. 11.

letter from J. Rees & Co, Plymouth, of 15. 3. 46 12.

" to " " " " 26. 4. 46 13. pa

" from Mastepole of 12. 4. 46. 14.

(15)

Col. Postmaster
to see red (14) pl.

Non. Col. Sec., (16) W.P.C.
28/5/46
Seen, thank you.

W.P.M. 30/5/46

circ.ogram from S. of S. of 10. 4. 46 17.

18

Postmaster

(17)

for your view pl

W.P.C.
5.6.46

Non. Col. Sec., (19)
I agree to the suggestion -
I noticed that the brown Agents have
already reserved 90,000 of our new
air-mail postage stamps to be supplied
to this Bureau.

W.P.M. 12/6/46

Savingram No. 27 to S. of S. of 29. 6. 46 20.

(21)

Col. Postmaster

to note red (21) pl.

Non. Col. Sec., (22)

W.P.C.
1/7/46

Noted, thank you.

W.P.M. 1/7/46

W.P.C.

23. Letter from E. G. Rowe, Esq. of 17.9.46.

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Act.

Re. let ~~the~~ P.M. see (17) - (20)

2. He will also wish to see (23). But he cannot deal with x in (23A) till we get the M.P. back from him.

Act.

18. 5. 46

(25)

Ag. G.M.

as in (24) pt.

Act.
19/9/46

Hon. Sec. Sec.

Ref red (17) para 3

As there are about 450,000 of ^{each} 5^s denomination expected by this Friday, I don't think we will need to worry, as they are only to be an issue until stocks run out, or the 31st Dec. 1946. We have to give the Crown Agents, either one or two weeks notice before we can put the Victory stamps on sale.

Ref red (23a)

It is very good of Mr. Rowe to take the trouble to draft 'Random Notes' for the P.O., but I think the draft that H. E. drew up in the previous M.P. (which I returned this morning) covers everything.

Ag. P.M.
19/9/46

27

Act.

P.M. shd. see that (17) §3 refers to

all issues & not only to the "History"
stamps.

2. Re. Mark to Rowe. See his
last instructions on the general lines
discussed on 17.9.46 with him.
The Acts. P.M. are being issued.
That a copy will be sent to
him: that they appear to cover
the points dealt with in his
letter 'A Star'.

A.B.
19.9.46

Letter to E. G. Rowe, Esq.

of

21. 9.46

28.

Ag. P.M. (29)
to note para. 1 of (27) pl.

Hon. Col. Sec. (30) *A.B.*
22.9.46.

Noted, thank you.

A.B. 23/9/46.

P.O. 24/9.

Letter from Crown Agents of 8. 8. 46. 31.
(32)

Ag. P.M. For your observations on red (31) pl.

Hon. Col. Sec. (33)

A.B.
22/10/46.

Ref red (30 & 30.a.) These 10 registered letters
have been received by this P.O. & the orders for stamps
in each were executed & despatched. These have been
included in the list of missing articles, as we had
received a claim from the sender. An advice of
Delivery was despatched by last mail to Mr. Dalby.

A.B. Ag. P.M.
23/10/46.

Ag. Postmaster (34)

Will you please inform Mr. Dalby that enquiries re: missing R.L's are at present proceeding and that a further communication will be addressed to him in due course. In writing to Mr. Dalby you should refer to red 30^a.

P.H. Jones
23.10.46

Hon. Col. Sec. (35)

I have written to Mr Dalby & informed him the position re missing registered letters.

Ag. P.M.
24/10/46

B.V.
15.11.47
17.11
36

~~26/10/46~~

Letter from Colonial Office of 19.3.46.

(37)

Ag. P.M.

Red (36) for your observations, pl.

P.H. Jones
11/11/46

Hon. Col. Sec. (38)

Ref red (36). The 39 covers were despatched to Mr Sadler from this P.O. in one packet on the 18th July, 1946, under registered cover No 308.

Ag. P.M.
12/11/46

39
Postmarked?
ABE
18.11.46

Ag. P.M. (40)

W.r. to y. (38) were the covers postmarked?

Hon. Col. Sec. (41)

The 39 covers were postmarked at South Georgia sent on here with the S.G. mail to be despatched to U.K. *Ag. P.M.* 19/11/46

P.H. Jones
18.11.46

D. O. letter to Juxon Barton, Esq. of 21. 11. 46.

42.
Bill 15/2/47
at Mary 11/11
35-36

43

P.M.

(35)

I think you shd. note this with the
claims as the D. cannot lodge a
further claim by 31. 3. 47.

A.B.L.
2.4.3.47

(44)

Hon. Col. Sec.

(35) has been noted & will be included
with other claims.

[Signature] 17/3/47

Telegram from Brown Agents of 26. 2. 47.
(copy to Ag Postmaster fi
copy to Asst. Treasurer fi on)

B.V.
30/4
A.B.L.
2/3
45
Bill.
30/4/47
20/3
46
PA
A.B.L.
30-4
47
48

Memo. from Ag. Postmaster of 22. 2. 47

Letter from Mr. A Newing to Dr. Slessor of 27. 4. 47

Memo. from Ag. Postmaster of 5. 5. 47

49

J.E.

(46) was repud in J.E.'s absence or how
because such was (in the absence of

any (the insurance) was at owner's risk. They had been sent to Deception for posting back to Stanley. They were destroyed in the fire.

2. As to (48) - we shd. also 'request' Mr. Newing could not be sure to the Dependence. He might have registered them, but did not. He may presume that they were destroyed in the fire but there is no definite evidence. But again they were at owner's risk.

3. So much for the principle. The practice is interesting. Then gentlemen expect the sub-P.M. at Deception to post such mail back to them for philatelic purposes with stamps shown cancellation values then approximately 200% - 500% (I am told). But to bear the loss if their stock is lost. They cannot bear it the way, we shd. (as J.E. has mentioned) try to see if they ^{can} bear it or see.

Yes

CS.

Refuse flatly.

2 It simply means that Cust. Officials (and *A. B. L.*)

FID's employees are Cust. officials) are being shamelessly *6.5.47*

used to put money into the pockets of professional philatelists.

To quote a distinguished Statesman "I won't 'ave it." *MC 6/v*

P.M.

(4) 'Regret'

A.B.L.
6.5

(51)

Hon. Col. Lee

I have written to Mr. Howing & informed him with regrets that compensation cannot be paid.

W. J. L. M.
8/5/47.

PA
A.B.L.
2.5

- Telegram No. 161 from Secretary of State of 10. 5. 47. 52.
- Telegram to Major Butler Base E of 14. 5. 47 53.
- Telegram from Major Butler Base E of 18. 5. 47 54.

KE

(54) with (53) - diff for comm. Lt. Major Butler shd. also report a class of which A.B.L. uses by F.I.D.S. ? 19.5

KE

I submit of 5 of (3a) in 5/1/46 Lt. is all I can find about instructions regarding stamps & cancellations. I do not remember x in (52).

2. I have re-drafted the telegram for further
consideration. Please see especially § 5. The
only F.I. stamps valid in the Depend-
encies are the normal issue of ^{1/3} ~~2/6~~ over.

3. § 4 of the Draft. G.E. speaks
about this: A notice G.E. meant the
instructions mentioned. But I also had
in mind the P.O. Notice of which I
attach a copy, which was issued before
G.E.'s arrival & telegraphed to Com:
Brigham in Sept. 1946.

ABE
20/5

A further thought -

I presume Baker has asked Choque,
who was at 'C' before Robin? Should
we verify before sending the telegram.

CS.

Yes please.

Hold pending reply.

MO 20/V

Note.

P.M. reports that Dependencies Peace
stamp was sent to

A B E F	~	31.12.46	by 'Fussery'
C D	-	10.1.47	by 'Fitzroy'

Telegram to Butler from H.E of 21. 5. 47. 57.

for
29/5/47
A.B.L.

Telegram from Major Butler Base E to H.E the Governor of 26.5.47 58.

59

H.E

(58) with (57).

Now issue item?

A.B.L.
27.5

60

Extracted to 0245
F.I.D.S. (Cancellation of
stamps).

There has been some slack work somewhere and must
M.C. 27/V button up firmly before next session. The
principal offender was Captain Burden.

Telegram No. 294 to Secretary of State of 29. 5. 47. 61.

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Extracted to
0245 F.I.D.S.
(Cancellation of
stamps)

Re. put up pb. about cancellation of stamps
together with notes from to Com: Burden by
S/S to F.I.D.S. personnel by Governor.

A.B.L.
30.5

0160 below pl?

Letter from S. Kaganson of 18. 3. 47. 63.

Conf. Des. No. 34 from D. of D. of 9. 6. 47. 64

" " " 35 " " " " 9. 6. 47. 65

" " " 36 " " " " 10. 6. 47. 66

Aq. P.M. 67.

A report on (66) wd. be appreciated

2. (64) & (65) of-1.

P.C.S.
197.

Hon. Col. Sec.

68a Herewith copy of letter which was sent to the Tatham Stamp & Coin Co. it is the only correspondence with that Co on file.

W. Ag. Sec. 21/7/47.

69. Memo from Ag. P/master of 16/7/47 to 90/45

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W.E.

(66) - 68 - sent S/S for crew.

Extracted to O.D.S. F.I.D.S. (Cancellation of stamps)

2. Action is being taken on 60 herein - 0160.

W.B. 24.7

70

W.C. 24/7/47

71 Savingsgram No. 52 to S. of S. of 24.7.47

71

60 I asked W. to look to put this up in - F.I.D.S. file?

W.B. 1.8

acs

72

60 extracted to 0245 (F.I.D.S. Cancellation of stamps) pl.

ATTACH Below attached 73.

Extracts made pl.

W.B. 6/9

W.B. 7/9

W.B. 7/9

W.B. 7.8 (Extracts)

P.M.

In reply to (74) re.

Abel

9.8

Hon. Col. Sec.

76

75- I regret to say that I am responsible for cancelling the sheets of Dependencies stamps referred to at (52) & (74a). The date stamp at South Shetlands had been destroyed in a fire at that Base and correspondence was at first being sent from there to this Post Office for cancellation as we had a cancelling date stamp of South Orkney & South Shetlands. The former was subsequently destroyed as it was not required in South Orkney. The latter was sent down to Deception.

2 I was under the impression that the Postmaster could cancel stamps if he wished, as had been done in the past. I cancelled the one lot only for the dealers concerned namely Mr. L. Gurney and Mr. R. Johnson, to whom I wrote some months ago & told them, I was not a stamp agent & I only done the Peace stamps for them as a favour, as they could not get an agent before the Peace stamps were withdrawn from issue, I would not do any more.

3 You have allowed me to say that you gave me permission to cancel Dependencies stamps with the South Shetland cancellation date stamp, then in my possession. But I must regret that I did not realize that this only applied to mail from South Shetland (until the cancellation stamp was sent down there) and was not intended to over ride para 1 of (48) in 179/36.

4 The covers which are enclosed addressed to Mr. K. Lelliman are genuine, the only fault being careless postmarking.

5 Our ink pads were very worn, but have now obtained new ones from the G.P.O. We are using pinkish ink which I think is impossible to remove from stamps which are obliterated.

Pat. H. P. M.
12/8/47.

H.E.

(74) - 76 with 52 - 61: *the envelope then.*

P.M. improperly cancelled a number of sheets of mint Dependencies stamps, relying upon permission which I gave him (para. 3 of 76) to cancel incoming mail from S. Shetlands with the (then) only date-stamp available prior to sending it on to destination in the usual manner. Some 3,000 were treated in this way and specimens are in a transparent envelope below. Y.E. will see that they are marked "S. Orkneys". There can be no justification for this, which flatly disregards para. 1 of (48) in 179/36. Mr. Ernestom says he did it (a) because it was common practice in the past and (b) because he thought it would bring in Revenue. But he admitted that he received 20% of the value of the transaction for his services. This contravenes C.R. 52 and is highly reprehensible.

Most Agree Nauseous mint!

2. As to (a) I can only say that it is highly improper: and as to (b), I can't follow the argument. The stamps had already been bought by London dealers & sent back to the Falkland Islands in sheets for cancellation.

3. The envelopes addressed to Mr. K. Lellman were cancelled at one or other of the Bases and sent up in big packets. P.M. did not "backstamp" them (as he technically ought to have done) but sent them on to Mr. L. in Stanley, without further ado. I can sympathise with this, because with literally thousands to deal with the P.O. staff would have been employed on a purely routine task in the ultimate interest of philatelists to the detriment of the public service.

By telegram Done, in -

4. B on (74 a) The 2 1/3 stamps are both genuinely post-marked but with different inks. Pl. see para. 5 of 76. The one looking smeared was done with an old pad. The instructions at 1 of C/12/45 have been seen by P.M. (and by me) for the first time: and we should at once indent for proper ink from the Crown Agents, both for Stanley and the Dependencies. Meanwhile, Stanley is using printers' ink and the Dependencies are using the ordinary mauve stamp pad, except S. Shetlands which is using a black ink sent down with the stamp from Stanley at the beginning of 1947.

Yes.

5. International Regulations are enclosed. I will see that they are brought to the notice of all concerned.

6. I have no particular sympathy with A on (74 c). It is obvious that if thousands of covers are to be cancelled in a hurry at the Bases they are unlikely to bear philatelically ideal cancellations.

7. It is likely that taking commissions from Stamp dealers is not confined to the P. Office but has been fairly widespread in the Service: which, however, is probably unaware of C.R. 52.

Which they shd. accy be reminded of. 7. Action at 82. Issue.

8. Inst ST for cover pc. he can then deal with Ernestom.

*Abh
19.9*

This is a serious lapse and is made no better by the fact that Mr. Ernestom failed to notify you of his activities when enquiries were being made earlier or after receipt of 52; he must have been well aware of the possibility, indeed probability, that the stamps in issue were there improperly cancelled by him. M.C. 19/11/11

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HE.

To In Services
to the: Erection I shd.
point out that (52) was
not referred to him. It
was referred to me
that the matter was
of local significance
in inquiries of the Bureau
et cetera.

ABL
21.8

I am glad to note this.

✓ MC 21/VIII

81

P.M.

(79) to see.

2. 77 to see. § 4 You are ordering the
note?

3. 77 § 5 In a. & Detach the Regs. It.
enclose a copy of your instruction, she will
include see 'Bans', in this file. with one
page.

4. I will deal with 77 § 7 on return.

ABL
22.8

Further
action in
0447

8 in 0447

See 82 pt.

Ans. then what?
ABL
21.8

82. Minute to all Heads of Departments of 6/9/47.

PA 83.
S.G.
12/9

Memo from H.S.M.O. of 10.9.47.

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Record

Auditor's memo at 67 in D/10/38.
regarding commission for sale of stamps.
(South Georgia)

W.H. 20/9.

85 Telegram No. 351 from S. of S of 1.10.47.

86

C.C.

(79) must have reached C.O.
by now? ASL
1.x

off. did (79)
go by air
what date?
no by
surface 24/8/47

87

ASL

(79) was despatched by surface mail
on the 24th Aug, 1947, pl.

2.x

88

ASL

R. issue being held.

2. Why did (79) go by surface mail?

3. S1 & 4 reference to further
action pl.

ASL
2.x

see 82 pl.

90.

W.S.

Para 2 of (88)

(79) was not deliberately sent by surface - the only explanation I can offer is that when mail was been prepared (79) was erroneously sorted, etc.

S.
3. x.

PA W.S.
3/14

Despatch No. 58 from S of S. of 2. 10. 47. 91

92.

A. P.M.

(91) fip
1/11

Hon. Col. Sec.

93.

Seen. Thank you.

W.S. 3/11/47

Saving Tel No 85 from S. of S. of 14/10/47. 94.

Despatch No 62 from S. of S. of 21. 10. 47. 95.

~~Saving Tel. No 89 from S. of S. of 22. 10. 47. 96. Jo 0447~~

97 96

P.M.

Re. bring (94) 31 to the notice of concerned.

2. (95) for report re

W.S.
8.11

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Hon. Col. Sec.

Paragraph 1 of (94) will be brought to the notice of all concerned.

9. (95) In Feb'y 1947 we received an order dated 15/1/47 from Bridger & Kay, Ltd., 86 Strand, London, for 84 F.I. Deps 6^d stamps (and not 2 sheets as stated on 95b.) with Postal Orders to the value of £2-2-0 to cover cost.

As we had a very small stock of the 6^d denomination and no complete sheet we had to make this order up from the loose stock. (we still have 7 only of the 6^d denomination in stock) otherwise they would have had to wait until our fresh stock arrives, probably this month.

[Signature]
10/11/47

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YE.

(95) (97)

No reply is required. But I would do that if dealers don't like what they get they can write to the C.A.A.

Agree.

99

[Signature]
10/11/47

X as (95b) is gratuitously offensive and no further stamps should be supplied to this dealer in any circumstances whatever. Postmaster to note. MC. 11/xi

100 ON O.S.O.

P.M.

Re. no. 99.

ABE
11/21

Hon. Col. Sec. ^{101.}

99 Noted. Thank you.

ABE 12/11/47.
Ag. Km.

PA ABE
12/11

C L O S E D

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.

24/46

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE
TO THE MANAGER

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS.

Estbl'd 1863.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

RADIO ADDRESS
"WILLIAMS"
CODES USED:
BENTLEYS
A.B.C. 5TH ED.
A 1.



23rd February 1946

Sir,

Re DEPENDENCIES STAMPS (Postmarking
of same for Philatelic dealers.)

At the commencement of this letter we wish to say that we are not Stamp Dealers. But we have been requested at various times to act as agents for Stamp Dealers in U.K. and elsewhere; however in order to keep this agency business quite apart from our main business all dealings in stamps are done either by or in the name of Mrs. Louis Williams' sister, Miss Grace Bossingham - all commissions earned are turn over to her, and same figure in her Income Tax returns.

Most of the stamps which pass through this office are dealt in for account of Mr. C. Conlin of London (who is associated with Miss W. Yeomans) and from the figures he has quoted himself to us they have already dealt in Falkland Islands stamps to the tune of over £5,000.-, a sum of money which has engrossed the Revenue Account of this Colony.

X | Mr. C. Conlin (and others) have, of course, taken a considerable interest in the DEPENDENCIES Stamps, and about £708.- worth of various 'overprinted' Dependencies stamps were purchased by us during 1944 and 1945, sent down to the Deputy Postmasters for 'postmarking'. We consulted the Postmaster in Port Stanley as to how these could be arranged and made certain at the time that everything was being done by us in such a manner as no objection would be raised.

Once that transaction was out of the way Mr. C. Conlin then wrote to us under date of 20th Oct. 1945 as follows:-

"I note from your cable... when the next mails
" to/from Dependencies are to be is uncertain.
" When you have the information will you please
" do the needful with say £60.- each
" Dependency. "

In consequence we bought
Grahamland Stamps 256.12. 6 worth
South Shetlands 56.12. 6 "
South Orkneys 56.12. 6 "
and prepared them in the same way as in the 1944/5 transaction, and sent to the Deputy Postmasters for 'postmarking'.

The stamps corresponding to Grahamland have been returned to us postmarked.

Those of the 2 other Dependencies have been returned to us without postmarking, and from various enquires made we understand that directives have been

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given (on the 2nd February 1946 as far as we can make out) restricting the postmarking of stamps in the Dependencies to legitimate postal packets passed through those Post Office.

We have no quarrel with that directive. As already stated we are not Stamp Dealers and we do not care whether any stamp agency business passes through this office or not - in the future.

But we do think that it can be called somewhat unfair that business already arranged for, and arranged on a perfectly legitimate basis, should be suddenly stymied due to the application of the new directives.

Furthermore it is not only those two lots of South Shetlands and South Orkneys stamps that have already been returned to us without postmarking that are affected, but a considerable greater quantity of identical stamps which were bought in by us just before the new issue was put on sale, acting on cabled or other instructions received from Stamp Dealers, stamps which we had every reason to believe would be duly postmarked when sent in the original manner (1944/5 style) to the Deputy Postmasters.

We attach a Schedule setting out in full detail the whole of amount involved.

And we should like this matter to have the most careful and sympathetic consideration.

We have acted for these Stamp Dealers in U.K. not only to help them in their legitimate business as stamp dealers in U.K. where their status and importance is fully recognised, but also as we always understood that it was the policy of the Colonial Government to foment the selling of stamps, both in mint and in postmarked condition, as it helped to provide Revenue for the Colony.

We wish particularly to underline those words "the policy of the Colonial Government". It is not a policy postulated by us. We have every reason to believe ourselves that the revenue provided from other sources is sufficient to maintain an adequate and relatively well-paid Administration in the Colony.

The Revenue from the Post Office in various years when stamps did not weigh to the extent that they have done lately, can be quoted as follows:-

1928	£ 2233
1940	£ 1384

and we are certain that in those years, and in many others where the Post Office Revenue was more or less on that basis, the Administration was not only adequately provided with funds, but the Colony even had certain surpluses.

been

However, it having/the settled and known policy of the Colonial Government to encourage the sale of stamps, and to give dealers facilities to get stamps Nicely Postmarked purely for philatelic purposes, it comes rather as a shock to find that this policy is to be reversed, and that as far as the Dependencies are

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concerned only legitimately used stamps for letters or packages passing through those Dependencies' Post Offices, are to be postmarked in future.

But what about the various lots of stamps already bought and paid for. Legitimately bought and legitimately dealt in on the basis of what was being done quite legitimately until the 2nd February 1946 ?

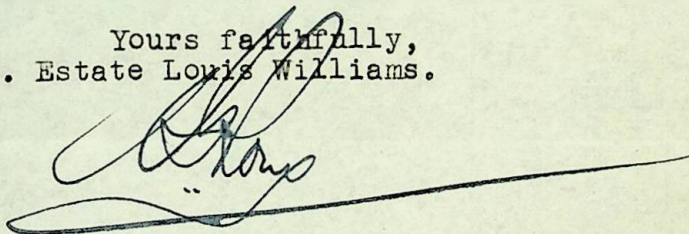
We stress that word 'legitimately' as we know that various efforts have made to get irregular things done. Such as mixing up stamps of various Dependencies on the same envelope in the hope that they would not be noticed, and thus get a Grahamland stamps cancelled with a S.Orkneys postmark :

That is the sort of sharp practice that we consider should be severely repressed.

But we do think that 'oveprinted' stamps of all the Dependencies which have been bought by us (and possibly by others) prior to the withdrawal of that issue from sale, and which were bought by us under genuines~~ly~~ written or cabled orders from dealers in U.K., should be granted the same 'postmarking' facilities as they would have enjoyed if those quantities of stamps had been dealt with during the 1944/1945 season.

We sincerely hope that means may be found to avoid the owners of those Dependencies 'overprints' being given cause for a genuine grievance due to the sudden change, and awaiting your kind news on the subject, so as to inform our principals accordingly by first mail, we remain,

Yours faithfully,
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Assistant Colonial Secretary

STANLEY

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Ack. by J. L. 25.2.46

(1)

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Enclosure to letter addressed to the Assistant Colonial Secretary.

----- Stanley 23rd February 1946 -----

SCHEDULE of DEPENDENCIES' 'overprinted' stamps bought by
Estate Louis Williams per dealers' instructions, prior to
1st February 1946 -----

<u>INSTRUCTIONS</u>	<u>Purchases on Hand.</u>
<u>a / c of Mr. C. Conlin, London.</u>	
<u>Per his letter dated 20th Oct. 1945</u>	S.Orkneys £56.12. 6
"... say £60.- each Dependency	S.Shetlands 56.12. 6
with additional sheets of 9d and	
1/- of South Georgia"	
(Note.	
9d and 1/- South Georgia refers to	S.Georgia
8 sheets of each value which could not	8 sheets ea.
be sent him in the 1944/45 season as	9d and 1/-
those values were temporarily out of	£42.---
stocks in Stanley when we dealt with	
his original order.)	
<u>Per his cable of 23rd Jan. 1946</u>	S.Georgia
"Please repeat last Georgia order	10 sheets
also 600 each fourpence and ninepence..."	each 4d.
	and 9d. £32.10.
Total pending a/c Mr. Conlin	£ <u>187.15.</u>

<u>a/c Mr. W. J. Foster of London</u>	
<u>Cable received from Hambros Bank Ltd.</u>	200 complete
<u>dated 24th Jan. 1946</u>	sets at 12/6d each
"Crediting you today £140 order Fosters	£ 125.---
with message: Falkland surcharges	Less 'mint' 25.---
ship all four sets, must be complete	£ <u>100.---</u>
Twentyfive pounds mint, hundred	
pounds used on covers. "	

<u>a/c Mr. C. Hansen of Croydon</u>	100 complete
<u>Cable received 11th Jan. 1946</u>	sets at 12, 3d each
"Please send one hundred sets Dependencies	
used -- cash seventy five pounds Miss	£ 62.10.
Bossingham"	

Total value of Dependencies 'overprints' thus
held for account of these Stamp Dealers and which were bought
in before it was known that 'postmarking' was to be
restricted, is therefore:- £350. 5.--

P.S. Merely as a matter of interest we attach a further
schedule giving details of further orders that
have come in since 1st February last, and which
we are not attempting to execute until such
time as we informed that stamp dealing may
revert to its former free style.

(1a)

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

Enclosure to Col. Sec. 23.2.46

List of orders for stamps which have been received
by Estate Louis Williams after the 1st February 1946

From Mr. C. Conlin, his cable of 14th Feb.

"Ery arrange 800 sets new Dependencies
stamps used, in most convenient Dependency....

This would amount to 800 x 3/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d = £ 125.---.---

We have replied:-

"New Dependencies quite impossible
Position fully explained letters transiting"

From Mr. W. J. Foster - London - cable of 14th Feb.

"Can you secure all value mint new Dependencies
vertical strips stamps 3 and 4. Stop.
Nine and ten, all joined in pairs.
Face value fifty pounds sterling. Reply paid
urgent" = £ 50.---.---

We have replied:- "Regret impossible"

Letter dated London 2nd Jan. 1946

Says wants new Dependencies stamps, and has
paid Bankers £100.-- = £ 100.---.---

From Mr. J. Reese, Plymouth

His letter of 3rd Jan. says:-

"... endeavour to purchase for me up to
200 complete used sets of the Dependencies = £ 125.---.---

.....
There is a new issue for the Depen-
dencies on the board and here again is it
possible to ask you to secure 500 first day
covers, as many as possible = £ 78. 2. 6

His letter of 12th Jan. says:-

" of the Dependencies used, send me a
further 100 sets
(Say 100 at 12/6d each) = £ 62.10.---

"... I expect you are aware of the fact a new
issue is pending.. will you please arrange
to send me 1000 face value 3/1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d used.

We assume he means 500 more in view of
his former letter, so say = £ 78. 2. 6

Total value of orders which cannot be entertained £ 618.15.---

24/46.

27th February,

46.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd of February, 1946, regarding the postmarking of Dependencies stamps, I am directed by His Excellency to inform you that the postmarking of stamps by a Post Office official is a departmental one, the cancellation of a prepaid receipt. No Post Office official is under any obligation to cancel stamps and therefore instructions to do so cannot be given.

2. The "directives" of the 2nd February referred to by you were issued on the strict instructions from the Secretary of State.

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

(Sgd.) L. W. ALDRIDGE

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
Estate Louis Williams,
STANLEY.

MACLEAN & STAPLEDON S.A.

CODES USED
A. I. A. B. C. 5TH EDITION
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BENTLEYS

CASILLA DE CORREO 193

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO

TELEPHONES: 86382
85042

MONTEVIDEO

(URUGUAY)

8th March, 1946

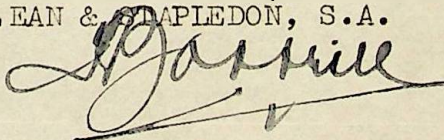
Sir:-

We beg to inform you that we have just received a letter from Mr. Victor Kneitchel, Buenos Aires, advising us that he was transferring funds to us through The National City Bank of New York here for payment of Falkland Islands stamps which he ordered direct from the Colonial Postmaster at yours.

We should be very much obliged if you will kindly advise us the value of the stamps which he is purchasing from the Colonial Post Office and will credit you with the amount in our next account current, as already it has been closed for this voyage.

We hope you will be able to forward the stamps to Mr. Kneitchel by the next voyage.

Yours faithfully,
MACLEAN & STAPLEDON, S.A.



Colonial Secretary,
BORT STANLEY.

HB/vD.



GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

RECEIVED. SENT

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed In at

Date

18. 3. 46.

To

MAGSTARLE MONTVIDEO

Recd 4

YOUR LETTER 8th MARCH STAMPS KNEITCHEL. NO ORDER YET
RECEIVED BY POSTMASTER.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Time

171/42 (8)

+ 24/46

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of

Circular Telegram Saving.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

26th January, 1946.

Rec 56 of
171/42

Reference circular telegram No. 1 of
1st January, 1946. Stamps.

Representations have recently been made to me that in certain cases the Crown Agents for the Colonies are believed to have continued the sale from their London stocks of British Colonial postage stamps after those stamps had ceased to be available at the post offices of the Colonial Dependencies concerned.

2. I am not aware of any specific cases, but I agree in principle that it is undesirable that the Crown Agents should either print or sell any stamps which have been withdrawn from sale in the Dependency concerned.

3. Arrangements already exist whereby the Crown Agents are notified in advance of the date on which any new issues of stamps will be made available to the public in the Colonial Dependencies, and I should be obliged if comparable arrangements could be made to advise them, preferably not less than one month beforehand, of the date upon which any obsolescent stamps will cease to be sold in the post offices so that the sale of those stamps in London may be discontinued as from the same date.

SECMR.



MACLEAN & STAPLEDON



CASILLA DE CORREO 193

CODES USED
WESTERN UNION
A. I. A. B. C. 5TH EDITION
SCOTT'S 10TH EDITION
BENTLEY'S

MONTEVIDEO

(URUGUAY)

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO

TELEPHONES: 86382
85042

20th March, 1946

Sir:-

Recd 7

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your wireless message dated the 18th inst., reading as follows:-

"YOUR LETTER 8TH MARCH STAMPS KNEITCHEL NO ORDER YET RECEIVED BY POSTMASTER. "

and in reply have to inform you that we are advising Mr. Kneitchel that the postmaster has not received his letter, although we are informed that same was being posted in Buenos Aires in time to catch the s.s. "Fitzroy" before leaving this port.

Yours faithfully,
MACLEAN & STAPLEDON, S.A.

Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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Members of
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Stamp Dealers' Association

18, YORK STREET, PLYMOUTH
ACJ/KS. 15th March 1946.

Assistant Colonial Secretary,
Fort Stanley,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Sir,

We have this day received from the Estate Louis Williams a copy of a letter addressed to you dated 23rd February 1946. The Agents of the Louis Estate as you will no doubt appreciate from their letter, have acted for us in the acquisition of used stamps of the current issues of the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies, and in good faith we sent them an order, a copy of which is already in your possession, approximating £600 sterling for various used stamps of the Falkland Dependencies, both the now obsolete issues and for the new issues, and on the assumption that these would come through in the normal course of events, we have committed ourselves to the extent of about £400 to fellow dealers who have placed orders with us for these stamps.

We are very urgently concerned as to the possibility of us being able to execute the various orders we have on hand, as we feel sure you will appreciate that having committed ourselves we are legally responsible for the supply of these stamps, and in our considered opinion it is grossly unfair to impose an embargo of the description which we understand is now in force, without first giving some warning of it's imposition.

The stamps we require are for Philatelic purposes only and may we add our support to the letter already referred to in the opening paragraph of this letter, in an endeavour to gain your approval and permission to have the orders, placed before the embargo was imposed, franked by the Postmasters concerned.

We should appreciate your early reply and reaction to the contents of this letter as at the moment, the position insofar as we are concerned is very embarrassing, as we are being constantly reminded of the fact that it is time we delivered to our customers the stamps in question.

(over)

/question.

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We may add that our Mr. Jordon is a member of the Council of the Stamp Dealers Association of Great Britain, and in view of the unfairness of this development we intend making the strongest representations possible to the proper quarters at Millbank, if we are involved in a legal action arising from our inability to supply customers with the used stamps of the Falkland Dependencies.

As we have already said, we appreciate that an embargo is in force now and can act accordingly, but we do feel that orders placed before this was in force should have been dealt with in the normal course of events.

Yours faithfully,

p.p. *J. Reese & Company*

K9

24/46.

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26th April, 46.

Gentlemen,

Red 12
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th of March in connection with the procurement of used Falkland Islands Dependencies Stamps and to suggest that you refer the matter to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in London.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) E. W. ALDRIDGE

for Colonial Secretary.

J. Reese & Co.,
18, York Street,
PLYMOUTH.

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CASILLA DE CORREO 193

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
MACSTAPLE MONTEVIDEO

TELEPHONES: 86382
85042

MONTEVIDEO

(URUGUAY)

April 12th, 1946

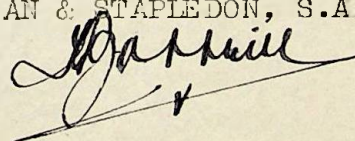
24/46

Sir:-

With reference to our letter of ^{Red 11.} the 20th ultimo, we now have to inform you that Mr. Victor Kneitschel advised us that his letter to the Colonial Postmaster was posted on the 7th March at 18.30 o'clock, which accounts for he not receiving it.

We now have pleasure in informing you that we have credited you with the sum of \$998.50 Uruguayan Currency, at the rate of \$7.125 per £, equivalent to £140.2.10, in our account current going forward per this "Fitzroy".

Yours faithfully,
MACLEAN & STAPLEDON, S.A.



Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS

HB/vD.





pp-ABC
22.1.

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.
TO THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT OF
CIRCULAR SAVING TELEGRAM **FALKLAND ISLANDS**
10th April, 1946.

17/42

Red 8: My circular saving telegram 26th January. Stamps.

The fluctuating and unpredictable demands of philatelic traders have rendered it impracticable for the Crown Agents for the Colonies to hold continuously stocks of all British Colonial postage stamps without occasionally having to order additional supplies at a time when the postal authorities concerned did not wish to receive any additions to their own stocks and war-time difficulties, which have not yet been wholly overcome, have for some time rendered it impossible to ensure that each successive printing of any one stamp shall be in all respects alike.

In consequence, it has been represented to me that it may sometimes happen that the whole of a particular printing of stamps, which may be different from other printings by the number of perforation holes or the shade of colour of its ink, is used to satisfy orders from dealers in this country without any precisely similar stamps having been placed on sale in the territory concerned, and that this creates among philatelists the suspicion that British Colonial postage stamps are being treated officially as an article of commerce.

It has also been represented to me that it would help to remove this suspicion, which may be harmful to the trade in British stamps, if whenever a new printing of a Colonial stamp is made, a proportion of the new printing were automatically sent by the Crown Agents to the territory concerned without waiting for a new demand. Although no distinction is recognised between individual printings of the same stamp in official transactions, it has been ascertained that the Crown Agents are able, without undue inconvenience, to make arrangements of this kind. The first consignments of stamps from each new printing would be clearly marked as such by the Crown Agents when they are dispatched and it would assist the purpose in view if in such cases stamps from the new printing could be placed on sale in post offices as soon after their receipt as can be conveniently arranged.

I shall be glad to learn whether you see any objection to this procedure in the case of the territory under your administration.

Reply at 20.

SECLR

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 29th June, 1946.

No. 27. SAVING.

Red 17.

Your Circular Saving Telegram of 10th April, 1946. Stamps.

I have no objection to the procedure suggested and the arrangements for sale of stamps locally will follow your third paragraph.

GOVERNOR.

WH.

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PERSONAL

17th Sept. 1946

Dear Mr. Mathews,

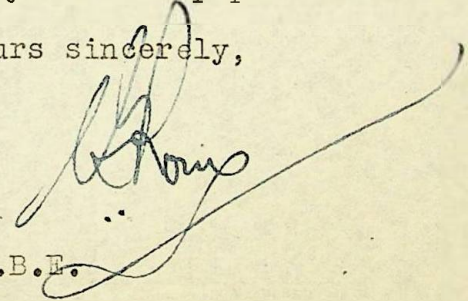
Reference to our conversation of this afternoon concerning 'stamps'.

Rec 23

I have ventured to draft some 'RANDOM NOTES' which are sent you enclosed.

They may or may not be of any use - but at any rate there is always a wastepaper basket handy.

Yours sincerely,



H. E. A. B. Mathews, O.B.E.

c/of Colonial Secretariat

Stanley.

Reply at 28

pb pl

*1 think X is covered by
S/S instructions*

*UPB
18/9*

*ml with
pm.*

Some Random Notes.

The functions of a Post Office are:-

- a) To sell postage stamps in current issue.
- b) To collect and distribute the mail, and cancel the postage stamps affixed to each package.

The post office cannot function as an Agent for Philatelic Dealers, nor for Collectors.

Functions under a) Comprise:-

- 1. Sale of postage stamps over the counter for cash.
- 2. Sale of postage stamps to anyone, whether dealer, collector, or any other category through the post, for cash on receipt of money order or other cash remittance.

Example:-

Mr. X.Y.Z. sends a letter from London to the Postmaster, Port Stanley, enclosing a Money Order for L.100.-- and requests that stamps to an equivalent value be posted back to him (either plain, registered, or insured). Postmaster can attend such an order and post the stamps back to London in mint condition, using the necessary quantity for defraying cost of postage, registration and or insurance.

The Postmaster cannot accept any instructions from anyone asking for stamps to be affixed to envelopes and cancelled and sent back, either through the ordinary mail or under covers.

Functions under b) Comprise:-

To receive all mail through the post office boxes or over the counter, whether for local delivery or for despatching inter-insular or foreign, and cancel the stamps affixed thereto.

If stamps affixed to packages are in excess of actual postal rates it rests with the discretion of the Postmaster whether stamps in excess of postal rates should occupy the clerks' time.

Example. A postal package can weigh less than one ounce and yet have one ONE POUND stamp affixed thereto which must be cancelled on passing through the office.

But a postal packet covered with 60 ONE PENNY stamps could also weigh under 1 ounce, and can, at the discretion of the Postmaster, be passed through the Postoffice and delivered made to addressee on cancellation of one ld. stamp only, leaving the other 59 stamps untouched.

The Postmaster cannot attend to letters (either from collectors or from dealers) enclosing envelopes already with stamps affixed thereto and which are destined to be passed through the post office and cancelled as ordinary mail. It is difficult to say what the best procedure would be to deal with such items (particularly as they seem to have built up into quite a volume of 'trade' in the past) but perhaps letter and enclosures should be packed into one of the stamped and addressed envelopes together with a slip reading:-

"Postmaster's Compliments

Enclosures returned officially as request is contrary to Geneva Convention."

no.
one stamp

x

21/46.

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21st September, 46.

Sir,

Red 23. I am directed by the Acting Governor to thank you for your personal letter of the 17th of September, 1946, and to inform you that instructions on the general lines of your discussion with His Excellency and the Acting Postmaster on the 17th of September are being issued; and that a copy will be sent to you in due course, from which you will observe that the points dealt with in your helpful "random notes" have been covered.

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I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) L. W. ALDRIDGE

for Colonial Secretary.

E. G. Rowe, Esq.,
STANLEY.

WH.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE
CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES.
THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE AND THE
DATE OF THIS LETTER BEING QUOTED.



4, MILLBANK,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

-8 AUG 1946

A/G/1175/1/18

TELEGRAMS { INLAND: "CROWN SOWEST LONDON."
OVERSEAS: "CROWN LONDON."
TELEPHONE: ABBEY 7730.

Sir,

Red 30a

We have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter that we have received from Mr. W. Dalby, 20, Hinemoa Street, Lower Hutt, New Zealand, regarding 10 registered letters sent to the Colonial Postmaster, G. P. O., Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, containing remittances in payment of orders for mint postage stamps, to which he has received no reply.

We have informed Mr. Dalby that we have transmitted his letter to you and that he will no doubt receive a reply direct.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

for the Crown Agents.

The Colonial Secretary,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

GFD

AHH

C O P Y

30a

Brown Agents
London,
ENGLAND

Mr.W.Dalby,
20, Hinemoa Street,
Lower Hutt,
New Zealand

17.6.46

Sirs

I wish to bring to your notice that on various dates I have sent ten registered letters to the Colonial Postmaster, G.P.O., Stanley, Falkland Islands, for mint postage stamps of that Colony. To none of the above letters have any reply been received and I have also notified the Colonial Postmaster at Stanley, Falkland Islands on the matter. Each letter contained British Postal orders made out to above Colonial Postmaster and crossed.

Date of registered letters sent as follows:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Registered No.</u>	<u>Post Office of issue.</u>
27/11/44	1588	Trentham Military Camp, N.Z.
12/3/45	814	" " " "
2/5/45	1733	" " " "
2/7/45	419	" " " "
6/7/45	509	" " " "
9/7/45	525	" " " "
13/7/45	586	" " " "
23/7/45	707	" " " "
1/8/45	863	" " " "
22/8/45	79	Lambton Quay, N.Z.

Thanking you for advice on the matter,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) Wm.Dalby.

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24/06

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

Mr ABC
5-11



19th August, 1946.

Dear Matthews,

Would you please look into correspondence between the Colonial Postmaster and the Divisional Controller's Office in London (see the Colonial Postmaster's letter of the 8th August, 1945) on the subject of 39 covers despatched to the Colonial Postmaster at Stanley with South Georgia overprinted stamps on them.

These covers, the Colonial Postmaster says, were sent to the Deputy Postmaster at South Georgia in order to be postmarked.

The owner is A.F. Sadler of 1, Warrington Crescent, W.9, and he has been making enquiries here and at the General Post Office. What is needed is to know when the covers were sent to South Georgia, and where they are now.

All good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Iuxon Rankin

Reply at Red 42

308 *18/7/46*

A.B. MATTHEWS, ESQ., O.B.E.

21st November, 1946.

Dear Barton,

Red 36.

Your letter of the 19th August, 1946, about Mr. Sadler's "covers".

The 39 covers were postmarked at South Georgia and sent on to Stanley with the South Georgia mail in July for despatch to the United Kingdom. They left here in one packet addressed to Mr. Sadler on the 18th of July 1946 under registered cover No. 308.

All good wishes.

Yours ever,

(SGD.) A. B. MATHEWS.

Juxon Barton, Esq., C.M.G., O.B.E.,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

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Copy to Ag. Postmaster for inf
Copy to Asst. Treasurer for inf. & n.a. use.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

for C.S.
13.3.47.

No 36.

From Crown Agents for the Colonies

To Colonial Secretary.

<i>Despatched :</i>	February 26th	19 47	<i>Time :</i>	13.40
<i>Received :</i>	February 27th	19 47	<i>Time :</i>	10.00

Please note that £42 has been deposited with us by Dombey brothers Leicester in payment of Postage Stamps of Falkland Island Dependencies.

CROWN AGENTS.

P.L.

VP.

ABC
272

PP

No. _____

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



MINUTE.

22nd February, 19 47.

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From Ag. Col. Postmaster,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Herewith a letter from Mr. Karl Lellman which is self explanatory.

Mr. Featherstone, who was Deputy Postmaster at Deception Island informed me that the stamps referred to by Mr. Lellman were destroyed in the fire at that Base, with many others. As these were not registered or insured and there is no proof (other than the Deputy Postmaster's statement) of these having been destroyed in the fire, I do not think the Government should pay compensation, if we do, there will probably be many others who will make claims.

[Handwritten Signature]
Ag. Col. Postmaster.

[Handwritten initials]
W. Be
25.2

46a



Stanley.

20 Feb. 1947.

The Colonial Postmaster,

Stanley.

Dear Sir,

Having lost mail to the value of approximately £10 in the fire at Deception Island I beg to enquire if the Postal Department is prepared to make any compensation in respect of same.

These letters were neither registered nor insured for the simple reason that this cannot be effected at the Dependencies Post Offices.

I was advised of my loss by Mr Featherstone who I understand also informed you.

The letters in question were in the hands of the Postal Department when lost and it is natural to presume that Department to be responsible for properties actually stored on their premises.

This is the second occasion on which I have lost valuable mail by fire while in the hands of the P.O.D.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Kane

See one

46 B

P.M.

I am afraid it has been
overlooked. Re. ~~application~~^{inform} to be
taken in with regret that no
compensation can be granted.

A. B. L.

9.4.47

Hon. Col. Sec.

I have written to
Mr. Lellman & informed him
with regret that compensation
cannot be granted.

A. B. L.

14/4/47

47

STANLEY,
Falkland Islands.

27th April, 1947.

Dr Slessor,
K.E.M. Hospital,
STANLEY.

*Mr ABC
7/5*

Dear Sir,

Concerning our recent conversation regarding certain postage stamps which I had sent to Graham Land to be postmarked and which have not been returned to me, I now beg to send you copies of the following letters addressed to the Deputy Postmaster, Graham Land, and which are self explanatory, as well as a copy of a telegram. No reply has been received to either of the letters or to the telegram.

*not
received*

To each of the 60 envelopes was affixed one each stamp of £1 , 10/-, 5/- and 2/6d, total £112.10.-.

- Enclosed.
- 1. Copy of letter dated 22nd Feb. 1946.
 - 2. " " " " 30th Dec. 1946.
 - 3. " " *Telegram* " 21st Feb. 1947.

If, as it would appear, these stamps have been lost, and in order that I might approach the Colonial Government for compensation, may I ask you to be so good as to request Commander Bingham, or whoever else is Officer-in-Charge of F.I.D.S. to furnish me with a letter to the effect that "the stamps are presumed lost".

47a

Thanking you in anticipation for your courtesy and kindness in this connection,

Please believe me to be,
dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Mearns

47a
Port Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

28th April, 1947.

Albert Newing, Esq.,
Port Stanley.

Dear Sir,

All mail addressed to the Post-master, Grahamland, and posted in Port Stanley in February, 1946, was carried in H.M.S. William Scoresby to Deception Island and left in the safe-keeping of the post-master there. All this mail was destroyed by fire in September, 1946.

If the stamped covers you sent South for franking were in that mail, there is no doubt that they have been destroyed.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Surgeon Commander, R.N.,
Commander, F.I.D.S.

No.

MINUTE.

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



5th May,

19 47. ⁴⁸

To The Honourable,
The Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From Ag. Col. Postmaster.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

^{48a}
^{48b} Herewith a letter from Mr. A. Newing and a copy of a letter from Commander Bingham to Mr. Newing, both of which are self explanatory.

^{46a} This is the second case of claims through covers having been destroyed by the fire at Deception Island, but as there are no facilities for registering mail ^{from} the Dependencies, I fail to see why the Government should be expected to pay compensation. The covers are sent at the senders risk.

May I have your instructions on the matter please?

Ag. Col. Postmaster.

48a

STANLEY,
Falkland Islands.

1st May, 1947.

Si r,

In February, 1946, I sent by mail, per H.M.S. William Scoresby to Graham Land, to be postmarked:-

60 covers to which one stamp each of
£1, 10/0, 5/- and 2/6d. was affixed,
-- Total £112.10.0. --

As these stamped covers were not returned to me when later there was opportunity to do so I wrote to the Deputy Postmaster at Graham Land under date of 30th December, 1946, and also cabled him on 21st February, 1947, asking "when I may expect the 60 covers to be returned". Having received no reply I took the matter up with the Commander F.I.D.S. during his recent visit to Stanley, and now enclose a letter from him from which you will gather the stamped covers have been destroyed by fire.

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the same page 2 (48B)

It not being possible to insure these covers with the Post Office I am now faced with a total loss of the face value of the stamps, or say, £112.10.0.

As there is no doubt that the stamps were destroyed by fire while in the custody of the Colonial Government at Deception Island, I would ask that full compensation for the value of the stamps is paid to me.

I do not wish to have the value paid in cash, but would be satisfied if the stamps were replaced in kind.

I don't doubt it. //
M.C.

Yours faithfully,

Mewing

The Colonial Postmaster,

STANLEY.

486.

C O P Y.

Port Stanley,
Walkland Islands.
28th April, 1947.

Albert Hewing, Esq.,
Port Stanley.

Dear Sir,

All mail addressed to the Post-master, Grahamland, and posted in Port Stanley in February, 1946, was carried in H. M. S. William Scoresby to Deception Island and left in the safekeeping of the post-master there. All this mail was destroyed by fire in September, 1946.

2 If the stamped covers you sent South for franking were in that mail, there is no doubt that they have been destroyed.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgt) E.W. Bingham.

Surgeon Commander, R.N.,

Commander, F.I.D.S.

Same as (47A)

DECODE.

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No. 56.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 10. 5. 47 Time: 12.10 Received: 11. 5. 47 Time: 09.00

No. 161. Confidential. I am informed complete sheet Falkland Islands Dependencies peace commemorative stamps with full gum and margins but bearing cancellation marks of South Orkneys in Mauve and South Shetlands in Green-black have been delivered to Lloyd A. Gurney Ltd London. Further that one parcel containing 2000 Falkland Island Dependencies and 3000 Falkland Island peace stamps all in complete sheets with gum and apparently post marked in South Orkneys and South Shetlands respectively has been delivered to Reginald Johnson of Clapham Park.

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C/12/45
2. In view of repeated requests to Colonial Government to ensure Postmasters do not cancel stamps which have not been affixed to postal packets and recent request only special black carbon ink should be used of obliterators so as to present erasure of marking and facilitate detection of forgery, I should appreciate your early advice as to genuineness of postal marking of these stamps.

G.T.C.

Reply at 61

SECRETARY OF STATE.

LJH.

See 74.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Colonial Secretary.

To Major Butler Base E.

Despatched : May 14th 19 47 Time : 14.00

Received : 19 .. Time :

52. Following from Secretary of State begins.

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3. An early report would be appreciated.

G.T.C.

Reply at 54

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

DECODE.

No. 39.

TELEGRAM.

From Major Butler Base E.....

To His Excellency the Governor.....

Despatched: May 18th 19 47 Time: 17.45.

Received: May 19th 19 47 Time: 09.00

53 Confidential. Your telegram 14th 1400. Have made enquiries but neither Base B nor H can throw any light on matter. Suggest London DEALERS should be asked ~~for~~ ^{when} stamps were received also date cancelled would be of use in tracing culprits.

Butler.
181745z

CYPHER.

37703

Typed TB.

Reply 57.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

57.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
				21. 5. 47.
ACCOUNT ADVANCES FIDA				
To				
BUTLER BASE E.				

54. Your 181745z please ask CHOYCE for report so far as C was concerned.

GOVERNOR.

211430

Reply at 58

Time

VP.

DECODE.

No. 58.

TELEGRAM.

From Major Butler Base E.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched : May 26th 19 47 *Time :* 21.43.

Received : May 27th 19 47 *Time :* 09.00

57 Your telegram dated 211430. Following from Choyce begins.

I am unable to give any information regarding matter. Falkland Islands Dependencies Peace Stamps were available at Base C for one day before I left. During this period, only stamps on addressed envelopes were franked either by me or in my presence no sheets or loose stamps were cancelled and only blue markings of ink was in use at the base. message ends.

I have informed all Bases that only special black ink should be used and that only stamps to value of postage are to be franked.

BUTLER.
262110z.

G.T.C.

DECODE.

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched : 29. 5. 47 Time : 15.30 Received : Time :

52 No. 294. Confidential. Your telegram No. 161 F.I.D.S.

Butler has made enquiries but neither Base B (where as you know all stocks were destroyed by fire last year together with cancellation stamp) nor Choyce late leader at Base C nor Base H can throw light on matter. Base H only established on 19th March and seems unlikely stamps could have got home so soon from there.

2. Suggest dealers be asked from whom stamps were received and more particularly date of cancellation. Can specimens be sent by air mail for comparison with local specimens to establish genuineness?

3. I am unable to trace your recent request that only special black carbon ink should be used.

4. Precise instructions were given to all members F.I.D.S. by me before going South and were subsequently amplified in writing.

5. Suggest you may care to ask Featherstone if he can throw light on cancellation in South Shetlands of Falkland Island peace stamps which are not valid there.

G.T.C.

L.J.H.

See 65a.

GOVERNOR.

S. KAGANSON,

PHILATELIST.

MEMBER:

CAPE TOWN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

BANKER:

STANDARD BANK OF S.A. LTD.,

SALT RIVER.

TELEPHONE 5-3092.

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S. KAGANSON,

P.O. Box 3668.

Cape Town, South Africa.

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18th. March, 1947.

27/3/47. 11 covers postage, registered, to Cape Town,
28/3/47. Cover - 1 letter, with registration slips, to Cape Town
12 Covers sent to Bond E for cancellation.

The Imperial Trade Correspondent,
C/o. The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

R. Stuart Slusser.

Dear Sir,

I am taking the liberty in enclosing 23 self addressed envelopes bearing the stamps of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies, inviting your kind co-operation in having same sent over to the Post Office and registered to me.

Your office, was given to me, by the local office of the British Trade Commissioner, as being able to assist me in the above matter, and as a stamp collector, I would greatly appreciate your kind help. Should you be unable to do this for me, I would kindly ask you, to hand these envelopes to a reputable collector on the Islands. As a small token of appreciation for this I am enclosing a first day cover, with complete set of our Royal Visit issue, with special cancellation, and am using R. V. stamps on this cover.

I sincerely hope, that my request for your help, you will be able to assist me. Thanking you in anticipation,

yours faithfully,

S. Kaganson.

S. Kaganson

Dr. Slusser dealt with this as noted above. etc.
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Should be "Stamps for dealers" file
file + Pa. 2/6

Falkland Islands

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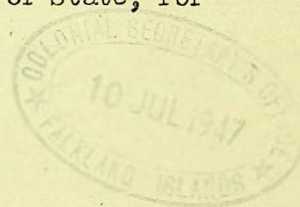
NO. 34

Date

9th June 1947

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

~~the Governor's consideration.~~
observations.



Reference:-- Secretary of State's } Telegram No.
 } ~~Despatch No.~~
 } ~~Savingram No.~~
Governor's } of

Date	Nature of Communication
<p>64a</p> <p>6th June 1947</p> <p>MC</p> <p>4</p>	<p>To C.H. J. Conlin Esq.</p>

64a



22204/A(9)47

6^d June, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Creech Jones to refer to your letter of the 3rd March regarding the loss of insured packages addressed from the Falkland Islands to this country, and to inform you that the offer which is stated to have been made to your agent in Port Stanley to replace the lost stamps in kind from the stocks of unsold Dependencies postage stamps which had been withdrawn from circulation, was made with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

2. The Secretary of State has now reconsidered the matter and as a result has decided that compensation in kind cannot be effected. The Governor of the Falkland Islands has been informed accordingly.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) P. C. Cade

Falkland Islands

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NO. 35

CONFIDENTIAL


Date 9th June 1947

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

⁶¹ Telegram No. 294 Confidential
~~Despatch No.~~
~~Savingram No.~~
of 29/30th May 1947

Date	Nature of Communication
65a 9 th June 1947	To C. H. J. Conlin Esq. Mc ✓ 

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4738/47

9th June, 1947

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 5th May in which you asked to be informed whether the apparent postal markings on certain otherwise mint stamps of the Falkland Islands and Falkland Islands Dependencies' Peace stamps were genuine, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Creech Jones to inform you that the Governor of the Falkland Islands, who has been consulted in the matter, requests that he may be informed from whom the stamps in question were received and, more particularly, the date of their purported cancellation so that he may institute further enquiries. It is not improbable that the dates of posting of several parcels might prove helpful in investigating this matter.

In addition the Governor asks whether specimens of the cancelled mint stamps can be sent to him by airmail for comparison of their alleged postal markings with impressions from the post office stamping dies.

/ If

C.H.J. CONLIN, ESQ.,

If it is possible for you to arrange for the supply of these further particulars it would be appreciated if they could be forwarded to this department for onward transmission to the Governor.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) R C Cade

Falkland Islands

24/46

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DESPATCH

NO. 36

Date 10 June 1947

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.
Savingram No.
of



Date	Nature of Communication
66a	From Tatham, Stamp & Co's Company
66b 10 th June 1947	<p>To H. J. Miller.</p> <p>Postmark to expand.</p> <p>ME (15)</p> <p>Reply at 7/.</p>

COPY

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TATHAM STAMP & COIN COMPANY

Springfield, Mass, U. S. A.

Embassy of East Falkland Islands
Washington D.C.



Gentlemen:

We wish to report the following unsatisfactory dealings we have had with nationals of your country:

Date of Order Oct 30, 1942 Sent Registered Ordinary
Remittance \$ 12.53 By London Bank Draft Money
Order

To Postmaster Stanley
East Falkland Islands

Merchandise Requested 200 ea $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, & 2d.
Remarks Merchandise not received.

Will you please check with the above organization and determine why we have not received our order or the return of our remittance? We have submitted several communications concerning this order, and our correspondence has been ignored.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated May we please hear from you? A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

TATHAM STAMP & COIN COMPANY

(Sgd.)

Reply at 71 By

H. J. Miller

Form 114

col office reply at 66.6

66 B

4706/B/47

10 June, 1947.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Creech Jones to acknowledge the receipt, through the British Embassy, Washington, and the Board of Trade, London, of a number of undated letters from your company complaining of "unsatisfactory dealings" which you have had with some overseas postal administrations.

It is unfortunately impracticable to furnish full and satisfactory replies to these communications for the following reasons:-

(a) The orders date from times, e.g. September, 1941, and June, 1942, when this country was at war, and it seems most likely that your orders may never have reached the countries to which they were addressed, or that the stamps ordered (if they were available to send to you) may have been lost in transit;

(b) although your orders are said to have been accompanied by bankers' drafts it is in no case stated whether these drafts were negotiated, nor are any particulars furnished by which they might be recognised;

MR. H. J. MILLER

Reply at 71 / (c)

(c) neither do you furnish the dates of any of the "several communications concerning these orders" which you allege have been ignored by the post offices concerned, and it is therefore not possible to ascertain whether your letters were in fact received and answered, or who was responsible for neglecting to deal with them. The loss of mails, and of stamps despatched in pursuance of orders placed during the war was very heavy, but Colonial postal authorities are always at great pains to remedy any faults that may be pointed out to them so long as they are furnished with sufficient information to enable them to trace the transactions.

In this connection I am to observe that the enclosed complaints which you addressed to the British Embassy, Washington, are no concern of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and should be addressed to the appropriate authorities:-

Southern Rhodesia - which is a self-governing Colony;

The Niger Coast, West Africa - a French possession;

and New Guinea - which is a dependency of Australia.

Moreover, Sarawak, at the time when your order was placed, in September, 1941, was an independent State. Its records were completely destroyed at the time of the Japanese invasion and it is no longer possible to verify any particular transactions relating to that period. It is however the case that the stamps you ordered were not placed on sale until H.M. the Rajah returned to the territory in 1946.

I am to add that British Colonial Post Offices are not under the control of the Colonial Office but are the responsibility of the Postal

/ administrations

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Administrations of the Colonial Governments. Consequently any members of the public may have some complaint to make respecting the action, or inaction, of a particular postmaster should address themselves to the Governor of the Colony concerned who will always give such matters the attention they deserve. *who*

Copies of your letters regarding the Seychelles, Falkland Islands and Nigeria are being forwarded to the Governors of those territories in the hope that the information they do contain may permit of your orders being traced, and the results of those enquiries will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd) R. E. Cade



C O P Y.

68a

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

15th February, 1945.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter of the 1st
November, 1944, I regret to inform you that your
letter containing Draft has not been received.
Perhaps you could enquire at the Office of posting.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) M. Carey.

Colonial Postmaster.

Messrs Tatham Stamp & Coin Co.,
Springfield,
Mass,
U.S.A.

For filing pl.?

Yes as 68a

F.I. Ref: 24/46/71.

C.C. Ref: 4706/B/47.

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SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 24th July, 1947.

No. 52. SAVING.

66 Your despatch No. 36 of 10th June, 1947. Complaint from Nathan Stamp and Coin Company.

68a In her letter of 15th February 1945 the Colonial Postmaster informed the Company that their letter containing a draft had not been received, and suggested that they should enquire at the office of posting.

2. There, so far as this Administration is concerned, the matter rests.

GOVERNOR.

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Saving. 4738/47

From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 9 JULY, 1947

No. 56 Saving.



HC

IMMEDIATE.

52 Your telegram No. 161.

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24/46

F.I and F.I.D. Stamps

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I enclose copies of further correspondence about the alleged irregular cancellation of stamps, together with certain philatelic specimens (supplied to me by Mr. Conlin) for your examination and return to me with such observations as you may feel able to make.

I observe that whenever stamps affixed to postal packets are defaced in any manner which is not in complete accord with the provisions of the Detailed Regulations annexed to the Universal Postal Convention it leads, not unnaturally to suspicions of forgery, and I therefore consider it important that the local instructions to postmasters and to counter clerks should place as much emphasis on the strict adherence to the International Regulations as to those issued in this country.

In this connection I invite particular attention to Articles 143 and 145 of the Detailed Regulations about the use of date stamps, and to my confidential circular despatch of the 28th September, 1945, (a copy of which is enclosed) regarding the use of special marking ink.

See in
1/2/45

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ancellation Markings on Colonial
Postage Stamps.

SECTER.

Reply at 79.

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55, Spencer Road, London S.W. 20

24th June 1947.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
Palace Chambers,
9 Bridge Street. S.W. 1.

Sir,

Ref. 4738/47

I duly received your letter of the 9th instant and have endeavoured to obtain specimens of the Falkland Dependencies Peace stamps bearing postmarks of South Orkneys and South Shetlands but so far have been successful only with those of South Orkneys and enclose a block of four of each value. These were taken from a sheet supplied by Lloyd & Gurney Ltd out of a parcel received by registered Air Mail about two months ago direct from Stanley. In that parcel, as previously stated, were also sheets bearing the South Shetlands Postmark.

The parcel received by Ronald C. Johnson contained sheets of the stamps postmarked South Orkneys 17th January 1947 and South Shetlands 30th Jan 1947 and arrived in London at the same time.

X // There should be no difficulty in tracing the sender of both these parcels at Stanley from the Registered Post Records at the Post Office.

You will appreciate that it is outside my province to ascertain from the recipients in this country the name of the senders. I respectfully suggest that this is a matter for your Department to pursue and feel confident you would find that the desired information would be readily given to you by the two parties in question.

A I was approached at the International Stamp Bourse yesterday by a Mr. L. Marpole of 276 Reed Road, Dagenham, for my views on the postmarks on covers he had received from South Orkneys through a Mr. Lellman at Stanley and in view of their absolute uselessness from a philatelic point I enclose four of these covers for your inspection.

It would appear that the holder of the cancellation stamp applied it legibly to the sheets of stamps in which he was interested but took no steps at all to ensure that other stamps in which he had no interest, were legibly postmarked.

Whilst on the subject of postmarks may I be permitted to bring the following matter to your notice.

B Up to the end of last year the cancellation stamp of Port Stanley was a clear fixed ink impression but recently it has hardly been legible and blurs or disappears altogether when moisture is applied with the result that neither the trade nor the collector now accepts them. I enclose two 1/3d values (one of which has been moistened) together with a cover with which you might like to experiment.

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I feel that unless a fast oily ink is again used the sale of these stamps will drop thereby causing a further loss to the income of the Colony.

I trust you will not consider this suggestion as unreasonable or my interest in the postmarks of the Dependencies as unjustifiable.

Yours faithfully

(sgd)

C.H.J. CONLID.

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CIRCULAR
CONFIDENTIAL

Downing Street,
28th September, 1945.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have recently had submitted to me a number of colonial postage stamps from which the cancellation markings had been removed without apparent damage to the stamps themselves.

2. The Postmaster General, whom I have consulted in the matter, informs me that this is only possible in the case of stamps which have not been obliterated with special ink such as that issued to postmasters in this country, since that ink has a carbon content which renders it quite fast and impervious to any chemical action. The marking inks sold for ordinary office use are capable of being removed, and it is believed that such inks have occasionally been used both in this country and in colonial territories when supplies of the special Post Office ink have not been available.

3. You will appreciate that where high value stamps in particular are used to any great extent, e.g. on parcels, or on heavy or insured air mail packets, there is a risk of the stamps being removed, cleaned, and used again to defraud the revenues, if the ink with which they have been obliterated is capable of being removed. The Crown Agents for the Colonies are in a position to supply ink which cannot be removed, and when orders are placed with them for the supply of ink to be used at Post Office counters or in Revenue Offices for the obliteration of stamps, it should be stated that the ink to be supplied must be similar to that employed in the Post Offices in this country for that purpose.

4. It is understood that the Postmaster General in this country is issuing an instruction to postmasters reminding them of the importance of maintaining adequate stocks of the right kind of ink, and of ensuring that counter clerks do not use any other ink for the purpose of defacing stamps which have been affixed to postal packets or are being used for other revenue purposes. You may think it desirable that similar instructions should be issued in the territory under your administration.

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

The Officer Administering
the Government of

SAVING TELEGRAM.

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

To: The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Date: 19th August, 1947.

No. 68. SAVING.

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Your saving telegram No. 56 of 9th July, 1947. Falkland Islands and

Falkland Islands Dependencies Stamps.

Cancellations on all stamps enclosed in your saving telegram are genuine but

- (a) those on mint blocks of four were it is now discovered improperly made by Acting Postmaster on mint sheets sent out by United Kingdom dealers for cancellation
- (b) those on "covers" were made at an unidentified sub-post office in the Antarctic where, owing to pressure of work occasioned by philatelists' demands, precision of imprint appears to have been sacrificed to speed. That they are "useless from a philatelic point", is I suggest, not the concern of this Administration.
- (c) the two 1/3d stamps were cancelled with two different pens, one an old one holding unsuitable ink.

2. Steps are being taken to bring the International Regulations and the

instructions in your confidential circular despatch of 26th September 1945 to the notice of all concerned.

3. Appropriate disciplinary action is being taken with regard to paragraph

1 (b).

4. The philatelic specimens are returned herewith.

GOVERNOR.

See 7 in 0447
"Cancellation of Postage Stamps - Rules"

See 89

74c

No.

24/46

MINUTE.

82.

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

6th September, 19 47.

To All Heads of Departments,

From The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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.

Action taken on 77/7

A. B. Matthews

Colonial Secretary.

VP.

No. _____

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



MINUTE.

83.

10th September, 19 47.

To The Hon. Colonial Secretary,
Stanley.

From The Senior Medical Officer,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your circular (24/46) of September 6th, 1947. This has been circulated to and initialled by all members of P.E. Staff in Stanley, copies have been sent to Fox Bay and Darwin.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "M. S. L. O.", written over a horizontal line.

Senior Medical Officer.

DECODE.

No. 22.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

From SECRETARY OF STATE to GOVERNOR.

Despatched: 30. 9. 47 Time: 18.30 Received: 1. 10. 47 Time: 09.00.

74 No. 351. Grateful for early reply to my Savingram No. 56 about Dependency stamps.

Savingram replied to at 79

SECRETARY OF STATE.

P/L.

Reply at 89

LJH.

Copy see 79

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TELEGRAM SENT.

From GOVERNOR to SECRETARY OF STATE.

Despatched : 3. 10. 47 Time : 11.45. Received :Time :

85 No. 565. Your telegram No. 351. Dependencies Stamps. Please see
79 my telegram No. 68 Saving of 19th August.

GOVERNOR.

G. T. C.

LJH.

4706/B/47

6th: October, 1947.

Sir,

With reference to earlier correspondence about your complaint of the non-delivery of certain British Colonial stamps which you ordered during the war, I am directed to inform you that the Governor of the Falkland Islands reports that the Colonial Postmaster can find no trace of your letter and suggests that you should enquire about it at the office of posting. If that office has no record of the letter having been signed for on delivery it must be assumed that it was "lost at sea", presumably by enemy action.

As regards the two registered packages, Nos. 1680 and 1681, addressed to you by the Colonial Postmaster, Victoria, Seychelles, the Postmaster General London, reports that these were received in London on the 28th October, 1942, and that while particulars of their onward transmission cannot now be given with certainty, it seems probable that they formed part of a mail which was lost at sea by enemy action in November, 1942. This information is being communicated to the Governor of the Seychelles and it is assumed that the matter will now be taken up by you direct with the Colonial Postmaster.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sgd) R. C. Cade.

MR. H. J. MILLER.

Falkland Islands

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DESPATCH
NO. 58

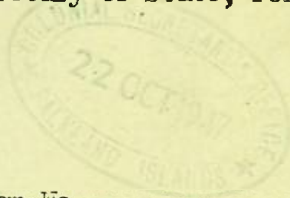
24/46 Date 8. 10-47

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.
Savigram No. 52
of 24/7/47 — 71



Date	Nature of Communication
<p>6th October 1947</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">60</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>alk</i></p>	<p>Letter to H. J. Miller Esq.</p>

4738/47

8th. October, 1947.

Sir,

With further reference to your letter of the 24th June about the cancellation markings on certain stamps of the Falkland Islands and Falkland Islands Dependencies I am directed to return herewith the balance of the specimens which you kindly submitted for examination.

The Governor of the Falkland Islands, to whom these stamps were forwarded for consideration and report, has now replied that all the cancellations thereon are genuine, but:-

- (a) those on the blocks of four were improperly applied to mint sheets sent out by United Kingdom dealers for cancellation;
- (b) those on the covers were made at an unidentified office in the Antarctic where, owing to pressure of work occasioned by philatelic demands, precision of imprint seems to have been sacrificed to speed, and
- (c) the two 1/3d stamps were cancelled with ink from two different pads one of which was unsuitable for this purpose.

Steps have been taken to ensure that, in future, only the special post office marking ink is used for

/cancelling

J. CONLIN, ESC.

cancelling postage stamps, and to remind all concerned of the provisions of the International Regulations governing the application of date-stamp impressions, which should preclude the recurrence of such faulty postmarkings.

The Secretary of State desires me to thank you for having brought this matter to his attention.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd) R. E. Lade.

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Saving.

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From the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To the Officer Administering the Government of FALKLAND ISLANDS

Date 14 October, 1947.

No. 80 Saving.

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Your saving telegram No. 68 of 19th August.

Falkland Islands and Dependencies stamps.

Regarding your paragraph (b) I agree that it is immaterial that the covers in question are "useless from a philatelic point" but I would be obliged if the attention of the postal authorities might be invited to Article 143 of Detailed Regulations of the Universal Postal Union on the subject of "Date-stamp Impressions" which lays down that: "Correspondence is impressed on the front by the office of origin with a stamp indicating, as far as possible in Roman characters the place of origin and the date of posting. In localities with several post offices, the obliterating stamp must indicate the office of origin."

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2. I enclose, for your information, a copy of /the

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To the Officer Administering the Government of
From the Secretary of State for the Colonies

Date _____
No. _____ Saving.

the letter which has been addressed
to Mr. Conlin on this subject.

SECEP.

10 PATCH
NO. 62

Date 21. 10 47

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.
Waringham No.
of

Date	Nature of Communication
25. 9. 47	From B Sawton
17. 10 47	To Ditto
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	me
	MP A.R.

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4706/B/47

14th . October, 1947.

Sir,

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In reply to your letter of the 25th September I am directed to inform you that British Colonial post offices are not controlled directly from this office but come under the authority of their own postal administrations. Consequently any complaints against the activities of particular post-masters should be addressed to the Governor of the Colonial territory concerned.

The Secretary of State is however aware that in the case of the current stamps of the Falkland Islands Dependencies a number of defects were noticed in the printed stamps, resulting occasionally in the delivery of broken sheets and sometimes in the removal by the local authorities of stamps which, in their view, were so defective that their genuineness might be open to challenge

It is, moreover, contrary to common practice for Colonial Postmasters to supply stamps from any particular part of a sheet, or to hold over orders pending a fresh delivery if they are unable immediately to comply exactly with the requirements of any one applicant. In such cases the postmaster's duty is considered to have been fulfilled if he supplies the requisite number of stamps of the denominations ordered, and the Secretary of State

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B. LEVERTON, ESQ.

would not feel able to intervene merely because
the stamps supplied were not in complete sheets.

The stamps which you kindly submitted for
inspection are returned herewith.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd) R. E. Cade.

BRIDGER & KAY, LTD.
POSTAGE AND REVENUE
STAMP DEALERS.

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86, STRAND,

LONDON, W.C.2.

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26 SEP 1947 25th September, 1947.

C. O. REG^y

Sir,

For many years this firm has been importing sheets of postage stamps from the Crown Colonies, amounting, in all, to many thousands of pounds. On the 15th. January, 1947, we sent to the Falkland Islands for two sheets of the current six penny value. On the 15th. September, 1947, we received in place of complete sheets, the enclosed. In this printing there are small varieties of broken type, general in all values (not errors), these have all been removed and single stamps sent to balance remittance. We have never received this treatment from any other Colony, it looks like a Colonial Postmaster turning Stamp Dealer. These small varieties removed are being offered in the Philatelic papers in this country.

We do not think this is the correct manner to treat a general request for complete sheets, your comment will be appreciated.

Kindly return stamps when examined.

Yours faithfully,

29 SEP 1947
C. O. REG^y

Reply at 952
B. Luntton
Director

The Secretary for the Colonies,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street,
S.W.1.