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POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC
(Mails)

1927.

No.

573/27.

Colonial Secretary.

SUBJECT.

1927

17th October.

Previous Paper.

PUBLICATION IN LEADING ENGLISH
NEWSPAPERS OF PARTICULARS OF IMPROVED MAIL
SERVICE FROM ENGLAND TO COLONY.

MINUTES.

Vol 2-1

Despatch No 202 of 17.10.27 to S. F. S.

Col. Parkman

To see.

J. J. J.

19.10.27

Hon. Col. Sec.

See, please

J. J. J.
22/10/27

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Despatch to S. F. S. No 251, of 24th Nov 1927.

Col. Parkman To see

J. J. J.

26. 11. 27.

Subsequent Paper.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Seen, please.

JNN.
24/11/27.

Letter from Manager, Est. L. Williams of 10 Nov. 1928. 5.

Vide N.P. 118/28 - in particular re
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Offic. Let.

Prof. reply to vol 5 herewith
for early fixing of sending, please.

2. Through please refer this N.P.
to Col. Postma with N.P. 118/28 attached
for any comment. Should be very late
to make generally of the matter.

Yours
J

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Letter to Manager, Est. L. Williams, 19 11 28. 6

Col Postma,

Referred to you with N.P. 118/28.

C. D. H.
20/11/28

Inside Minute Paper.

Hon. Col. Secretary

I put up herewith a letter received from Col. L. Williams to which I made a telephonic reply (referred to in 1st para of Red 5) in the sense of para 1 of Red 6. I also stated that I would reply in writing but this does not seem to be necessary now in view of subsequent correspondence on Red 5 & 6.

I do not think the suggestion, or rather dogmatism, put forward by Col. L. Williams to the effect that parcel mail can be forwarded via the Agents of the "Glenens" is practicable, & I doubt whether the steamer would accept the mail unless received from a P.O. The question of payment also arises, and the question of increasing the local parcel rates in order to meet the increased credits which the Gov. P.O. would require for parcel mails sent by this route.

H. Chey

Postmaster

22/11/28

W. J. Sed.

See. Int. further below.

J. J.

23. 11. 28

Letter from Estate Louis Williams 15/11/28

20/11/28

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Y/E

Submitted.

A. J. G.
for A.S.
22/11/28

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25. 11. 28

ENCLOSURE TO FALKLAND ISLANDS DESPATCH, No. 202
of the 17th of October, 1927.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION IN HOME PRESS.

FALKLAND ISLANDS MAIL SERVICE.

Arrangements have now been completed for the despatch weekly of mails from the United Kingdom to the Falkland Islands via Monte Video for transmission to Stanley at regular intervals not exceeding one month. Mails for this distant Colony have heretofore been despatched only by such infrequent opportunities as occurred from time to time for direct communication with Stanley. The new service provides reliable and expeditious facilities for the transmission of mails and opens without exaggeration a new era in the life of the Falkland Islands. As an example of the benefits of the service it is interesting to record that the last mail received at Stanley took twenty-three days only in transit as compared with delays in the past which have amounted on occasions to six months and even more.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY,

17th October, 1927.

LAND ISLANDS.

OOB.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the arrangements which have met with your approval for the improvement of the mail service between the United Kingdom and this Colony I have the honour to suggest that such prominence as may seem to you proper may be given to this matter in the home press.

In duplicate.

2. I enclose a draft notice for publication and in the event of my suggestion commending itself to you I would ask that the necessary steps be taken to approach the leading London and provincial newspapers with the object of ensuring that all due publicity is afforded in their issues to the facilities offered by the new service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

PARLIAMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

24th November, 1927.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 251.

Sir,

Red 142.

I have the honour to refer to my despatch, No. 202 of the 17th of October, 1927, relative to the arrangements made with your approval and through your good offices for the despatch of regular weekly mails to this Colony from the United Kingdom via Monte Video.

2. I would say in the first place that the arrangements have worked admirably in so far as regards the letter and printed matter mails but that they do not appear to have been brought into operation with respect to the parcel mails.

3. As you are aware there is a very considerable trade carried on between the Colony and the United Kingdom in commodities which can be sent parcels through the Post Office so much so that at the present time almost the entire supply of commodities is purchased from the United Kingdom despite the rival attraction of firms operating via Monte Video and Buenos Aires. This is a satisfactory feature of the economic life of the Colony and one which you will agree is highly desirable in every way to encourage the life of the Colony.

4. I will not disguise from you, however, that much disappointment has been caused locally by a recent delay in the receipt of parcels more particularly

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

particularly,

particularly as it had been confidently anticipated that the improved mail facilities would extend to the parcel service. I do not wish that by way of reaction the trade should be diverted into the easy channels now opened up with Monte Video and thence with Buenos Aires and I would ask that the Postmaster General may be approached with the view to ensuring the regular despatch of parcels at weekly intervals together with the remainder of the mails for the Colony.

5. In conclusion I would assure you that I do not consider that any anxiety need arise on account of the transport of the parcel mails at Monte Video through the Uruguayan Post Office with the officials of which administration most cordial relations were established through the kind intervention of His Majesty's Minister on the occasion of the visit paid to Monte Video by the Colonial Secretary and the Colonial Postmaster in connection with the inauguration of the new mail service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

ARNOLD HODSON.

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ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS



Sir,

We have today learned from the Postmaster, that the s.s. "Fleurus" will not take a parcels mail on her next trip to Montevideo. (We mean a parcels mail for England to be transhipped at Montevideo).

Unless a parcels mail is taken by the s.s. "Fleurus" there will be no opportunity until the arrival of the s.s. "Bogota", about 15th December, and any parcels mail sent by her via Pacific Ocean route, will not arrive in England until late in January or more probably middle of February.

On the other hand if a parcels mail is sent by the "Fleurus", the parcels could be in England in time for Christmas.

We feel sure (in fact we know) that if the point is tackled in the proper manner, a parcels mail can be sent by the s.s. "Fleurus" via Montevideo, but not necessarily by giving the Uruguayan Post Office intervention.

What can be done is to send the parcels mail bags addressed to the Agents of s.s. "Fleurus" in Montevideo, who can deposit them in Bond in the Montevideo Customs shed for one or two days, until the arrival of the first fast British Mail steamer bound from River Plate to England, when they can be immediately turned over to the purser or mail officer on the British mail steamer.

We have done this more than once with luggage and therefore are perfectly certain that it can be arranged.

We hope that His Excellency the Governor may see fit to consider that advisability of arranging a parcels mail in this manner, and remain,

Yours faithfully,
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

573/27.

20th November, 28.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th of November, 1928, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that the question of arranging for a supplementary parcels mail service between the Colony and the United Kingdom via Montevideo is actually under consideration at the present time in consultation with the British Post Office.

2. I am to add that in the circumstances His Excellency regrets that he does not see his way clear, particularly at such short notice, to arrange for the despatch of a parcels mail by the s.s. "Fleurus" to the United Kingdom via Montevideo on this occasion, namely, on the 21st of November, 1928.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

for Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,
The Estate Louis Williams,
STANLEY.

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS

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Port Stanley , 15th November 1928.
Falkland Islands

The Postmaster
Port Stanley.

Dear Sir,

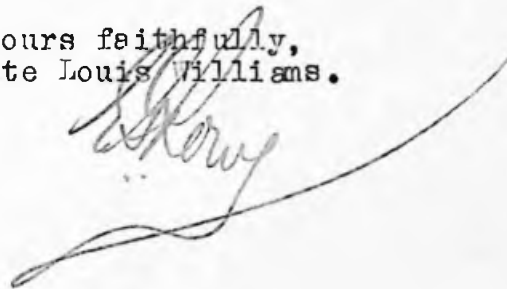
We beg to enquire whether a parcel post mail will be despatched by s.s. "Fleurus" when she sails for Montevideo about 22nd inst.

We have 6 or 7 parcels to send, and should like to get them away to England by this opportunity.

Failing a parcel mail by the "Fleurus" no opportunity will be available until the arrival of the s.s. "Bogota" about 15th December proximo, with itinerary round the West Coast of South America, and probable date of arrival in England about end of January - whereas if parcels are sent by "Fleurus" they could arrive in England in time for Xmas.

Awaiting your kind reply, we remain,

Yours faithfully,
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



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ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS
PORT STANLEY
FALKLAND ISLANDS



Port Stanley, 20th November 1928.

Sir,

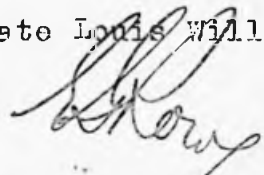
We are in receipt of your favour No. 573/27 of even date, and regret to learn that no arrangements have yet been made to send parcels mail via Montevideo by s.s. "Fleurus", and also that His Excellency the Governor cannot see his way clear to make arrangements as suggested in our letter of yesterday - due to short notice.

While we think we shall have to make it our duty to revert to this question later, we would mention in the meantime that we originally wrote on the 15th inst. to the Colonial Postmaster enquiring about a parcels mail vis Montevideo, so that the notice is not so short as would appear from our later communication to the Colonial Secretariat.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

Port Stanley.