

C.S.

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC
(Wireless)

1927.

No.

650/27.

Secretary of State.

SUBJECT.

1927

9th December.

BRITISH BROADCAST CORPORATION.

Experimental transmission through
Station No. 5 S.W.

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

Telegram from Secretary of State for the Colonies, of
9th Decr. 1927.

Y.E.

*Submitted.**! Superintendent of Telegraphs to see.*

A. J. P. C.
10/12/27.

Mr. Plannet.

Please, very interesting. To submit reports.
A.N.

10/12/27
12

Supr. of T. & T.

*In necessary action. and
report.*

A. J. P. C.
10/12/27.

*Star. Col. Sec.**Seen please. Report follows.**Foot 12/12/27*

Subsequent Paper.

R.F. 2/12/27.
ad. 12/12/27.

Sgt. T. and T.

For report please

W. L. L.

3. 1. 28.

Carly

per

26. 1. 28.

Sgt. T. and T.

He called at returned.

W. L. L.

26. 1. 28.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Last evening, from 7 p.m. Local Summer Time 1000 G.M.T.
to 9 p.m. 0000 C.M.T. The London programme, consisting of
a concert party & dance music from Hotel Cecil finishing
with the Chimes of "Big Ben" at mid night, was received.

There was no interference but "fading" marred the reception.
Without additional improvements to receiving apparatus the
signals are not suitable for retransmission to local
audiences.

The description would be "good but rapid periodic
fading experienced", please.

J. W. L.
9/12/28

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Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 2.

Spl. 24. P. 2 P.

by 20. 2. 28

by 10. 2. 20-

Encl

Spl. P. 2 P.

For further report please

for deposit by next mail to U.K.

21. 2. 28

21. 2. 28

Hon. Col. Sec.

Reception of 5 S.W. is regular but not sufficiently good for re-broadcasting. Rapid fading at a time period of approximately one second is often experienced.

Requested that any results of recent experimental work in connection with receiving aerials for short waves which may be in possession of the S/S may be forwarded for use in this Colony.

please.

Yours.

23/2/28

match to S of S. No 21 of 20/4/20

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16. IV. 28
3. III. 28

For further report.

[Red stamp]

S. H. T. L. P.

For further report please

[Signature]

18-4-28.

Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Since previous report the transmissions from 5 S W have improved. The fading is less and the carrier wave freer from hum. It is unfortunate but nevertheless true that the B.B.C. transmission is inferior in strength and tone to that from the Radio Station of the Phillips Lamp Co. of Eindhoven, Holland.

Also apart from the technical side the Dutch Station strikes a very fine note when it calls the Dutch Colonies throughout the World and address greetings to the Governors of the Colonies. "Hullo, Surinam, Greetings to His Excellency the Governor. This is Holland calling" - in Dutch.

[Signature]

Inside Minute Paper.

3. Despatch to J off ho. 208 of 30/5/28.

Supt. T. & T.,
to note.A.J.S.
for C.S.
14/6/28.Hon. Col. Sec.

Noted, please

J.N.
14/6/28.Early

Supt. of T. & T.

For report please in order that
His Excellency may be enabled to report further
to the S. of S.J.N.
for C.S. 29.8.28.Hon. Col. Sec.Transmissions continue to be
received regularly at good strength.The announcers voice at Chelmsford is very
much clearer & stronger than the remainder of
the programme when passed over the land-
lines.J.N.
29/8/28

4. Despatch to S of S ho. 301 of 3rd Sept, 1928.

64. 3. 12. 28

for 3. 9. 28

Off. Sec.

Please ask Mr. P. A. P.

for a further report in this connection.

for

12. 12. 28.

Suplt. T. & T.

For further report please.

C. D. J.
14/12/28

Hon. Col. Sec.

The transmission is received regularly & at good strength. Local atmospheric conditions have rendered reception "noisy" lately.

At this extreme distance the field strength is not sufficiently high to allow of satisfactory re-broadcasting without special aerial arrangements.

I understand that recently re-broadcasting of U.S. programmes was satisfactory due to the aerial arrangements used by the Marconi Company at Chelmsford.

No reply has been received to Para 3 Ref (2) 28th Feb. 1928

J.H.D.
17/12/28

Y/E. Submitted -

A. J. J.
for
18/12/28.

5. Despatch to S. J. S. No. 359 of 2/12/28.

Y/E

Despatch failed and submitted for signature.

A. J. J.
for
22/12/28.

Off. J. J.

Despatch 21/12/28 - please let

Off. A. J. J. see.

for

22.12.28.

Supl. T. & T.

Humboldt

To see

for
24/12/28.

A. J. J.
for
24/12/28.

Off. 31/3/29.

A. J. J. 29/12/28.

6. Supl. & Misc. 3. Desp. 7/1/28

b.f.

13. 2. 29

13. 1. 29.

Sept. 1. at 1.

For further report

please.

Wally

15. 2. 29

Hon. Col. Sec.

5 SW continues to be received
regularly. Information asked for in 3 of Red 2 has
not yet been received

SJ
20/6/29.

Papers recalled for action 20/6/29.

Soft Miss Despatch 23/4/29.

7.

Sept. 27 b.f.

To see

S.L. 13
A.C.B.
20. 11. 29

J.H.M.

22. 6. 29.

Hon. Col. Sec.

See please

8/12/29

31/8/29

bf. 31/12/29
C. V. 2/9/29

- 8 Sops Miscellaneous Despatch 23/10/29
9 Minute pour H. B. The Gov. 7/11/29
W. Mercer.

To see
E. R. 18
C. S.
12. XII. 29.

Am. Col. Sec.

Seen. 17/12/29.
R. Mercer.

P. A.
19/12/29

650/27.

CODE.

TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Despatched: 9th December, 1927 *Time:* 11r11

Received: 10th December. 1927 *Time:* 10.40

GOVERNOR.

PORTSTAINLY.

British Broadcast Corporation proposes to conduct experimental transmission through Station No. 5 S.W. for the next few months beginning on 12th December except Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 12.30 P.M. to 1.30 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 11 P.M. G.M.T. Please report at intervals by despatch reception results.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

28th February, 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 81.

Sir,

I have the honour to report in accordance with the instructions contained in your telegram of the 9th of December, 1927, on the reception in this Colony of the experimental transmission conducted by the British Broadcast Corporation through station No. 5 S.W.

2. The Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones has submitted the following minute to the Colonial Secretary in the matter under date the 23rd of February, 1928, viz:-

"Reception of 5 S.W. is regular but not sufficiently good for re-broadcasting. Rapid fading at a time period of approximately one second is often experienced"

3. He has also requested that any results of experimental work recently carried out in connection with receiving aerials for short wave which you may be good enough, if possible, to obtain may be forwarded for his information and guidance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

E. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ARNOLD HODSON.

FAIRLAND ISLANDS.
MISCELLANEOUS. (3)

DOWNING STREET,

- 7 November, 1928.

Sir,

Redist

With reference to your despatch No. 301 of the 3rd of September, I have the honour to inform you that I shall be glad if you will continue for the present to forward the reports regarding the experimental transmissions by the British Broadcasting Corporation from Station 5 S.W.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Signed) L. S. AMERY

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FAIRLAND ISLANDS.

KALIANI ISLAND.

No. 589.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

21st December, 1928.

Sir,

In continuation of my despatch, No. 301 of the 3rd of September, 1928, on the subject of the reception in this Colony of the experimental transmission conducted by the British Broadcast Corporation through station No. 5 S.W., I have the honour to inform you that the Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones now reports further in this connection as follows :-

"The transmission is received regularly and at good strength. Local atmospherics have rendered reception "noisy" lately. At this extreme distance the field strength is not sufficiently high to allow of satisfactory re-broadcasting without special aerial arrangements.

"I understand that recently re-broadcasting of U.S. programmes was satisfactory, due to the aerial arrangement used by the Marconi Company at Chelmsford."

2. With reference to the concluding paragraph of the Superintendent's report I would enquire whether it has been found practicable to take any action in regard to the request for information on this subject put forward in paragraph 3 of Mr. Hodson's despatch, No. 21 of the 28th of February, 1928.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

J.M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

H. C. M. S. ARRY, P. C., M. P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

3rd September, 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 301

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 9th of December, 1927, and in continuation of Mr. Hodson's despatch No. 208 of the 30th of May, 1928, on the subject of the reception in this Colony of the experimental transmission conducted by the British Broadcast Corporation through station No. 5 S.M., I have the honour to inform you in accordance with your instructions that the Superintendent of Telegraphs and Telephones now reports further in this connection as follows:-

"Transmissions continue to be received regularly at good strength. The announcer's voice at Chelmsford is very much clearer and stronger than the remainder of the programme when passed over the land-lines".

2. I shall be grateful if you will be good enough to inform me whether you desire me to continue to furnish you with periodical reports on this subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

650/27
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

30th May. 1928.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 218.

Sir,

With reference to your telegram of the 9th of December, 1927, and in continuation of my despatch No. 81 of the 28th of February, 1928, on the subject of the reception in this Colony of the experimental transmission conducted by the British Broadcast Corporation through station No. 5 S.W., I have the honour to inform you in accordance with your instructions that the Superintendent of Telegraphs & Telephones reports further in this connection as follows:-

"Since the previous report the transmissions from 5 S.W. have improved. The fading is less and the carrier wave more free from hum. It is unfortunate but nevertheless true that the B.B.C. transmission is inferior in strength and tone to that from the Radio station of the Phillips Lamp Company of Lindhoven, Holland."

2. I shall not fail in due course to furnish you with a further report in this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

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

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

ARNOLD HODSON.

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DUPLICATE

FALKLAND ISLANDS.
MISCELLANEOUS.

DOWNING STREET,
23
April, 1929.

Read

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 2 of Mr. Ellis's despatch No. 359 of the 21st of December, 1928, regarding the results of experimental work carried out in connection with the reception of broadcasting on short waves, I have the honour to inform you that the British Broadcasting Corporation, to whom an enquiry on the subject was addressed, state that research work is still being actively pursued and that it is desired to carry the work to a definite conclusion before any details are communicated.

Arrangements will be made to furnish you with the results of such research work as soon as the details are received from the British Broadcasting Corporation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) L. S. ABLETT.

GOVERNOR

ARNOLD HOBSON, ESQ., C.M.G.

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GOVERNMENT RECORDS
PASADENA COUNTY

Mr. Mercer to me.

AM.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Downing Street,

23

October, 1929.

Sir,

Red

I have the honour to refer to my predecessor's telegram of the 9th December, 1927, in which you were asked to report by despatch at intervals the reception of the experimental transmission by the British Broadcasting Corporation from Station 5 S.W.

2. I have now ascertained from the British Broadcasting Corporation and the General Post Office that, while these reports have been of considerable value, sufficient information has now been accumulated regarding the performance of this Station and that accordingly no further reports are required.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,
(Signed) PASSFIELD.

GOVERNOR,

ARNOLD HODSON, ESQ., C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.