

C.S.

POSTAL &amp; TELEGRAPHIC.

MISCELLANEOUS

1929.

No.

244/29

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Colonial Postmaster.

SUBJECT.

1929

28th May.

Previous Paper.

MONEY LOST IN TRANSIT FROM FOX BAY TO STANLEY.

## MINUTES.

Minute from the col. Postmaster of the 28th May.

*Colonial Postmaster.**For report of Deputy Postmaster as soon as possible.**2 - would it not have been possible to telegraph particulars of M.O's to Stanley instead of transmitting money via Monte Video?**SPK  
A/C.S.  
2. VI. 29**Hon Col Secretary,**I submit herewith the report received from the late Deputy Postmaster, which unfortunately does not help to elucidate the matter. He does not state whether or not*

Subsequent Paper.



The money was sent by registered post, but he has stated verbally to me that it was not. There is thus no means of tracing the envelope with a view of ascertaining where the loss occurred. I consider the Deputy Postmaster was at fault firstly in sending the money via Montevideo at all and secondly in sending it unregistered, and has thereby made himself liable to be called upon to make good the amount lost. I think his action in sending the money by this route was quite conscientious & was taken with a view to getting the money to Stanley as quickly as possible. In any case however it should have been registered.

I should be glad if an advance of £21.14.0 could be authorized to be made from the Treasury in order that the P.O. A/cs may be settled. Mr. Hughes might then be called upon to repay the sum of £21.14.0, unless His Excellency, in the circumstances, is prepared to authorize that this sum be written off as a loss and charged against P.O. Incidental Expenses. The balance of £15, which was in the form of a cheque, can be repaid by arrangement with Mr. Hurston on his return to the Colony. The cheque appears to be definitely lost. It was drawn over 6 months ago, nothing has been heard of it since and payment has been stopped.

H. Chery  
Postmaster

13/6/29



P.S. In reply to para 2. of your minute there should be no need to telegraph particulars. These could be sent to Stanley direct by post by the first opportunity. I have requested the present Deputy Postmaster to proceed accordingly and to send the money by registered post, the advice being in a separate unregistered envelope.

Hll  
13/07/29

1. Submitted my idea of having the amounts and other particulars telegraphed now to enable the Postmaster at Stanley to have particulars for inclusion in his accounts as early as possible so that in the event of a mail leaving Stanley before these amounts could arrive by post from Deputy the necessary adjustments could be made with the P.O. However Mr Ley thinks there would rarely be a case where an interim mail would arrive from Port Blair.

2. Submitted that an advance of £21. 04/- be authorized to be repaid



as found practicable. £15 of this  
amount will doubtless be recovered  
from Mr Lusk. The balance (£6.14/-)  
will according to S. of S. directions, either  
be recovered from Mr Myles in instalments  
or written off as a loss. In the latter  
case the authority of the S. of S. will  
be necessary under C.O. Reg. 293.

3. Mr Myles has largely himself to  
blame. To send coinage in an ordinary  
unregistered envelope was simply causing  
trouble.

S.R. 18  
A.C.S.  
14. 11. 29

Mr C.S.

I am under the impression that mail-bags are  
always sealed and that they contain a way-lie  
inside? Was this money, then, sent in a mail  
bag to Stanley? If so who opened it? Was  
the way-lie checked? If it was not sent in  
a mail-bag how was it sent?

Page A. Page 2.

(1429) M.

Colonel Postmaster,

Referred.

S.R. 18  
A.C.S.  
14. 11. 29

Hon.Col.Secretary,

Myles states that he forwarded the money in an envelope addressed to the Postmaster and that this was contained in a small bag of mail forwarded to Stanley via Montevideo.

I have endeavoured to trace the receipt of this bag at this office without success, but I have no reason to suppose that it was not delivered except that I have never received the package which Myles states he placed in the bag. The circumstances are not helpful. Myles did not obtain a receipt for the bag owing to pressure of work and to the fact that the Captain of the "Fleurus" was in a hurry to get away. I have seen the First Mate of the "Fleurus", who is in charge of the mails, with a view to ascertaining if the bag was delivered at Stanley, but unfortunately the officer who was First Mate at the time has now left the vessel and the mail receipts are not available. The difficulties are increased by the lapse of time between the ~~xxxxix~~ despatch of the mail from Fox Bay and the date of receipt of the query from the G.P.O. If the matter had been investigated at the time it could no doubt have been more satisfactorily settled.

Way Bills are not in use at Fox Bay as, apart from this extraordinary instance, mails forwarded from Fox Bay are mainly small official mails sent direct to Stanley. These are handed to an officer of the carrying vessel in exchange for his receipt. In the case of registered mail this is of course accompanied by a list which is checked with the contents on arrival. The



chief function of the P.O. at Fox Bay is to provide facilities for the sale of stamps and issue of Money Orders on the West. The office has little to do with the handling of mails generally as these are exchanged direct with the farm stations.

H. Cher

Postmaster

20/6/29.

Y.E. Submitted. The Postmaster is causing enquiries to be made on the West with a view to ascertaining if possible what letters were sent by the mail in question.

2. In order to settle the P.O. accounts in this connection would your Excellency be pleased to authorize the issue of an Advance warrant for the sum of £21. 14/- as a personal charge against Mr. Nyles, to be repaid in monthly instalments of £1 by deduction from his salary.

E.R.B.

A.G.B.

22. VI. 29



In C.S.

the advance warrant may be prepared.  
Mr. Nyles must pay the amount due  
by him at the rate of £1 per  
manuscript. The excuse is idiotic that  
owing to pressure of work etc he did  
not obtain a receipt. Instructions must  
be given that receipts <sup>are</sup> ~~must~~ always  
be given for mail bags. Put up  
again when matter is finally closed.

(22-29)  
6 M.

Colonial Postmaster,  
For note and necessary  
action. G.R.B.  
A.G.B.  
24. vi. 29

87. Minute from Col. Postmaster. 10/7/29  
Colonial Postmaster.

Please submit advance  
warrant in the meantime. Before  
any decision can be taken in the  
matter of writing off. or otherwise  
it must be definitely known whether  
part of the sum in question can  
be recovered. G.R.B.  
A.G.B.  
10. vii. 29



Hon. Col. Secretary

Hd. Advance Warrant  
submitted.

I will see Mr. Huston  
on his return from leave & ~~will~~  
regarding the lost cheque & will  
report the result.

A. Chy  
Postmaster  
14/7/29.

Copy of Advance Warrant No. 16 of 12/7/29 8.

Mr. Jones,

The Colonial Postmaster informs  
me he had not seen His Excellency's  
minute of 22 June 1929. before sending  
in his memo of 10th July. Was this paper  
sent to him on 24th June.

A. Chy  
Ag. CS.  
16. VII. 29.

Minute from W. Jones. Clerk. L.S.O. 16/7/29. 9.

9. Submitted with M. P. Warrant No. 16/29.

Mr. Chy states that he <sup>had</sup> not not seen  
His Excellency's minute of the 22nd June 1929  
before writing Red 6-7. I regret I cannot  
throw any light on the matter which is very  
worrying. I attach a statement by Mr. Jones

A. Chy  
Ag. CS.  
18. VII. 29.



C.S.O. No. 224/29

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 5

14th C.S.

Hermet. 14th C.S. to

rec. J.H.

(1827)  
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Hon Treasurer }  
Postmaster }

For info.  
R. 13  
Ag C.S.  
19. VII. 29

Col. Postmaster

Seen and passed to  
you. Mr. George Harkett  
Trans.  
19.7.29.

Hon Col. Secretary

Noted.

Perhaps Mr. Hyles can be informed  
of his liability through the Head of his  
Dept. the Supt. T & T.

H. Chy.  
Postmaster  
22/7/29.

10.

Letter to Mr. H.B. Hyles 23rd July 1929

Hon Treasurer.

For info.  
R. 13  
Ag C.S.  
23. VII. 29



Hon. Sol. Sec.

Noted.

M. Craig Hackett

Treas.

25-7-29

Minute from Postmaster 3/12/29. (11)

Hon. Treasurer.

Will you please say how  
the Advance Account now stands.

SKH

Ag. C.S.

31-XII-29.

Hon. Sol. Sec.

The Advance of £21-14-0  
was repaid in full on the 31<sup>st</sup>  
Dec<sup>r</sup> last.

M. Craig Hackett

Treasurer?

2. 1. 30

25. Submitted for information.

SKH

Ag. C.S.

3. 1. 30

44.  
43.

P.A.

4/1/30



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Money Order Department (G.P.O.)  
Manor Gardens,  
London N.7.

1st January, 1929.

C O P Y.

Sir,

I have to inform you that two lists of Money Orders of Fox Bay issue, which copies are attached, have been received in this Country, but the totals have not been included in any Falkland Islands lists received. The list containing Orders Nos.662-8 was received with Falkland Islands general list No.15, and the Fox Bay list containing orders Nos 1346-9 was received with list No.20.

In the circumstances you will perhaps be good enough to cause the amounts of the Orders to be included in a future list from your Administration.

I am &c.

? ? ?

for Controller.

The Postmaster,  
Stanley,  
Falkland Islands.

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LIST OF MONEY ORDERS ISSUED IN FALKLAND ISLANDS in November 1928,  
despatched by the mail of 22nd November via Montevideo.

Date of Issue	No. of Order	Where Issued.	Where Payable.	To whom payable.	Amount of Order	By whom remitted.
Nov.21.	1346.	P.O.Fox Bay	H.O.Bristol	Lennards Ltd.	£3. 8. 0.	Mrs A.Summers
" "	1347	" "	Skye, Scotland	Mr.John McAskill	15. 0. 0.	J.McAskill.
" "	1348	" "	H.O. Manchester	L & C Moss	2. 0. 0.	Mrs B.Davis
" "	1349	" "	G.P.O.London	Ed.J.Woods Ltd.	1. 1. 0.	Chas Dickson.
				"	21. 9. 0.	
			Commission		5. 0.	
					£21.14. 0.	



## MINUTE PAPER.

Departmental Number.

From.....Postmaster.....

Date.....28th May, 1929.....

To.....Hon.Col.Secretary.....



## SUBJECT.

Money lost in transit from Fox Bay to Stanley.

Reference  
Numbers.

I submit herewith a copy of a letter received from the G.P.O.London, reporting that a Money Order list from Fox Bay for £21.14.0. has been received but that the amount has not been remitted to London. This list was sent direct from Fox Bay by the "Fleurus" in November last.

The other list mentioned in the G.P.O.letter was sent direct from Fox Bay by the "Falkland" in July 1928. This matter is now in order. The delay caused by the money having to be remitted through Stanley by a later mail was responsible for the query raised in this instance.

In the ordinary course, when Money Orders are issued at Fox Bay, the lists are forwarded to Stanley together with the cash received. The lists are then forwarded to London and the amounts are accounted for in the General A/c with the G.P.O.London. In this particular case however a mail was despatched direct from Fox Bay, and the list in question was forwarded to the U.K. without passing through the Post Office at Stanley, and the money that should have been sent to Stanley to cover the list has never been received at this office. The G.P.O.London have not



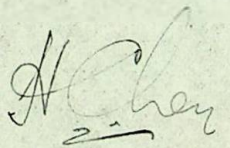
therefore received credit for the amount in question  
viz. £21.14. 0.

A || I have made enquiries from the late Deputy  
Postmaster at Fox Bay, (Mr.W.B.Myles) and he states  
that he forwarded this money to Stanley per "Fleurus"  
via Montevideo. If this is correct (and I have no reason  
to doubt that it is) it is evident that the money has  
been lost in transit.

I beg to ask if His Excellency would be prepared  
to authorize an Advance of this sum pending further  
enquiries and in order that A/cs with the G.P.O.London  
may be settled.

I have also ascertained from Fox Bay that £15 of  
the amount was in the form of a cheque drawn by Mr.Luxton  
of Chartres. This has not yet been presented for payment  
and I have requested the Falkland Islands Co.to stop  
payment if presented. It will no doubt be possible to  
recover this amount in due course and the actual loss  
can be said to be £6.14.0. only.

I have asked Mr.W.B.Myles for a report in  
writing and I will submit this when received.

  
Postmaster.



# GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

**RECEIVED.**

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
42	FOX BAY	48	2000	26th.

To

POSTMASTER STANLEY

WESTERS STATE CANNOT REMEMBER ANY PARTICULAR LETTER SENT NOV. BUT  
THEY HAVE HAD NO COMPLAINTS NON DELIVERY. J.MCASKILL SENT MONEY  
ORDER FOR £15 AND FIND THIS ARRIVED SCOTLAND SAFE PRESUME ADVICE  
WENT STANLEY IN BAG MENTIONED WILL REPORT LATER IF WESTERS SUPPLY  
ANY DEFINITE INFORMATION

DEPUTY

0940

28/6/29

Time



(4)

W/r. Station  
Stanley.  
30/5/29.

Sir

Reference your Memo of  
28th inst re loss of £21.14.0  
sent by me from Fox Bay Post office  
in November 1928.

Mail was given to  
Master of Ss "Fleurbaey" with mail for  
U.K. via Montevideo, date of  
dispatch etc will be entered in  
M.O. Journal Fox Bay Post office.

Regret am unable furnish  
any other particulars.

Yours faithfully,  
W. B. Hughes.  
late Deputy Postmaster  
Fox Bay

Hon  
Colonial Postmaster  
Stanley.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.



C.S. No. 244/29

MEMO.

Departmental Number.

From....Postmaster.....

Date....10th July. 1929...

To.....Hon.Col.Secretary.....

Money lost in transit between Fox Bay  
and Stanley.

Reference  
Numbers.

As requested verbally I have been in communication with the Deputy Postmaster at Fox Bay with a view to establishing delivery or non-delivery at Stanley of the mail bag containing the money sent from Fox Bay. I attach the telegraphic reply from Fox Bay, which unfortunately does not throw any further light on the matter. The Deputy Postmaster is incorrect in assuming that the Money Order Advice List was sent by the same mail. The List was sent direct to London, as also was the Money Order sent by McAskill.

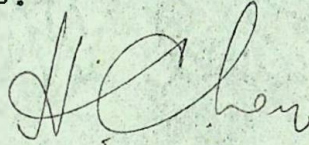
As mentioned verbally the circumstances attending this case were unusual and unforeseen. The possibility of cash being forwarded to Stanley via Montevideo was entirely unforeseen, and there was nothing in the Stanley Office to show that a Money Order List had been forwarded direct to London from Fox Bay - in ordinary circumstances these Lists are forwarded to Stanley and questions would at once be raised if the money was not received by the same mail.

The despatch of a mail from Fox Bay direct to the U.K. is in itself unusual and presents certain difficulties owing to the fact that the office is not equipped for such



for such work - either as regards staff or appliances.  
I think Myles has been quite conscientious in carrying  
out his duties in this respect and I know of no reason  
to doubt his integrity.

I venture to submit that in the unusual circumstances  
the loss of the <sup>£</sup>6.14.0. in cash might reasonably be  
regarded as unavoidable.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. E. Chen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Postmaster.



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(Form D.)

# FALKLAND ISLANDS.

19 29.

No. 16

## IMPREST (ADVANCE) WARRANT.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor.

Date 18. July, 19 29.

TO THE HONOURABLE  
THE TREASURER.

a. Strike out  
superfluous  
words.

You are hereby authorized and required to issue to the <sup>a</sup> { Person ~~Account~~ } described  
in the subjoined Schedule, the amount entered against <sup>a</sup> { his, its, then } designation,  
to be accounted for, in the manner and at the date specified.

### SCHEDULE.

Description of Person Account.	Purpose for which Issued	Amount.			Particulars and Dates for Accounting and Repayment.
		£	s.	d.	
Colonial Postmaster  C.S. 244/29.	To cover amount due to G.P.O. London in respect of Money Orders issued at Fox Bay as per List dated 22nd Nov. 1928, the cash for same having been collected at Fox Bay P.O. but not received at the Post Office, Stanley.	221	14	-	Amount to be repaid by Mr. W.B. Myles in monthly instalments of £1.

Signature of the Officer  
submitting the Schedule  
for Warrant

H. Cher  
Postmaster

Date 12th July, 19 29.

(Imprest Warrants are to be prepared in triplicate. One copy to be filed in the  
Office of the Colonial Secretary, one in the Treasury, and one to be furnished to  
the Audit.



Hon. Col. Secretary.

With reference to your minute of today's date I beg to submit the following observations.

In the first place I am afraid I cannot state definitely that the M.P. in question was despatched to the Colonial Postmaster on the 24<sup>th</sup> June as its Index Card does not show an entry to that effect; but in the light of general practice I cannot see how it could fail to do so as all Departmental papers are cleared twice daily.

Secondly I would respectfully point out that I first dealt with this M.P. on receipt of the Colonial Postmaster's minute of the 10<sup>th</sup> July (Peds 647) and as far as I can recollect it was then recalled from the Treasury for the inclusion of the Minute referred to.

It is unfortunate that the C.S.O. Index Card does not record the date of despatch to the Treasury, and I think this can be attributed to the slight disorganisation experienced consequent upon the general re-arrangement of the staff during the months of May & June.

I have repeatedly emphasised the importance of the accurate recording of all Departmental Minute papers, and have today taken the matter up with the person responsible for this duty, which I am hoping will result in lessening the possibility of error or omission in the future.

W.D.H.  
Clerk. C.S.O. 16/7/29.



244/29.

23rd July, 29.

Sir,

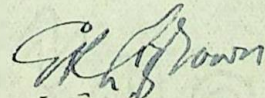
With reference to your letter to the Colonial Postmaster dated the 31st of May, 1929, relating to the loss in transit of the sum of £21. 14/- remitted from Fox Bay in November last in respect of Money Orders, I am directed by the Governor to inform you that in view of the fact that you neglected to obtain a receipt for the mail bag in which the money was sent, you will be required to repay the amount or such part of it as may not be recovered.

2. I am to add that in the meantime the sum in question has been debited to you as an Advance in the Treasury accounts to be repaid in instalments at the rate of £1 a month by deduction from your salary.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

Mr. W. B. Myles,  
STANLEY.



CL  
No. 244/24

MINUTE.

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

31st Dec. 19 29

From Postmaster.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I have to report that I have this day recovered from the Falkland Islands Co. the sum of £15 in respect of a cheque which formed part of the amount of £21.14.0. lost in transit between Fox Bay and Stanley. This amount has been paid in to the credit of the Advance outstanding against Mr.W.B.Myles.

*H. Cher*  
Postmaster.