

P O S T A L.

1912.

*Confidential*

No. (376) C.3.

H.E. the Governor.

(SUBJECT.)

1902

3 Sept.

Stamps: issue from Treasury to Postmaster.

Previous Papers.

*C.O. Regulation 330*

(MINUTES.)

Minute from H.E. the Governor & Treasurer's reply.

H.E. the Governor.

submitted.

*T.D.W.*

3 Sept. 1912.

C.S,

I am unable to regard the Treasurer's explanation as at all satisfactory. He has failed to comply with the instructions Governor's specific, conveyed to him through the Colonial Secretary. I regret to state that I find after eight years experience of this officer he still remains extremely ~~X~~ careless in his work, disrespectful, and otherwise unsatisfactory.

He has already been censured on more than one occasion by the Sec. of State, and I censure him again now, and place on record, for file with his M/P, my strong disapproval of his conduct in refusing to comply with my instructions.

I will have a note of this made at Govrt House to be filed with previous papers regarding this officer.

Pass to Treasurer for his informn and guidance.

*W. Allardice*  
3 September, 1912.

Subsequent Papers.

*Re Hon. the Treasurer.*

*Placed to you accordingly.*

*J.W. West.*  
3. Sept. 1912

The Postmaster,

I presume that you were telephoned to and told that instructions had been ~~issued~~ given that the stamps were to be issued, and if so I should be glad to know why you did not again apply for the stamps until this morning.

*Bathoupe*

Treasurer &c.

3rd September 1912

The Honble the Colonial Treasurer,

In the first instance you informed me that I could not obtain the stamps until the morning, secondly that the Colonial Secretary informed me that he had arranged with you to supply the stamps in the morning, I was asked whether this would suit me and I stated it would. I was not aware that you had received instructions to at once issue the stamps, had you informed me I should only have been too glad to receive them at any time.

*Mr. Craigie-Haubeck*

Postmaster.

3. 9. 12

The Postmaster,

Am I to understand from your minute above that it was I and not you who suggested that the stamps might be issued the following morning, as has happened on former occasions when I have been too busy to attend same. ?

2. Might I ask whether any very serious inconvenience was likely to result from the stamps not being issued on the Monday morning, that you knew of at the time. ?

*Bathoupe*  
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Department           

C.S,

I have to request that you will ascertain from the Treasurer in writing why he neglected to comply with my verbal instructions conveyed through you yesterday about noon to at once ~~xxx~~ issue to the Postmaster such stamps of the Victorian issue as were required by him for the Public.

*W. Allardice*

3 September, 1912.

The Hon. the Treasurer.

For your reply accordingly.

*M. O. Best*

3 September, 1912.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

At about 12-45 P.M. yesterday you came to my office with the above instructions. Since then and until an hour back, no application was made for the stamps. As I explained to you verbally yesterday, I was very busy when the Postmaster first applied on the morning of yesterday, and I told him as much. When he asked if he could get the stamps this morning, I told him yes, that I would arrange for it then. He never returned again until this morning. I also explained to you how busy I was, (~~Mail~~ Day after Pay-Day, Signing off seamen, and mail expected to take away D.B.S) but that I had waited for the Postmaster until 2-25 p.m.

A large issue of Stamps was made to the Postmaster on the 29th of last month, (Thursday last.) and just at

the busiest time to again apply for stamps, within so short a time, (the following Monday) makes it very inconvenient. Surely the Postmaster should know what stamps he will require, at any rate for at least a fortnight if not a month. In a large colony like the Gold Coast, where many more stamps are sold than here, the Postmaster and Deputy Postmasters have to send in their requisitions at the beginning of each week, and if they have to requisition for a further supply in between, they have to give an explanation why their supply has not lasted.

I should be glad if some such regulations may be made for this colony in order to prevent the Treasurer who holds in this colony many other offices, from being disturbed in attending to his duties, in order to issue stamps to the Postmaster whenever the latter may wish to have same.



Colonial Treasurer &c.

3rd September 1912

Departmental No. ....

The Honble the Colonial Treasurer,

The suggestion that I should obtain the stamps in the morning was made by me. I made the suggestion after you had informed me that owing to pressure of work you could not issue them that afternoon.

2. No serious inconvenience that I was aware of at the time.

*M. Francis-Hackett*  
Treasurer.

4.9.12

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary,

Paper returned.

*B. Thompson*

Treasurer &c  
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