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C.S.

1929.

No.

*C/20/29*

Estate L. Williams

SUBJECT.

1929.

26th October.

Previous Paper.

MEMORIAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE  
COLONIES RELATIVE TO THE TELEPHONE AND  
BROADCASTING SERVICES.

MINUTES.

- 1-4. Memorial addressed to S.O.S. from  
Estate L. Williams. 28/10/29.  
5. Letter to Mrs. Williams. 26/10/29.  
6. " from " " 28/10/29.  
7-8. Letter from Estate L. Williams. 9/1/33.

*g.p.*

*Submitted with a draft despatch.*

*[Signature]*

How C.S.

*9. 1. 33.*

*Draft of Despatch*

*Approved*

*9-1-33*

Subsequent Paper.

*9. Despatch to S.O.S. no. 13 of 10/1/33.*

Letter to Estate L. Williams, 12/1/33.

10.

P. A.

*jud.*

12. 1. 33.

S. J. S. despatch, N<sup>o</sup>. 10 of 21/2/33  
Letter to Estate L. Williams of 20/2/33.

11.  
12.

*PAjud*

25. 3. 33

Letter from E. House. Esq. 27/3/33

(13)

Y. E. Skilled with a draft  
up. *jud*

28. 3. 33.

Am C. S.

Approved

*J. G.*

28. 3. 33

Letter to Manager, Estate L. Williams of 29/3/33.

(14)

*PAjud*

29. 3. 33

Letter from Manager, Estate L. Williams 26/1/34

15-16.



C.S.O. No. 20/29

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. ....

Yk. Submitted. To M<sup>rs</sup> Williams  
has now asked in writing that  
a copy of her letter of the 28<sup>th</sup>  
October, 1929, be supplied to M<sup>r</sup>  
Rowe / take it there is no  
objection to complying with her  
request.

MCH  
ay c.s.  
26.7.34.

*For C.S.*

*Please send telegram as  
drafted to V.G.S. and afterwards  
return this D.P. to me.*

MCH  
27.7.34.

(14) Telegram to S of S. no. 34 of 24/4/34.

Yk. Telegram sent as  
directed.

MCH  
ay c.s.  
27.7.34

Jr. C. S.

Please acknowledge receipt  
of vol 16 and say that the  
matter is receiving attention.

JmS

30. 7. 34.

Letter to E. G. Rowe Esq. 30/7/34

(18)

p.a.

Telegram from S. of S. to 41 of 31/7/34

(19)

Jr.

Submitted.

MCH  
by C.S.  
1. 8. 34.

Jr. C. S.

Draft letter herewith.

JmS

1. 8. 34

Letter to E. G. Rowe Esq. of 2/8/34.

(20)

Letter from Mrs. Arthur Williams 12/8/34. 21-22.



J.R. Submitted. It will only be  
 necessary to acknowledge the letter  
 repudiating the letter of the  
 28<sup>th</sup> October 1929.

MCH  
by C.B.  
 12. 9. 34

Thm C. S.

Yes: please simply

acknowledge receipt of her letter

dated Re 12<sup>th</sup> September 1934,

J.R.

12. 9. 34

(23)  
 24-25. Letter to Mrs. L. Williams of 14/9/34.  
 Letter from Manager, Est. L.H. of 14/9/34

J.R. Submitted. Mr. Rowe now  
 asks whether his communication  
 of the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1929, will  
 now be forwarded to the S. Off.  
 together with a copy of his  
 letter nos 24-25. I am  
 unable to see what the point  
 is in requesting that a  
 communication written nearly

five years ago should now be  
forwarded to the S of S.

As was the case in the  
matter of the Postal Service, Mr  
Rowe is the sole and only complainant.

WCH  
as C.S.  
18.9.54.

Hon. C.S.

Please rekk. 2. of reks 25/24

and say that a copy of it together

with a copy of his memorial dated 25.10.29,

reks 4/1, will be forwarded to S. of S.

by next mail.

2. On return I will draft a

covering despatch. As the machine will go,

please, obtain from Mr. Butcher information on

the following points?

(a) Is there now any broadcasting

done over the ordinary telephone lines

e.g. to the camp?

(b) Does the broadcast service actually

cause any interference to the telephone service?



- (c) Are there not in operation arrangements for emergency telephone calls after 8 p.m.?
- (d) Is not the broadcast service generally popular? And are not complaints infrequent?
- (e) What is the present number of subscribers to the broadcast service? What was the number, say, at 1.1.34 and at 1.1.33?

*Jms*

19.9.34.

- (26) Minute to o.c. Electrical Dept. 20/9/34.
- (27) Letter to E. G. Rowe, Esq. of 20/9/34.
- (28-29) Minute from Mr. E. W. Butcher 21/9/34

*J.E.* Submitted.

*MCH*  
*ay C.S.*

21.9.34

Mr C.S.

Left despatch here with.

✓ J. H. G.

24. 9. 34

Despatch to S of S. No. 124 of 26/9/34.

30-32.

Y.

Despatch submitted.

✓ J. H. G.  
27. 9. 34

Mr C.H.  
at C.S.  
27. 9. 34.

S. of S. despatch, No. 156 of 7/12/34. 33.

Y.H.

Submitted with draft letter  
to Mr. Rowe.

C. J. G.  
for 1/2/35.

Hon. Col. Sec.

Approved.

Mr C.H.  
2. 2. 35

Letter to C.G. Rowe, Esq., of 2/2/35.

H.

P.A.  
14/2/35



35. Letter from E. G. Rowe, Esq., of 4/3/35  
 C.E. send copy of recd ss- to  
 Ch. Electrician for his observations.  
MCH  
5.3.35

36. Minute to Chief Electrician, 6/3/35.

37. Minute from Chief Electrician, 9/3/35.

38. Letter to E. G. Rowe, Esq., of 12/3/35.

C.E. Please note that Lamp  
 lucis are not to be switched  
 on for broadcast until ordinary  
 telephone business ends at  
 9 p.m.

MCH  
11.3.35

Hon C.S.

Instructions noted  
 thank you. A. minor  
 Ag. C.E.

14/3/35

P.A.  
14/3/35

(3940) Letter from Manager. ELES 29/7/35

(41)

———— " ——— 29/7/35

Yk. Submitted. With regard to  
 recd 41 the removal of the  
 telephone exchange will prevent  
 any interference while broadcasting  
 is in operation. Mr. Rowe might  
 be informed that steps are

being taken to move the Exchange in order that emergency calls may be answered at any time.

2. The third para. of his letter is also mentioned in 4 of his further letter redds 58-59. The correspondence in this file explains why his memorial of October 1927 was not sent to the S. of S. until 1934, and I cannot see that any good purpose can be served by entering into further correspondence. Mr. Rowe's principal Mr. Louis Williams requests that the memorial should not be sent and so far as I am aware there is no evidence to show that the letter (red 6) was obtained from him by the abuse of administrative authority, or that officials were responsible for holding up the memorial. In the circumstances his redress or apology would appear to be due to Mr. Rowe.

3. I agree that local "Aerial Broadcasting" would be a boon to residents in our districts but I think it would be wiser asking the "Discovery" Committee for a grant for the purpose. The matter might be considered when financial circumstances permit. At the moment there are matters of greater urgency such as extension of water supply and electric lighting.

h.c.H.  
cl.



H.C.

Your favor! Very well  
 2. Mr. Rowe can <sup>also</sup> be informed that  
 the extension of the broadcasting service  
 will be considered <sup>further</sup> in connection with  
 the 1936 Estimates

~~11/11/35~~ 21/7/35

42. Letter to E. G. Rowe, Esq., of 1/8/35.

(43) Letter from E. G. Rowe, Esq., of 20/4/36.

(44) Minute to Chief Electrician of 23/4/36.

45-46. Minute from Chief Electrician, 20/4/36.

Y.E. Rds. (43) (45) (46) submitted.

It is regrettable that a responsible representative of any commercial firm in this Colony should stoop to wishing such objectionable acts.

2. I suggest for the approval of Y.E. that a reply be sent stating that the incident to which reference has been made was due to a fault in the telephone lines and NOT to the system of broadcasting adding that while every precaution is taken to maintain an efficient telephone service accidents such as a breakdown of the resistance of a line or the entanglement of wires due to storms <sup>which was the cause of the complaint</sup> may occur ~~which is the cause of the complaint~~ ~~may occur on any telephone system.~~

3. Regarding para 7 of (43) I seek the further direction of Your Excellency as I feel that the strongest of disapproval of the comments made on a previous Governor should be communicated to Mr. Rowe.

gcs. 30/4/36



Wm. A. C.

A disgraceful and deplorable letter. It is usual I think to give such communications altogether. If the writer receive a reply later he can be told that <sup>no</sup> persons better ~~fit~~ ~~the standard of ordinary courtesy in official~~ ~~correspondence~~ are ~~not~~ entitled to any acknowledgment of letters the terms of which transgress ordinary standard of courtesy and propriety. <sup>required</sup> official correspondence.

~~1111~~ 3074/26

P.A.  
y. 1/6/36

Letter from Estab L. Williams of 4/1/81

47.

4. E

Y.E Submitted.

I shall cause a copy of (47) to be sent to the Sup.  
Rt Dip. for his full report on the case under reference  
+ also on the present system.

Res.  
7/8/37

Ham. es

Yes, please. I am inclined to agree  
with X of letter from Estate Williams.  
It would benefit the whole Colony if  
broadcasting could be carried on from  
the W.F. Stn. 7/8/37

met  
9.8.57



48. Minute to Sup. Elect. & Tel. Dept. of 11. 8. 37.  
 49. Letter to Manager, Estab. Louis Williams 11. 8. 37.

P.P.  
 11/8/37.  
 (50-51)

Minute from Supervisor, E & T of 18/8/37.

T.E.

Submitted.

I suggest that the recommendations be approved in so far as they relate to the local system of Broadcasting.

2. I do not think however that the Supr. E & T Dept. has given as much information as T.E. would desire.

3. In the first instance, does the Supr. E & T consider that the transmitter recommended would be thoroughly satisfactory in the Falklands? Is there any British Manufacturer who can supply similar equipment at the same price? What alterations would be necessary? What would be the additional cost to the Public who have subscribed? Would the transmitter referred to meet with the requirements of any International Agreement regarding broadcasting?

Perhaps it will be well to get this information before communicating to Estab. L.W. further.

J. E. S. 23/8/37

Hon. C.S.

Further details are required.

I thought we got from International Communication Co. & the Marconi Mfg Co. (UK) particulars of instruments and plant required for broadcasting. We cannot get the plant from America when there

are British firms who can supply what is required.

2. The Supervisor should state in detail what sort of plant would be required to give efficient broadcasting service from the W.T. Station to the whole of the Colony. Why shouldn't he also broadcast for the benefit of Britishers in S. America.

MCH

25.8.37

If necessary we can ask the C.A.'s to obtain further details.  
Cost etc.

MCH

Minute to Supervisor, C.S.D. of 24/8/37.

" from " " 2/9/37.

(52)

PP  
24/8/37

(53)

Y.E. The information required by Y.E. is at (53)  
Perhaps a letter could go to the Goven Agents asking them to furnish the costs of transmitters manufactured by the firm referred to in 3(i) and tentative enquiries could be made by despatch to the S.D.S. as to what agreement would be necessary mentioning that this information would be available for the consideration of Sir Kenneth Robinson on his return.

Yes  
3/9/37

Hon. C.S.

Yes, the C.A.'s might be asked.

2. Despatch as suggested might go to the S. of S. saying that



Consideration is being given to the question of improving broadcasting in the colony by installing at the WPT Station plant for aerial broadcasting in place of broadcasting over telephone wires which is more or less confined to Stanley.

Broadcasting over the air would benefit the whole of the colony since persons residing on islands and other remote districts could receive official and other local news.

MCH

5.7.37

T.E. Draft Despatch to Cr. Agents submitted. JS  
6/9/37

Hon. C.S.

Thank you.

MCH  
6.9.37

(54)

(55)

Despatch to S. of S. no 131 of 4/9/37.

Letter to the Crown Agents of 4/9/37.

T.E. Despatch for signature

JS  
9/9/37

Hon. C.  
Signed.

MCH  
7.9.57

Letter to Estate Louis Williams of 8.9.37. (56)

Y.E.

Has Y.E. any objection to the issue of (56) to Mr. Rowe's  
managers, E.S.W.?

JS  
9/9/57

Hon. C.  
Approved.

MCH  
9.9.57

PA  
9/9/57

Minute from N.E. the Governor, 5/3/38. 57.

JS

File Submitted.

MCH  
C

7.5.58

Having regard to the recent correspondence in this file I learned with surprise that interruption to conversation in and with the N. Camp line is the normal state of affairs now. The statement of Mr. Jellin to me <sup>was</sup> that it was only by pinning up Mr. Rowe that a clear line could be obtained. I personally heard the broadcasting of various fragments of music through the speakers at Test Hotel at about 8 pm - at all events long before 9 or it made conversation in the Camp quite impossible.

No more must be heard of this kind of complaint for the Camp.

JS 7/2/58



Sub. Exec. Dept:

To see and note H.E.'s minute and for your report please. I am not aware how it is "broadcasting" gets through on the telephone lines but I have noticed it several times on the local lines.

Wct+1  
C.S.  
8. 3. 38

Hon. Cab. Sec.

H.E.'s minute seen and noted.

The broadcasting has been relayed over the camp lines only at the request of one or the other of the residents on the lines, but, has been disconnected from the Studios when the telephone is in use.

A leak in the insulation of the Broadcast circuit has now been discovered, but has not yet actually been located. Testing of insulation continues and should be completed within 4 days.

The lines in question have however been disconnected from the Studios and unless a line actually becomes twisted with telephone lines there should be little or no interference with conversations in future.

Wct

Sup E. J.  
" 13/38

H.

Submitted.

mcH  
C.S.

15.5.58

~~15/5~~ 15/5

Letter from C.G. Rowe, Esq., of 29.6.58 (58)

Supr. Elec. Dept.

Re: 58 for early return,  
please. In this connection  
please see H's minute of  
7<sup>th</sup> March and your minute  
of 11<sup>th</sup> March. I noticed recently  
difficulty in carrying on telephonic  
conversations owing to broadcast  
interference.

mcH  
C.S.

30.6.58

Hon. Col. Sec.

I was not aware that a fault had  
developed on the broadcast lines yesterday until  
1 pm ~~then~~ <sup>as to</sup> today, although I listen in daily  
from the telephone exchange so I find any such  
fault developing. Mr. Newing did <sup>not</sup> complain to the  
Exchange, which we would expect him or anyone else  
to do when interference prevailed on the telephone  
lines. The matter will be attended to immediately.

This Dept has not yet received the telephone  
rental from Estate Agents Williams for the present year  
and our repeated requests for payment apparently result  
in hasty complaints of the service we do our best  
to give.

RM  
Sup. E.T.  
30/6/58.



*H.*  
Submitted. I think  
it would have been preferable  
had Estate Williams informed  
the Elec. Dept. of the facts.  
Strictly speaking they are not  
entitled to any service owing  
to failure to pay the rental.

met  
cl.

1.7.58

Why do they continue to  
benefit by the service instead of  
being cut off altogether? They  
should obviously be cut off but I  
suppose a few days warning is necessary

met 1/7/58

Sup't. Elec. Dept.

Write please to Estate  
L. Williams for rental due  
stating that if it is not  
paid within one week the  
service will be cut off.

met  
cl.

Hon. Cal. Sec.

1.7.58

This has now been done.

RM  
Sup't. 7/7/58



Y.K.  
Does Y.K. wish a reply  
returned to recd (58)?

MCH  
CS  
8.7.38

Certainly expressing regret suitably  
and asking that in any recurrence  
an immediate report be made by telephone  
to Supt/Tel

9/7/38

Letter to Manager, Estate Louis Williams of 9.7.38. (59)

Letter from Manager, Est. Williams, 9/7/38. 60-61.

Inspector Elec. Dept.

For your observations.

What do you suggest should be  
done to finally cure broadcast  
interference in the telephone  
circuit.

MCH  
CS  
12.7.38

Hon C.S.

The reorganisation of the existing lines, together  
with the elimination - as far as practicable - of earth return  
telephone lines would remove most if not all of the trouble.  
As the lines are at present. Broadcast and telephone wires  
run in the same lead covers cable and when these  
cables are punctured - as one was last year and I suspect  
a similar puncture during the last 3 weeks - these wires become  
wet with rain, then when frozen the cable expands and  
exposes the whole core, making all lines in the damaged  
cable common with each other. A further report will be  
submitted as soon as it is practicable to lift and examine  
the suspected cable. RM sup 85 16/7/38



ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS  
PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

To the Right Honorable Lord Passfield

Colonial Office

London S. W. 1.

We very much regret having to engage your attention and your valuable time with such a trivial matter as the complaint raised by us in this communication, but as we have repeatedly complained to the local Administration regarding the Telephone and Telegraph Service, and such complaints in the past have not been dealt with with that expediency to which we think our complaints were entitled, we believe under present circumstances it will be far better to address your Lordship direct.

Last evening a friend of ours informed us that he was unable to speak to another friend in the camp because the line was engaged with the so-called "Broadcasting service". He also drew our attention to the fact that, supposing a fire were to break out in our neighbourhood at that moment ( 9.05 p.m. summer time) we would be unable to call for assistance over the telephone line.

We doubted our friend's assertion so immediately put the point to the test. We rang the telephone, and continued ringing intermittently for over 40 minutes, and could get no reply.

Eventually the operator rang us up, and informed us that he was unable to take any notice of our calls because, while the "Broadcasting service" was on, he was under orders from Government, not to put through any telephone calls - in fact not to perform that service for which the telephone subscribers especially subscribe for.

Now this state of affairs really amounts to retrogression, because formerly the telephone service was not interrupted by the so-called "Broadcasting service", either before or after 9 o'clock - the acknowledged closing hour for the exchange - and formerly even after 9 o'clock all subscribers could count upon the relief operator at the exchange putting communications through at any hour of



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the night, it being perfectly well understood that only urgent calls should be made.

But as it is at present, no telephone calls can be put through, even before the accepted closing time, if the lines are engaged on the so-called "Broadcasting service", and after 9 o'clock at night no telephone calls whatever can be put through unless an operator happens to be casually present at the exchange.

Formerly, once the exchange closed down for ordinary business, there was some method arranged - we do not know exactly how - whereby a relief operator could always receive an urgent call and put any necessary communication through.

It is sufficiently proved by the fact that on the night of the 25th December 1927, on the occasion of a fire breaking out in a small house (McAtasney & Sedgewick's) close to our premises, the police themselves used our telephone line in the early hours of the morning.

no. While we sincerely hope that we may never have to make use of this telephone service in the dead of night, we demand and must insist upon it being re-instituted, and we suggest that it is perhaps necessary, in order to avoid its abuse, that any calls attended to after 9 o'clock at night should pay a heavy fee, three or four shillings for each 5 minutes call.

And we also demand that the telephone service should not be interrupted either during the day or night by the so-called "Broadcasting service" -- and then we may be sure that in the event anyone requiring a doctor, or the services of the fire brigade, in a hurry, they will be able to get through on the telephone without the least loss of time.

The foregoing establishes the details of our complaint, and we are sure that we have made our facts sufficiently clear. However, we should like to add the following paragraphs for the very reason explained therein.

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#### "BROADCASTING SERVICE".

In the local Government paper, "Penguin", issue of Friday 18th inst., there is a report of the speech of His Excellency the Governor at the Legislative Council meeting held on the preceding Tuesday.

It is evident that at this meeting Mr. Rodson complained bitterly of criticisms hurled at his administration, - "vague murmurings from people who had no knowledge of the intricacies of the working of a Government department." It is also reported in the same issue that "His Excellency welcomed reasoned criticism and intelligent advice as the strongest support any Government could receive."



### III

Under these circumstances we venture to tender our advice in regard to "Broadcasting", which we have already proved in our preceding complaint, is at present interfering with an old established telephone service.

It is the writer's opinion, (and he has been dabbling in amateur wireless reception since February 1924) that the most economical and most satisfactory way of Broadcasting in the Colony of the Falkland Islands, is by using the same method as obtaining in every other country. By the news to be Broadcast (or music, or gramophone records, or transmission relayed from any other stations) being really "BROADCAST" into the air, and not merely relayed along the existing telephone lines.

The distance from Stanley to the most outlying islands (Say New Island) is 3 degrees 28½ minutes, say roughly 210 miles (as the crow flies), and given the well established fact that in this latitude wireless reception is extraordinarily good and free from atmospherics, and certainly free from interference from neighbouring stations, it is most evidently possible to establish a real Broadcasting studio in Stanley which could transmit into the air without very elaborate apparatus and without it being necessary to use much power.

A real Broadcasting station of this nature would permit of every house in Stanley receiving real wireless transmission on a crystal receiver, costing as low as 10/6 each, headphones could be supplied at 7/6 per pair, and an outdoor aerial wire would cost about 2/3d. The whole could be installed by any schoolboy of average intelligence in less than an hour.

The nearer shepherd shanties in the camps could also receive on crystal sets, and those farther out could install two valve sets, in fact we are almost certain that a two valve set, of a proper type, would receive Broadcast news from Stanley, at any settlement in the Falkland Islands - but certainly in no case would it be necessary to have any larger set than a 2-valve set.

A scheme of this nature would enable everybody in the Falklands, rich and poor, to get local news by wireless, quite independent of the telephone service. People at some distance from Stanley who would need dry batteries and accumulators in order to light their valve sets, would have a little difficulty at the start, until they got accustomed to the slight intricacies of the working of the sets, and they would also have to take their accumulators periodically for rechargé, but with the number of electrical lighting plants that are now being installed, most people, on the East Falklands, at least, will be within easy riding distance of some plant where batteries could be recharged.

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By initiating real Broadcast wireless transmission from Stanley, many people would install crystal sets, who cannot at present afford 25.- for a Loudspeaker, and who will not install Headphones at 22.-, but would readily spend:-

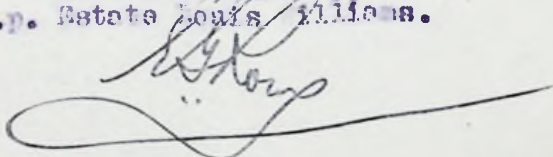
	10/6	on a crystal receiver
	7/6	on a pair of headphones
	2/3	on an aerial wire
Total	<u>20/3</u>	

and the installation of the sets would cost the Government nothing, because, if the buyer of the set could not himself install it, the merchant he bought it from would soon fix it up for him.

However, the real charm of wireless reception, resides in the amateur receiver being able to tune in himself to whatever station pleases him best, and it would not be long before many people, being sure of getting the Stanley station, would then install larger sets, with the object of getting Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Valparaiso, and in some cases even London and New York.

Hoping that our complaint regarding the telephone service, and our remarks anent "Broadcasting" may receive favourable attention, we remain,

Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.





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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley.

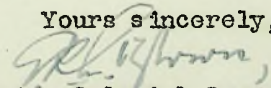
26th October.1929.

Dear Mrs Williams,

With reference to our conversation this morning I am directed by His Excellency to send you the enclosed documents which you have already perused, and which you have informed me verbally contain representations entirely foreign to your views.

As these documents include a memorial purporting to be from the Estate Louis Williams, I am to enquire whether it is your wish they should be forwarded to the Secretary of State in which case His Excellency will transmit them by next mail.

Yours sincerely,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mrs Williams,  
Waverley House,  
STANLEY.



File with Gachet  
2829/10 H.

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Oct-28<sup>th</sup> 1929.

WAVERLEY HOUSE,  
PORT STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS,  
S. AMERICA.

Dear Mr Brown

In reply  
to your letter will you  
please inform His Excellency  
I do not wish the  
documents to be forwarded  
to the Secretary of State. It  
has upset the very much.

Yours Sincerely,

To The Hon C.R. L. Brown A. H. Williams  
Acting Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.



ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS  
PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

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9th January 1933.

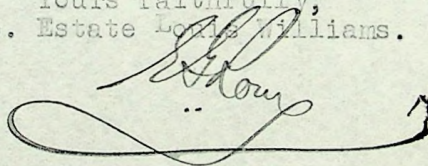
Sir,

Under the Conditions of Chapter IV, sub-head 23, paragraph 212 of the Colonial Regulations, we beg to enclose a communication in triplicate, unsealed, addressed to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and we hereby request that His Excellency the Governor may be so kind as to forward same in due course to the said Secretary of State for the Colonies.

We shall be much obliged if you can inform us when our enclosed communication has been duly forwarded to the said Secretary of State in the conditions of paragraph 215 of the stated Regulations.

Thanking you in anticipation for your courtesy and attention in this connection, we remain,

Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Port Stanley.  
Falkland Islands.

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS  
PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

*Triplicate*

9th January 1933.

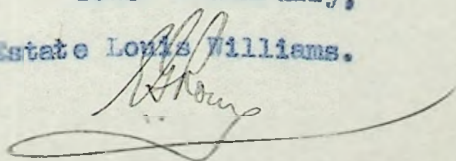
To the Right Honourable Sir. P. Canliffe-Lister, K.B.E., M.C.  
His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies  
Colonial Office  
Downing Street  
London, S. W. 1.

Sir,  
Under date of 25th October 1929 we addressed a letter to the Rt. Hon. Lord Passfield, then H.M. Secretary of State for the Colonies, formulating a serious complaint regarding the telephone service in this Colony, and its interference by so-called "Broadcasting".

As up to the present we have not been favoured with any reply to our petition, we should very much like to have an explanation as to what has become of same.

Thanking you for your courtesy and kind attention in this connection, we remain,

Yours faithfully,  
P.P. Estate Louis Williams.





GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

10th January, 1933.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 13.

Sir,

In accordance with the provisions of Colonial Regulation 203 I have the honour to forward a communication addressed to you by Mr. E. G. Rowe, the manager of the Estate Louis Williams, Stanley, on the subject of a letter addressed by him to your predecessor under date of the 25th of October, 1929.

Enclosure I.

2. I forward also a copy of this letter and of semi-official correspondence exchanged at the time between the Acting Colonial Secretary and Mrs. A. M. Williams, the proprietor of the aforesaid business.

Enclosure II.

Enclosure III.

3. You will see that Mrs. Williams did not agree with her manager's views as set out in the letter and asked for it to be withheld.

4. I suggest that the reply to Mr. Rowe's communication might be to the effect that you are informed that the letter addressed to your predecessor to which he refers was withheld in accordance with the desire expressed by his principal, Mrs. A. M. Williams, in her letter of the 28th of October, 1929, a copy of which is enclosed for his convenience of reference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER,  
G.B.E., P.C., M.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

JAMES O'GRADY.



C/20/29.

12th January, 33.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 9th of January, 1933,  
I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His  
Excellency is forwarding the enclosed communication to  
the Secretary of State for the Colonies by the mail due  
to leave Stanley on the 14th of January, 1933.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*

Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO

10.



Downing Street,

21 February, 1933.

Sir,

*Red. a.*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 15 of the 10th of January, forwarding a communication from Mr. E.G. Rowe, Manager of the Estate Louis Williams, Stanley, on the subject of a letter addressed by him to my predecessor, dated the 25th of October, 1929.

2. I shall be glad if you will cause a reply to be returned to Mr. Rowe in the sense suggested in your despatch, but I consider that a copy of the letter from Mrs. Williams should not be sent to him. If Mr. Rowe should ask for a copy of that letter, it would be desirable that he should either be referred to Mrs. Williams, or that the Government should refer the request to her.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER

GOVERNOR

SIR JAMES O'GRADY, K.C.M.G.

&c., &c., &c.



C/20/29.

25th March,

33.

Sir,

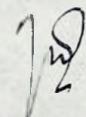
With reference to your letter of the 9th of January, 1933, I am directed by the Governor to state that the Secretary of State has desired that you should be informed in the following sense in reply to your memorial.

2. The Secretary of State is informed that the letter addressed to his predecessor to which you refer was withheld in accordance with the desire expressed by your principal, Mrs. A. M. Williams, in her letter of the 28th of October, 1929.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
Colonial Secretary.

E. G. Rowe, Esq.,  
Manager,  
Estate L. Williams,  
STANLEY.



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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE MANAGER



# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS

Established 1863

GENERAL MERCHANTS

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

27th March 1933.

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

Sir,

*Recd*  
I am in receipt of your favour dated 25th inst.  
and note the reply received from the Right Hon. the  
Secretary of State for the Colonies. (C.20/29)

Given the conditions under which I manage the affairs  
of Mrs. Ada Marjorie Williams ( trading under the name of  
Estate Louis Williams) a very grave irregularity has been  
committed.

I shall therefore be obliged if a copy of the letter  
said to have been signed by Mrs. A.M.Williams under date of  
28th October 1929, be sent me.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Manager and Attorney for Estate Louis Williams  
Attorney for Mrs. Ada Marjorie Williams.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

C/20/29.

29th March, 33.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th of March, 1933, I am directed to inform you that I am not empowered to furnish you with a copy of Mrs. A. M. Williams's letter of the 28th of October, 1929, and to suggest that you refer your request direct to Mrs. Williams.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
The Estate L. Williams,  
STANLEY.



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SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS.  
ESTD 1863.

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**PORT STANLEY**  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

26th July 1934.

Sir,

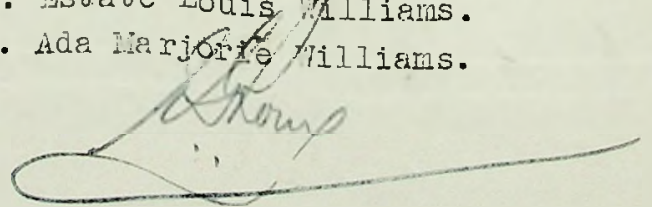
With reference to your letter C/20/29, dated 29th March 1933, we enclose a letter of yesterday's date signed by Mrs. A.M. Williams, and addressed to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary in which Mrs. Williams requests that a certified copy of her letter dated 28th October 1929, be issued to the undersigned.

We trust that there will therefore be no further delay in putting the writer in possession of this document.

Thanking you in anticipation for your courtesy, we remain,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.  
p.p. Ada Marjorie Williams.



The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

WAVERLEY HOUSE,  
STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

25th July 1934.

Sir,

With reference to C/20/29 and your letter of 29th March 1935 addressed to the Manager of Estate Louis Williams, I hereby request that a certified copy of my letter dated 28th October 1929 be handed to Mr. E.G. Rowe, Manager of Estate Louis Williams, with the least possible delay.

Thanking you in anticipation for your courtesy and kind attention in this connection, I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

*A H Williams*

To The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.



DECODE.

C/20/29.

TELEGRAM.

From His Excellency the Governor.

To The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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Despatched: 27th July, 19 34 Time: 1200

Received: 19 Time:

No. 38. Your despatch of 21st February, 1933, No. 10.  
Mrs. Williams has now requested in writing that a copy of  
her letter dated 28th October, 1929, be handed to Rowe  
with the least possible delay. Grateful for instructions.

GOVERNOR.

C/20/29.

30th July,

34.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th July, 1954, and to say that the matter is receiving attention.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*MCH*

Acting Colonial Secretary.

E. G. Rowe, Esq.,  
Manager,  
The Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.



DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

*From* The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*To* His Excellency the Governor.

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*Despatched:* 51st July, 19 54 *Time:* 1256.

*Received:* 1st August, 19 54 *Time:* 1150.

No. 41. Your telegram No. 58. No objection but assume it will be made clear that the copy is communicated at Mrs. Williams' request.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

C/20/29.

2nd August,

54.

Sir,

Lead 6  
In continuation of my letter No. C/20/29 of the 30th of July, 1934, I am directed, in accordance with Mrs. A. M. Williams' request enclosed in your letter of the 26th of July, 1934, to forward to you a copy of her letter addressed to Mr. G. R. L. Brown, Acting Colonial Secretary, of the 28th of October, 1929.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*McH*

Acting Colonial Secretary.

E. G. Rowe, Esq.,  
STANLEY.



WAVERLEY HOUSE,  
PORT STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS,  
S. AMERICA.

Sept-12<sup>th</sup> 1934

Sir with reference to my  
letter of Oct-28<sup>th</sup> 1934 addressed  
to the Colonial Secretary.  
I have with to put on record:  
the letter <sup>was</sup> written by me on  
the instigation of the then  
Governor. For Arnold Hudson  
how (Sir Arnold Hudson) urging  
me to interfere with the  
management of key affairs  
here which I had continued to



WAVERLEY HOUSE,  
PORT STANLEY,  
FALKLAND ISLANDS,  
S. AMERICA.

Mr E G Rowe.

It stands to reason that if  
Mr Rowe's criticism had  
not been worth receiving  
serious attention,

Mr Hudson would not have  
endeavoured to have the  
criticism suppressed.

I hereby repudiate & withdraw  
my letter of October 28<sup>th</sup> & very  
much regret having allowed  
Mr Hudson to influence me



in the matter.

Yours faithfully

A H Williams

To the Hon Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.

C/20/29.

14th September, 34.

Madam,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter dated the 12th September, 1934.

I am,

Madam,

Your obedient servant,

*hch*

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mrs. Louis Williams,  
Waverley House,  
STANLEY.



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A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

17th September 1934.

Sir,

I now refer again to your letter of 25th March 1933 connected with the complaints originally formulated by me under date of 25th October 1929, for transmission to the Right Hon. The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

You will have now received Mrs. A.M. Williams' letter dated 12th inst. which entirely repudiates her previous letter of 28th October 1929, and which was obtained from her by the use, or rather abuse, of administrative authority.

The complaints originally formulated by me still stand, aggravated by the abuse of authority mentioned (let us say in harassing a weak woman in order to endeavour to suppress honest criticism), and by trying to evade the spirit and the letter of Chapter IV, sub-head 25, paragraph 212 of the Colonial Regulations.

In the words of Mrs. Williams' letter of 12th inst:-

" It stands to reason that if Mr. Rowe's criticism had not been worth receiving serious attention, Mr. Hodson would not have endeavoured to have the criticism suppressed. "

I may further point out that I could have deposited the original complaint in my private name, without signing p.p. Estate Louis Williams, but as it is entirely in defence of Mrs. Williams' business interests that I reside in Stanley

2.

I insist upon such complaints going forward in the name of the firm "Estate Louis Williams" , as when I have had occasion to make use of the telephone, in my capacity as Manager and Attorney for Estate Louis Williams, endeavouring to attend to business, and have been greeted with a SO CALLED BROADCAST of

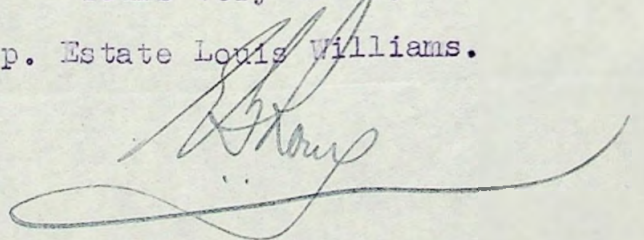
"Alleluia ! I'm a Bum " ,  
instead of clear telephonic connection with a client, it is not only my temper that suffers, but business to which I am attending.

I should like to learn whether my original complaint, plus the remarks which I have occasion to further formulate in this letter, will now go forward to the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for proper consideration in the terms of the Regulations.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours very truly,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley

Falkland Islands.



No. C/20/29.

MINUTE.

20th September, 1934.

*From*

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

*To* The Officer-in-Charge,

Electrical Department.

E A R L Y.

I am directed by the Acting Governor to request you to furnish information on the following points :-

- (a) Is there now any broadcasting done over the ordinary telephone lines, e.g., to the Camp ?.
- (b) Does the broadcast service actually cause any interference to the telephone service ?.
- (c) Are there not in operation arrangements for emergency telephone calls after 9 p.m. ?.
- (d) Is not the broadcast service generally popular ? And are not complaints infrequent.
- (e) What is the present number of subscribers to the broadcast service? What was the number on 1st January, 1933, and on 1st January, 1934.

*for CH*

Acting Colonial Secretary.

C/20/29.

20th September, 34.

Sir,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 17th September, 1934, and to inform you that a copy of it together with a copy of your Memorial dated the 25th October, 1929, will be forwarded to the Secretary of State by next mail.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*m ch*

Acting Colonial Secretary.

E. G. Rowe, Esq.,  
Manager,  
Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.



No.  
(It is requested that, in any reference to this minute the above Number and the date may be quoted).

MINUTE.

September 21st 19 34.

From

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Services, boxing matches, football results and of course the present yachting race. The Children's Corner is very popular throughout the whole of Stanley.

(d.1.) The only complaints I have received or heard of is (1) Bad deliverance of news items (2) Lines being out of order thereby cutting off loudspeakers in that area.

(d.2.) The circuits are very seldom out of order now as they are tested at 7.30 a.m. and also 4 p.m.

(e) The present number of subscribers to the Broadcast service is 110, the number on the 1st of January 1933 was 97, and on the 1st of January 1934 99.

(e.1.) Orders for loudspeakers to be installed five, making the total for 1934 - 115.

*Gw Butcher*

No.

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

MINUTE.

September 21st 1934.

From

Officer-in-Charge  
Electrical Department.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

With reference to your minute 20/29 I have the honour to submit the following:-

(a) Yes, Broadcasting is put on camp lines by request generally after nine o'clock.

(a 1) Port Harriet request the Broadcast for the Children's Corner on Saturday but I understand that this has been allowed by Mr Langdon on condition the line is not required for Telephone work.

(b) Yes, when the Broadcasting is actually plugged into a camp line it does interfere with other camp lines but of course not full strength. I put this down to earth return system and also very bad condition of camp lines.

(b.1.) I have already started work on the camp route as far as the Wireless Station but it will take some time before earths are separated far enough to obviate all induction. But the actual camp lines will have to be improved themselves to help telephone work.

(c) Yes, the emergency system is in perfect working order and is tested daily at 12 o'clock (noon). The last emergency call I attended to myself as I was in the studio when the disc dropped and the police answered also. That was the case of the death of Mrs Kenny.

(c.1.) The emergency system is good provided the policeman is not out on patrol duty, which means that it might be an hour or more before the call is answered.

(d) As far as can be ascertained from a great number of our listeners and others who go to people's houses to listen to the broadcast, service is very popular especially so in the case of broadcasts of the Church



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

26th September, 1954.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 127.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the previous correspondence terminated in your telegram No. 41 of the 31st of July, 1934, and to forward a copy of a letter in the same connection received by the Colonial Secretary from Mr. E. G. Rowe, Manager of the Estate Louis Williams, together with a copy of the memorial dated the 25th of October, 1929, which was not forwarded to you at the time for the reasons given in Sir James O'Grady's despatch No. 13 of the 10th of January, 1935. I enclose furthermore a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Rowe in reply and also copies of three other letters which have passed between the Colonial Secretary and Mr. Rowe and Mrs. Louis Williams.

2. I propose to comment serially on the matters raised by Mr. Rowe in his original memorial. You will be aware that the broadcasting service is carried over a separate system of telephone wires within the town of Stanley but that to camp settlements it passes over the ordinary telephone lines, which are privately owned and maintained. You will be aware likewise that the Government telephone exchange in Stanley is open normally between the hours of 8 a.m., and 9 p.m., each day.

3. In regard to the use of the ordinary telephone lines to the camp for broadcasting the officer in charge

of/

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

SIR PHILIP CUMMINGS-LEITCH,

G.B.E., P.C., M.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

Enclosure I.

*Reads 24-25.*

Enclosure II.

*Reads 1-10*

Enclosure III.

*Reads 34*

Enclosures IV,

V & VI.

*Reads 20, 21-22, 23*



of the electrical department reports that transmissions of this nature are made at the request of the persons concerned and are a general rule after 9 p.m. He states that broadcasting over one camp line does cause some interference with other camp lines on account of the construction and condition of the camp lines for which, as I have indicated above, his department is not responsible.

4. The officer in charge of the electrical department reports furthermore that the emergency arrangements for urgent telephone calls between the hours of 9 p.m., and 8 a.m., have been revised and have been in good working order for some time past.

5. Generally speaking, it may be said that the broadcasting service in Stanley meets with popular satisfaction especially in the case of relays of church services, of sporting news and of the weekly children's corner. Complaints made are infrequent and relate to details such as errors in announcement or faults on the installation. The present number of subscribers is one hundred and ten, with five further connections to be added, as compared with ninety-seven on the 1st of January, 1955.

6. The matter of aerial broadcasting in my view turns on the question of the expense involved and the return expected. If the existing service is taken to be adequate for the town of Stanley the number of potential subscribers in the camp alone is not more than two hundred on the basis of one installation to every house or cookhouse. It becomes clear accordingly that the operation of such a service would not lead to the recovery of any appreciable proportion of its own cost and in actual financial circumstances it is doubtful at the least whether the revenues of

the/



the Colony can be required justifiably to bear the two-fold burden of the necessary capital and recurrent expenditure.

7. Having regard to all the circumstances, I do not consider that Mr. Rowe's complaints have any solid foundation; nor do I think that they are supported to any extent by public opinion.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.





FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 156.

Downing Street,

December, 1934.

Sir,

*Rec 32*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Ellis's despatch No. 127 of the 26th September forwarding copies of a memorial and subsequent letter from Mr. R.C. Rowe, Manager of the Estate Louis Williams.

2. I request that Mr. Rowe may be informed that I have received his memorial, and his letter of 17th September last, and that the provision of an aerial broadcasting service in the Colony at the present time would appear to be precluded by financial considerations.

3. He should further be informed that I understand that the existing broadcasting service is carried over a separate system of telephone wires within the town of Stanley, that to camp settlements it passes over the ordinary telephone lines which are privately owned and maintained, that in regard to the use of the lines to the camp for broadcasting the transmissions are made in response to requests received and as a general rule after 9 p.m., and that the emergency arrangements for urgent telephone calls between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. have been revised and have been in good working order for some time past.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

(SGD.) P. CONLIFFE-LISTER.



C/20/29.

2nd February,

35.

Sir,

With reference to the letter of even number addressed to you from this Office on the 20th of September, 1934, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has requested that you may be informed that he has received your memorial, and your letter of the 17th of September last, and that the provision of an aereal broadcasting service in the Colony at the present time would appear to be precluded by financial considerations.

2. I am further to inform you that the Secretary of State understands that the existing broadcasting service is carried over a separate system of telephone wires within the town of Stanley, that to camp settlements it passes over the ordinary telephone lines which are privately owned and maintained, that in regard to the use of the lines to the camp for broadcasting the transmissions are made in response to requests received and as a general rule after 9 p.m., and that the emergency arrangements for urgent telephone calls between the hours of 9 p.m., and 3 a.m., have been revised and have been in good working order for some time past.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

*C. J. S.*  
for Colonial Secretary.

E. G. ROWE, ESQ.,  
MANAGER,  
ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS,  
STANLEY.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE MANAGER

# ESCAPE ROOMS WITH A TWIST

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS  
Established 1863.

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

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

4th March 1935

Sir,

With reference to my repeated complaints about the Government so-called Broadcast service interfering with telephonic conversations, I have again to place a complaint before you.

Last night, circa 8.30 p.m., I had a telephone call from Mr. John T. Bonner, of San Carlos. I found conversation most difficult owing to the so-called Broadcast blaring on the line.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley  
Falkland Islands.



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MINUTE.

No. C/20/29.

6th March, 19 35.

From

To Chief Electrician,

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Electrical Department,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Stanley.

4.3.35.

I am directed to forward to you for your observations a copy of a letter which has been received from the Estate Louis Williams complaining of the interference of the Broadcast service with telephonic conversations.

(Sgd) *W. Craigie Hallett*  
Colonial Secretary.

No.

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

MINUTE.

March 9th 1935.

From

Chief Electrician  
Electrical Department.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to reply to your minute C/20/29 of 6th March, I have investigated the matter of interference of telephone work by Broadcasting, on Wednesday 6th March Mr Bonner asked to be put through to Mr Rowe at 3.30 apparently a few minutes afterwards Mr Langdon asked for Broadcasting to be plugged through. Owing to these lines, Mr Bonners and Mr Langdons running parallel and the power used to put the Broadcasting over the lines the music broke through and interrupted conversation. Miss Headford has been instructed to listen through and if necessary cut off Broadcasting from camp lines, unfortunately she did not do this and consequently the full force of the Broadcasting was put across the line. I think as the camp do not pay towards Broadcasting it would be better if no camp lines were switched on for Broadcasting until 9 p.m. when the exchange is closed.

G. W. Butler



C/20/29.

12th March,

35

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 4th March, 1935, regarding telephonic conversation being interrupted by the Broadcast Service, I have the honour to inform you that from enquiries which have been made it would appear that on the night of the 3rd of March, Mr. F.C. Langdon asked for the Broadcast to be put through to Fitzroy, and this resulted in the interruption complained of by you.

2. Instructions have been issued to the effect that Camp lines are not to be switched on for the Broadcast until the exchange is closed.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

MCH

E. G. Rowe, Esqr.,

Colonial Secretary.

Manager, Estate L. Williams,

STANLEY.



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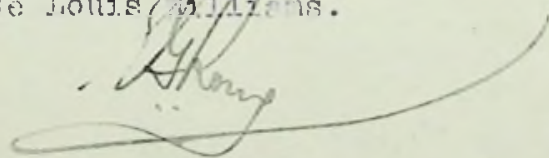
Sir,

Red 38  
In due course we received your letter of 12th March, last (C/20/29) and were pleased to learn that steps had been taken to prevent the Stanley Broadcast system from interfering with private telephonic conversations.

After a lapse of four months we are very pleased to be able to put on record that we have suffered no further interference of the nature complained of, and in fact we have noticed a very great improvement in the Camp lines generally.

All we have to add for the present is that it is a thousand pities that an original complaint formulated in a Memorial to the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State dated 25th October, 1929, was not properly dealt with at that time - it would have saved a lot of trouble and annoyance to genuine telephone subscribers - and obviously something must have been radically wrong at that time if the justice of our complaint has finally been acknowledged and the matter rectified five and half years later.

We are, dear Sir,  
yours faithfully,  
P.D. Estate Louis Williams.



THE HON:  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY  
STANLEY.



# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS.

ESTD 1863.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS

29th. July, 1935.

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

Sir,

In due course we received your letter of 2nd February, 1935 conveying the reply of the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for Colonies to our memorial of 25th October, 1928 and our subsequent letter of 17th September, 1934.

We regret having to disagree with the statement that "the provision of an aerial broadcasting service in the Colony at the present time would appear to be precluded by financial considerations."

Had the matter been put down to technical difficulties, we would not care to be so emphatic, but financial considerations alone cannot hamper any development in this Colony. The Colony has very large surplus balances, and very large sums of money have been spent and are still being spent in other directions.

Then, apart from the surpluses belonging to the Colony itself, there is the large amount set aside for the use of the "Discovery Committee", and besides the considerable sums of money spent on the research work entrusted to this Committee, large grants have been made in other directions, for instance Sir Hubert Wilkins and to the British Grahamland Expedition.

In case of need it should therefore be possible, without attacking the "Discovery Committee" in the manner that a previous Governor attempted in 1928, to win a certain measure of financial support for Progressive Development and Research work for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Falkland Islands proper.

Local "Aerial Broadcasting", could, we believe be included as a measure of progress, to break down the isolation in which so many shepherds live both on the East and West Islands, and also on outlying islands.

Many of these people are too poor to be able to afford a multi-valve radio receiving set and thus listen in to the B.B.C. Empire Broadcasts, and even those who could afford to instal multi-valve sets would find difficulty in re-charging low tension batteries.

Whereas, with a local "Aerial Broadcasting" station, they could in many instances receive music and news on

an inexpensive crystal set. We know that crystal receiving sets are fast going out of use, but they can still be procured for the use of people who cannot depend on battery service.

We do not wish to stress this matter further, but repeat that, under existing circumstances, financial considerations alone, cannot prevent any progressive development in the Falkland Islands.

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2/. In connexion with ordinary telephone conversations being interfered with by local relay system of broadcasting, we are pleased to say that the position is much improved, although we had to again make a complaint on the 4th March, 1935. Since then, however, we have had no cause for complaint and we have noticed a considerable improvement on "camp" lines.

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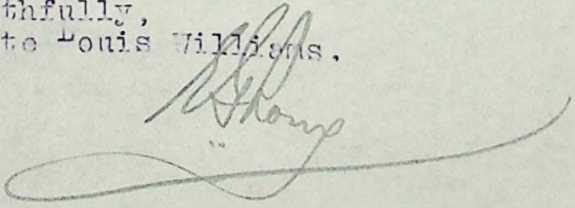
3/. Regarding emergency calls after 9 p.m. we have had, as yet, no occasion to test the efficacy of the new arrangements.

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4/. We regret to notice however, that no comment has been offered in connexion with our original memorial having been improperly dealt with in October, 1929 - in that we consider abusive measures were adopted to suppress our memorial and prevent it reaching its destination at the proper time.

The writer considers that some sort of redress or apology is due to him, and that the officials responsible for holding up the memorial should be dealt with accordingly.

We are, dear Sir,  
yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



THE HON:  
THE COLONIAL SECRETARY  
STANLEY.



C/20/29

1st August,

35.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29th July, 1935, and to inform you that steps are being taken to move the Telephone Exchange from the Town Hall to a position adjacent to the Guard Room in order that emergency calls can be answered at any time. The removal of the Telephone Exchange from the vicinity of the Broadcasting Studio will remedy the interference complained of in the past.

2. I am to add that the extension of broadcasting services will be considered further in connection with the 1936 Estimates.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

MCH

Colonial Secretary.

E. G. Rowe, Esqr.,

Manager, Estate L. Williams,

STANLEY.

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE  
TO THE MANAGER

# ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

SUCCESSORS TO CHAS WILLIAMS.

Estb'd 1863.

## GENERAL MERCHANTS

RADIO ADDRESS  
"WILLIAMS"

CODES USED:  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

20th April 1936

Sir,

I regret having to once again complain about the so-called Broadcast Service in this Colony.

Last night I was having a telephonic conversation with one of our camp customers, and I now learn this morning that my conversation has been carried on the Broadcast lines all over the village of Stanley.

This is a disgusting state of affairs, unworthy of a British Colonial Administration, and needs to be put a stop to without any delay.

I have repeatedly complained about the nonsensical manner in which "BROADCAST" has been dealt with in this Colony, by foisting it originally on to the telephone subscribers' lines, and interfering with a service that has its proper place in the scheme of life.

The proper place for "BROADCAST" is on the air, but Mr. Arnold Weinholt Hodson, when Governor of this Colony (now Sir Arnold Weinholt Hodson Governor in the Gold Coast Colony) thought differently, and successive Administrators have failed to alter the original gross mistake.

My complaints about this silly "BROADCAST" service have been partly met at different times in so far as telephone calls have been attended to and given preference over Broadcast, whereas Mr. Arnold Hodson when Governor wanted the telephone lines to be interrupted ad lib when his "Broadcast" services were on.

My firm pays about £20.- per annum for telephone services, and I am in consequence entitled to correct service and to secrecy on the line - although Mr. Arnold Hodson apparently thought nothing of eavesdropping on private telephone conversations while he was Governor here, I hardly think that that can be an accepted official attitude, and that all telephonic conversations are entitled to secrecy and in consequence if the "Broadcast" services interfere, as I have proved repeatedly, with private telephonic calls, then the "Broadcast" service should be done away with, or put in its proper place:- "ON THE AIR".

Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon, the Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.



No. C/20/29.

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

MINUTE.

23rd April, 1936.

To The Chief Electrician,

Stanley.

From

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I am directed to forward to you for your observations a copy of a letter which has been received from the Estate Louis Williams complaining of the interference of the Broadcast service with telephonic conversations.

*C. I. 8*  
for Colonial Secretary.

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

MINUTE.

25th April, 1936.

From THE CHIEF ELECTRICIAN,

STANLEY.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Herewith please, my observations of the copy of the letter from the Estate Louis Williams, dated the 20th of April, 1936.

I have to report that on returning to my residence at approximately 7.30 p.m. on Sunday the 19th of April, I immediately discovered that there was a fault on the Broadcast and Telephone system, owing to the fact that voices, other than those from the Cathedral, could be heard in the background on the loudspeaker, I rang up Mr Slade who was on duty in the Broadcast Studio, and ask whether he could hear the voices on the Broadcast system, he replied in the affirmative and inquired if he should switch off the Church Service, I instructed him to do so at once. Mr Slade should have used his own common sense and switched off immediately, once he found there was fault on the line. I deeply regret that Mr Rowe's conversation should have been broadcast, although very weak, over the system, I am not expressing the regrets in the light of a fault on the lines, as the resistance of a line can break down at any moment, or lines become twisted which would cause cross talk and induction, but I am expressing my regrets on behalf of the department in view of the fact that Mr Slade is purely at fault for not switching off immediately. At 7.30 a.m. Monday morning I personally inspected the lines at Waverly House and gave immediate instructions for the lines to be overhauled and transposed wherever possible. The microphone line was also inspected and found to be in correct working order, no leakage to earth etc.

I respectfully/



I respectfully point out that in this case it was not the broadcasting interfering with the telephonic communications but vice-versa, but we have always of course, in such a case, to give way, switch off the Broadcasting and discover the offending line and repair it. I therefore again express my regrets that Mr Slade did not switch off and thus save an unnecessary complaint.

I would like to add that I consider the time has arrived when all earth return lines should be done away with and replaced by fully metallic lines, there is no hope of anything approaching a secret telephone service while the earth return system is in use and has to be plugged through to the Exchange. Would it be possible at this stage to consider the erection of two new lines from Government House to the Wireless Station, thereby shifting two of the earth connections approximately three miles which would assist a great deal in cutting down induction and cross-talk. The whole of this work would cost approximately £100.

*QW Butcher*

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ESTD 1863.

GENERAL MERCHANTS

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CODES USED  
BENTLEYS  
A.B.C. S.W.E.D.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Wednesday 4th August 1937  
8.58 p.m.

Sir,

I have repeatedly complained to the Colonial Government regarding the telephone services of the Colony being interfered with by the local so-called 'Broadcasting' services.

This evening on returning to my quarters at about 8 p.m. I was informed that The Hon. Norman K. Cameron, J.P. had rung me on the telephone line from Mr. J.F. Bonner's settlement at San Carlos.

I asked the telephone exchange to put me through to San Carlos, and after great difficulty the telephone operator was able to establish the connection, a few minutes ago.

But it was impossible to converse with San Carlos because of 'broadcasting' interference on the line.

It is indeed highly ridiculous that the telephone service, for which this firm pays a considerable sum of money each year, should continue to be interfered with in this manner, particularly after the numerous times that we and others have made strong complaints on the subject.

If the telephone services were operated by a private company, such interferences would not be tolerated for one moment, but because the service is owned and controlled by the Colonial Government this interference and interruption persists from year to year.

X We have repeatedly pointed out that the proper place for a broadcast service is on the air, and in this connection would refer to the Memorials sent by Estate Louis Williams to the Rt. Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies - vide file C/20/29 .

Will it be necessary for us to yet again approach that high quarter (where they have more than sufficient to do with really important issues such as Palestine, Tanganyika etc. ) before the telephone service here is allowed to perform its proper functions without being interfered with and interrupted by the so-called-"Broadcast".

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.

The Hon.  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.  
Falkland Islands.



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No. C/20729.

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

MINUTE.

11th August, 19 37.

From The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

To Supervisor, Electrical &

Telegraphs Department,

STANLEY.

I am directed by the Acting Governor to transmit a copy of a complaint received from Messrs Estate Louis Williams on the interference with the telephone service by the present method of Broadcasting and to ask you to submit your recommendations for remedying the complaint:-

2. His Excellency also wishes to know if you can furnish an estimate for Wireless Broadcasting i.e., relaying from the United Kingdom, etc.

JS

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

C/20/29.

11th August,

37.

Sir,

Red 47.  
I am directed by the Acting Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 4th August, 1937, and to inform you that enquiries are being made and a further communication will be addressed to you in due course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*YB*  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Manager,  
Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.



No.

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

MINUTE.

18 August 1937

From Supervisor

E. T. Dept

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

The copy of a complaint from Messrs Estate Louis Williams, on the interference with the telephone services by the present method of Broadcasting, has been noted.

The interference was caused through a fault developing on the telephone line to the Wireless Station and Cambes, the last portion of the line being in bad condition. During Broadcast hours this line has been used for relaying programmes to the Wireless residence, - Mrs Nicholson being a subscriber - and through weather conditions a part of the line became common to the Camp line in question.

I recommend that the Cambes line be reconditioned and if necessary discontinued the Broadcast service over that line until after 9 pm when the exchange closes.

2. An Estimate for a Wireless Broadcasting equipment was received in June 1936. from Messrs Estate Louis Williams. The equipment is of American manufacture and priced at US dollars 593.95 or £125. Total cost including freight and erection should not exceed £170.

Correspondence on this subject is submitted please.

Sup E.T.  
18/8/37.

Put  
line  
out if it  
causes  
interference  
MCH

Yes  
for the  
line being  
MCH

No. C/20/29.

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

MINUTE.

24th August, 19 37.

From THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

To The Supervisor,

Electrical & Telegraphs Dept.,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.


STANLEY.

With reference to your Minute of the 18th of August, 1937, I am directed by the Acting Governor to request that you will state in detail particulars of the wireless broadcasting equipment which would be required to give an efficient service from the Stanley W/T. Station to the whole of the Colony, and perhaps to South America.

2. I am to request that you will supply His Excellency with the following information :-

- (i) Is there any British manufacturer who can supply similar equipment to that which has been referred to in your Minute under reference ?.
- (ii) What alterations would be necessary to the present installation ?.
- (iii) What would be the additional cost to the Public who have subscribed ?.
- (iv) Would an Amateur Transmitter meet with the requirements of any International Agreement regarding broadcasting ?.

3. I attach Secretariat Minute Paper No. 309/32 in which the question of installing a broadcast transmitter was previously raised.

  
Acting Colonial Secretary.



No. C/20/29

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

MINUTE.

2nd September 1937

From Supervisor

E. & T.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

In acknowledgement of your Minute C/20/29 dated 24.8.37 I beg to submit the following:-

In 1934 a proposal was made to improve the Stanley W/T Station and estimates for the necessary equipment were obtained from Messrs Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co Ltd. The equipment consisted of a short wave transmitter for transmission of Telegraphy and Telephony together with an efficient aerial system. A thorough investigation was made by the Company and instructions were actually received for the setting out of the aerial equipment but the order was not placed for financial reasons.

Vide M.P.184/30.

2. This equipment however, would have performed by arrangement Broadcast Service and Commercial Service but not simultaneously.

3. The equipment for Broadcasting I would suggest is a transmitter having 200 watts of aerial energy and being capable of a wave range of frequencies to suit local requirements which can easily be determined. Reception in South America would on occasions be possible depending upon atmospheric conditions and aerial directivity.

(i) British manufacturers - Standard Telephones & Cables Ltd. (Radio Div.) London and the Marconi Co. Ltd., London, manufacture similar and I think more suitable equipment. Catalogues of the former are attached but without prices.

(ii) Improved aerial and earth equipment would be the only additional alterations whether the transmitter was installed at the W/T. Station or at the Broadcast Studio.

(iii) There would be none. Those who already have the line Broadcast could retain it because it would be possible to relay the same programme either by wire or radio. All camp lines would of course not be allowed the line transmission. They do not subscribe.

(iv) Some amateur transmitters would meet the requirements but until I saw what the agreement demands in this connection, I cannot say.

4. The Secretariat Minute Paper No. 309/32 has not yet been received.

*A. M. C.*

Sup. E. & T.  
2/9/37.



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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

7th September, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 131.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that consideration is being given to the question of improving broadcasting in the Colony by installing, at the Wireless Telegraph Station, plant for aerial broadcasting in place of broadcasting over telephone lines which is, more or less, confined to Stanley.

2. Broadcasting over the air would benefit the whole of the Colony since persons residing on islands and other remote districts could receive official and other local news.

3. In this connection I have to enquire as to what agreement would be necessary, and whether the installation would infringe any international agreement. I would be glad if this information could be made available for the consideration of Sir Monniker Heaton.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(Sgd.) M. C. Craigie-Halkett

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

W. G. ORMSBY GORE, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



G/20/29.

7th September, 37.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Acting Governor to request that you will be good enough to obtain and forward to this administration, quotations from Standard Telephones and Cables, Ltd., London, and the Marconi Company, Ltd., London, as to the cost of a wireless transmitter having 200 watts of aerial energy, for local broadcasting. Particulars should also be supplied as to the wave frequencies of the apparatus.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

*JS*  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
4, Millbank, Westminster,  
LONDON, S.W. 1.

C/20/29.

8th September,

37.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 4th of August, 1937, I am directed by the Acting Governor to inform you that the interference was caused through a fault in the telephone line and that instructions have been issued for the re-conditioning of the effected area.

2. I am to add that enquiries have been instituted regarding the costs of aerial broadcasting in place of broadcasting over telephone lines and also as to the conditions of the International Agreement relating to such broadcasting.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.



From H. E.

(57)

H.E.S.

Please let me have  
the file a interruption  
in the camp telephone  
service while broadcasting  
is going on from the Studio

H.H.H. 5/4/35

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CODES USED:  
BENTLEYS  
ABC. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

29th June 1938.

at 4.p.m.

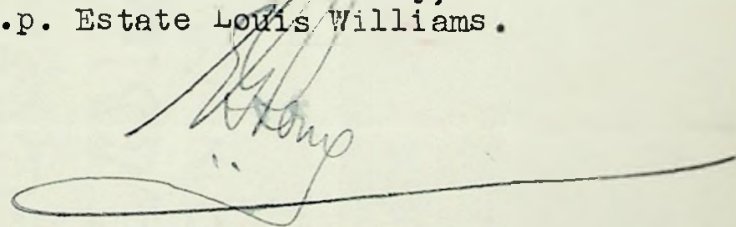
Sir,

With reference to our repeated complaints about interference on the telephone lines, owing to the Broadcast Relay system, we regret having to once again make a complaint.

Our Mr. Albert Newing just informs us that Mr. J.F. Bonner of San Carlos was speaking to this office this afternoon, and that it was almost impossible to get the drift of what he wished to convey to us, Mr. Bonner's conversation being mushed and interfered with by 'music' (?) on the line, presumably from the Broadcast studio.

Are we ever to be get any satisfaction on this point.?

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Honourable  
The Colonial Secretary  
Stanley.



For immesiate attention, please.

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

STANLEY.

C/20/29.

9th July, 38.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated the 29th of June, 1938, regarding interference in the telephone service by the Broadcasting Relay System, I am directed to express regret that the interference complained of should have taken place.

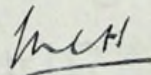
2. I am to add that the matter was at once referred to the Supervisor, Electrical & Telegraphs Department who took immediate steps to rectify a fault which had developed in the broadcasting lines.

3. I am to request that in the event of any recurrence an immediate report be made by telephone to the Supervisor, Electrical & Telegraphs Department.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.



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A.B.C. 5TH ED.  
A.I.

PORT STANLEY  
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

9th July 1938.

Sir,

We are in receipt of and thank you for your courteous favour of even date concerning our complaint about interference to the telephone service by the Broadcast Relay System.

We note that the interference is attributed to a fault which had developed in the broadcasting lines.

We also note that we are requested to telephone to the Supervisor, Electrical & Telegraphs Department, in the event of a recurrence.

We would mention, however, that these faults have been noticed and complained about for about 10 years, in fact ever since the Broadcast relay system was grafted on to the telephone system.

There is a voluminous correspondence from us on the subject including a Memorial to the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

For a considerable length of time Government would not even consider our complaints. In fact pride of place was given to the Broadcast System no matter what inconvenience was caused to telephone subscribers paying a heavy rate for the telephone service.

We <sup>are</sup> decidedly of the opinion that so long as Broadcast lines are run either in the same or adjacent conduits, or on

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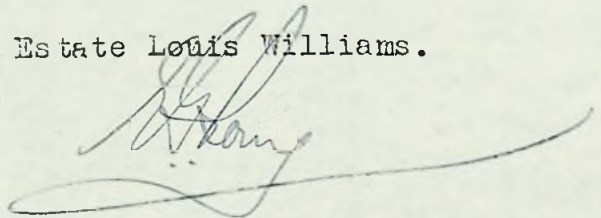
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the same poles as telephone lines, interference either through induction or other technical faults, are bound to continue, and so long as the Supervisor of Electrical and Telegraph services is under the obligation of providing a Broadcast Relay service, on land lines, complaints will recur.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

p.p. Estate Louis Williams.



The Hon.

The Colonial Secretary

Stanley.



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62. Letter to Manager, Estate L. Williams of 19. 7. 38.

C/20/29.

19th July,

38.

Sir,

*Red 61*

With reference to your letter of the 9th of July, 1938, on the subject of interference to the telephone service by the Broadcast Relay System, I have the honour to inform you that the Supervisor, Electrical Department has reported that he suspects that the interference is being caused by damage to the cable carrying telephone and broadcast wires and that with a view to eliminating the trouble steps will be taken as soon as practicable to lift and examine the suspected cable.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*W. H. H.*  
Colonial Secretary.

The Manager,  
Estate Louis Williams,  
STANLEY.