

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Governor's Office.

No. 15/16

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From

SUBJECT.

Secretary of State for the Colonies.

INTER-INSULAR MAIL SERVICE IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Agreement providing for the

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30th Novr., 1915.

Colonial Secretary's Record No.

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Reference to previous correspondence:—

Secretary of State's
Governor's

Despatch No. 111 : 12th October 1915.

Falkland Islands

No 128.

Downing Street,

30th November 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you

the papers noted below on the subject of the agreement providing
for the inter-insular mail service in the Falkland
Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

The Officer Administering

A. BONAR LAW.

the Government of the Falkland Islands.

Date.

Description.

1915.

26 October From the Crown Agents for the Colonies:

(and enclosure)

5 November To

— do —

17 " " From

— do —
(and enclosure)

30 " " To

— do —

ENCLOSURE TO DESPATCH

Secr

No. 128- OF 30/11/15

C.O
49301

Recd
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26th October, 1915.

Sir, I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant.

With reference to your letter No. 42722/1915 of the 11th instant, I have the honour to report that we have communicated with the Falkland Islands Transport Co., Ltd., as requested, with regard to the draft agreement providing for the Inter-Insular Mail Service in the Falkland Islands. We have received the reply of which a copy is enclosed, and we shall be glad to receive the Secretary of State's further instructions in the matter.

22.10.15.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) F. E. [Signature]

for Crown Agents.

The Under Secretary of State,

&c., &c., &c.,

Colonial Office.

Copy.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TRANSPORT CO., LTD. TO CROWN AGENTS.

Sec/Falklands 16.

Seaton Buildings,

17, Water Street, Liverpool.

22nd October, 1915.

Gentlemen,

We beg to refer to your favour of the 14th October (ref. Sec./Falklands 16) enclosing draft agreement for the Falkland Islands Mail Service.

We received on the 16th ultimo a similar draft contract from our agent at the Colony, as agreed between him and His Excellency the Governor. There are one or two minor differences between the two drafts, only one of which however calls for comment. That is the insertion of the word "inevitable" before "Collision" in clause 13. We have deleted this word, but are otherwise prepared to agree the draft, which we herewith have pleasure in returning, subject to the alterations we have already put before His Excellency the Governor by the last mail, which are as follows:-

Clause 3. "On general particulars being cabled out to the Colony" following at the end of the clause.

Clause 4. "about" inserted instead of the words "not less than", and the word "and" deleted - in the first and second lines of the clause.

Clause 6. We inserted the words "one month's notice of such requirement to be given by the Governor" after "Sea Lion Islands" in the third line, and added the following at the end of the Clause:- "Steamer not to be required to remain for a longer period than 24 hours at Sea Lion Islands between 1st November and 31st March."

Clause 28. The words "this contract" inserted after "or" in the second line.

With reference to the schedule of Passenger rates (A), we added the following foot note:-

"In

"In exceptional cases, such as distances taken via channels which unavailable and to places which very difficult under certain conditions of weather and tide, contractors have discretion to increase above rates."

Our reasons in making these alterations are, we think obvious, and call for no explanations herein. The period November to March is the busy season, and it is naturally in the interests of the community that vessel should not be delayed.

We trust you will be able to agree these amendments and shall esteem your further remarks on the subject.

We are, &c.,
(Sgd.) W. LONDON & CO.

3. The word "inevitable" may be deleted before the word "collision" in clause 15, provided the words "not due to contractors' negligence" are inserted after the word "collision". It is presumed that the Company would consent to this.

4. As regards the footnote added to the Schedule of Passenger Rates (A), I am to express Mr. Menar Law's concurrence in the substance of the proposal, and to authorize you to settle the exact wording of the note. This should be so framed as to define clearly the "exceptional cases" in which the rates may be increased.

I have etc.,

(Signed) C. J. ...

49301/1915

Downing Street,

5th November, 1915.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bonar Law to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th October relative to the draft agreement providing for the Inter-insular Mail Service in the Falkland Islands and to state that he is prepared to agree to the alterations suggested by the Falkland Islands Transport Company Limited in their letter to you of the 22nd October to your address, with the reservations set out in the following paragraphs.

2. In accepting the proviso in clause 6 for one month's notice of a visit to Sea Lion Island, Mr. Bonar Law desires to stipulate for the addition of the words "except in case of urgent necessity". This seems to be necessary in order to provide for cases of sudden and severe illness, or breakdown of the light.

3. The word "inevitable" may be deleted before the word "collision" in clause 13, provided the words "not due to contractors' negligence" are inserted after the word "collision". It is presumed that the Company would consent to this.

4. As regards the footnote added to the Schedule of Passenger Rates (A), I am to express Mr. Bonar Law's concurrence in the substance of the proposal, and to authorise you to settle the exact wording of the note. This should be so framed as to define clearly the "exceptional cases" in which the rates may be increased.

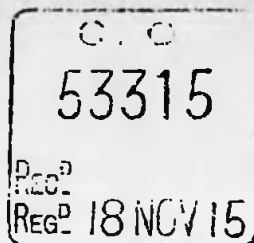
I have etc.,

THE CROWN AGENTS
FOR THE COLONIES.

(Signed) H.J. READ.
For the Under Secretary of State

Sed.

Falks. 16



17th November 1915.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 49301/1915 of the 5th instant, relative to the draft Agreement providing for the inter-insular mail service in the Falkland Islands, I have the honour to report that we have communicated further with the Falkland Islands Transport Company Ltd., in the matter, and that they now inform us that they agree to the additional words in Clauses 6 and 13 stipulated for in the second and third paragraphs of your letter.

2. As regards the last paragraph of your letter the Company have now suggested that the accompanying full list of all the ports should be substituted for present schedule of Passenger Rates (A) and the footnote which it was proposed to add thereto. This would obviate the necessity for the definition of "exceptional cases", but we are not in a position to judge whether the rates quoted in the list are justified, and we shall be glad to receive the further instructions of the Secretary of State with regard to it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) P. Ezechiel.

The Under Secretary of State,
&c. &c. &c.,
Colonial Office.

for Crown Agents.

Suggested 'Schedule A' to Falkland Islands Mail Contract.

	Beaver Is.	Bleaker Is.	Breton's Hook	Carcass Is.	Charles	Darwin	Douglas Station	Dunmore Head (S)	Fitzroy (Grant)	Fitzroy (Robson)	Fox Bay	George Is.	Great Is.	Harriet Port	Hill Cove	Horseshoe Bay	Howard Port	Johnson Harbour	Keppel Is.	Lively Is.	Lewis Port	New Island	North Arm	Pebble Is.	Pleasant Port	Rivers Grande	Key Cove	Salvador	San Carlos N.	San Carlos S.	Saunders Is.	Sea Lion Is.	Speedwell Is.	Spring Pt.	Stanley	Stephens Port	Thal Inlet	Walker Creek	Widdell Is.	West Point Is.
West Point Isd	A	E	D	A	A	F	D	A	F	F	D	E	D	E	A	D	D	E	A	F	E	A	E	B	F	D	A	D	C	C	A	F	D	A	E	D	D	F	A	-
Widdell Isd	A	D	E	B	B	F	E	A	F	F	C	D	D	F	B	E	D	F	C	E	F	A	D	C	F	E	A	E	D	D	C	D	C	A	F	B	E	E	-	
Walker Creek	E	A	E	F	F	A	D	F	A	A	C	C	C	B	F	D	D	B	F	A	C	E	B	A	A	D	F	D	E	E	F	B	C	F	B	D	D	-		
Thal Inlet	F	D	C	D	F	D	A	E	C	C	D	E	D	B	D	A	C	B	C	C	B	E	E	C	C	A	E	A	C	C	C	E	D	E	B	F	-			
Stephens Port	B	D	D	C	C	E	F	B	E	E	B	B	C	E	D	F	C	F	D	D	F	B	C	E	E	F	C	F	D	D	D	D	B	B	E	-				
Stanley	F	C	D	E	F	B	B	F	A	A	D	D	D	A	E	B	D	A	D	B	A	F	C	D	A	B	F	B	D	D	D	D	D	F	-					
Spring Point	A	E	E	B	A	F	E	A	F	F	D	D	D	F	B	E	E	F	C	F	F	A	E	C	F	E	A	E	D	D	C	E	D	-						
Speedwell Isd	D	B	B	E	E	C	D	D	C	C	A	A	A	D	D	B	D	D	C	D	D	A	C	C	D	D	D	B	B	D	B	-								
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New Island	A	C	E	B	B	F	E	A	F	F	C	D	D	F	B	E	D	F	C	E	F	-																		
Lewis Port	F	C	D	E	F	C	B	F	B	B	E	D	E	A	E	B	D	A	D	B	-																			
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Howard Port	D	C	A	C	E	D	C	E	E	E	A	B	A	D	C	C	-																							
Horseshoe Bay	F	D	C	D	F	D	A	E	C	C	D	E	D	B	D	-																								
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Passenger Fares.		
	1st Class.	3rd Class.
A	10 -	10 -
B	1 - -	-
C	1 10 -	1 - -
D	2 - -	1 10 -
E	2 10 -	2 - -
F	3 - -	-

Passenger Fares.		
	1st Class	3rd Class
A	10 -	10 -
B	1 - -	
C	1 10 -	1 - -
D	2 - -	1 10 -
E	2 10 -	2 - -
F	3 - -	

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Downing Street,
30th November, 1915.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Bonar Law to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th November (Sec. Falklands, 15) relative to the draft agreement providing for the inter-insular mail service in the Falkland Islands; and to inform you that he approves of the list of fares which you enclosed being substituted for the present schedule of passenger rates (A) and the proposed footnote, on the understanding that the new schedule rates between ports specified by name in the old schedule in no case exceed the rates between those ports in the old schedule.

I have also to convey to you Mr. Bonar Law's approval of your executing the agreement accordingly.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant

(Signed) H. J. READ.

For the Under Secretary of State.

THE CROWN AGENTS

FOR THE COLONIES.