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Postae & Teles.

Misc

1929.

No.

414/29

Mr W.A. Harding

SUBJECT.

1929

June 6th

Previous Paper.

Taekland, Island, Colonial
Postmark. - Question of legitimacy.

MINUTES.

- 1-3 Letter from Mr. W.A. Harding. 6/6/29
Colonial Postmaster
For your observations. You
may think it necessary to order
new stamps. W.A.H.
6/11/29

Hon. Col. Secretary

I have telegraphed to Fox Bay,
vide copy of telegram herewith, requesting
the Deputy Postmaster to be more careful
with his date stamp. The appliances
may not be up-to-date but I do not
think that this could account for the
particularly bad impression for which

Subsequent Paper.

The complaint is made.

I wrote to the Post Office
Stores Dept some time ago &
asked for particulars of the date
stamping appliances in use
in Post Offices at Home, which
I feel sure must be an
improvement on the metal hand-
stamp on wooden table here. I
know how difficult it is to get
a readable impression under
these conditions when stamping
letters rapidly, as it is necessary
to do just before the close of mail.
I have not yet had a reply to
my letter to the P.O. Stores Dept.

The contrast between the two
date stamps sent by Mr Harding is
to a great extent the difference between
a letter stamped by hand & one stamped
by a mechanical process, which
obtains in the more important offices
in England.

H. Chery
Postmaster
4/9/29

Telegram to Postmaster, Fox Bay 26/7/29 4.

Yours Submitted. I will reply to Mr.
Harding regretting inconvenience
caused and saying that instructions

steps will be taken to improve the legibility of the postmark.

2. The Postmaster expects a reply to his enquiry regarding up-to-date methods of stamping by post mail. He is afraid, however, the cost of the machine would be too expensive.

3. A rubber pad on the present table would I think improve matters and I would suggest that this means should be tried.

G.K.H.
A.G.S.
6.11.29.

Hon C.S.

This is a matter I have spoken about before. It occurs because they let the postmark pads dry up. They want constantly soaking with a special kind of ink. It is true the postmark will be quite legible. Postmarks are very important for the record given by Mr. Harding.

(6.29) S.H.

Letter to Mr. W. A. Harding. 7 Sept, 1929.

Postmaster,

In view of the Enclosure's minute
of 6th Sept. Have you any objection
of the special ink required?

Silly
A.C.H.
7.10.29

Hon. Col. Secretary

Noted.

a bottle of the required ~~ink~~
ink was supplied to the Post Office
some time ago. There was a spare
bottle in the Treasury which was
not required in that dept.

New pads have recently been
supplied to Fort Bay & these should
give satisfactory service for some
considerable time.

I have again spoken to
the officers in the P.O. & told them
to keep the pads well inked & to be
careful with the application of the
stamp.

PA. 10.10.29
S

A.C.H.
Postmaster
9/9/29

Letter from Dec. Packe Bros. & Co., Ltd. of 27/2/36. (6)

Col. Postmaster.

In your observation.

McH
30. 5. 36

Non. Col. Sec.

It is sufficient if the postage stamp is defaced.

At the request of the sender, letters have been postmarked carefully to show light cancellations.

One has only to look through the file of letters in this Office from Dealers & Collectors to find out how efficiently letters are postmarked in this Colony.

McH
1/4/36

Postmaster.

I think Mr. Harding refers more particularly to letters stamped at Loebay. Please instruct Deputy Postmaster that all letters must be stamped so that the date will be clear - send by telegram please.

McH
1. 4. 36

Letter to Sec: Packe Bros: & Co., Ltd., of 2/4/36. (7)

Nov. 6th. Sec.

A telegram has been sent
to The Deputy Postmaster, Fox Bay.

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McH

Mc.
I. M.
3/4/36

P.A.
2/4/36

N.P. ①

PACKE BROTHERS & CO. LIMITED.

DIRECTORS:
J. S. GODDHART
~~R. BUCKWORTH~~ *McLaska*
VERE PACKE.
~~C. P. BARRELL~~
W. A. HARDING.

5, COPTHALL BUILDINGS,

LONDON, E.C. 2.

AND AT FALKLAND ISLANDS.

TELEGRAMS:
FOREIGN: "DUNNOSEAD, LONDON."
INLAND: "DUNNOSEAD, STOCK, LONDON."

BENTLEY'S CODE.



June 6th, 1929.

Sir,

It would be a convenience to the recipients of letters from the Falkland Islands if the Colonial postmark were made legible on letters

We enclose an envelope received here on May 25th which contained a letter from Fox Bay dated February 25th; in view of the extraordinary long period of transit we should have liked to know where the letter was posted and the date, but the postmark is absolutely useless in determining this.

As a specimen of what a postmark might be, and we may say, should be, we enclose an envelope of letter posted in this country; the contrast between the two is eloquent.

We are,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

PACKE BROS & Co. Ltd.,

W. A. Harding
Secretary

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

FALKLAND ISLANDS,

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Packe Brothers & Company Ltd

5 Capetall Buildings.

England.

London. E. C. 2.



(3)



W. G. Harding Esq
5 Copthall Buildings
London. E. C. 2.

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GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number	Office of Origin	Words	Handed in at	Date
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To POSTMASTER
FOX BAY

COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM
ENGLAND REGARDING ^LILLEGIBILITY
OF FOXBAY POSTMARK. PLEASE
MAKE AS PLAIN AS POSSIBLE

POSTMASTER

Ad
26/10/74

414/29.

7th September, 29.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th of June, drawing attention to the illegibility of the postmark in a letter addressed to you from Fox Bay, and to inform you that steps have been taken to ensure that greater care is taken in future in stamping the postmark.

2. I am to express regret at the inconvenience caused you on this occasion.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Acting Colonial Secretary.

W. A. Harding, Esquire,
5, Copthall Buildings,
London E.C.2.

(6)

PACKE BROS. & CO. LIMITED.

DIRECTORS:
J. S. GOODHART.
W. H. LUXTON.
G. T. DEAN
W. A. HARDING

32, VICTORIA STREET, S.W.1.
~~5, COPTHALL BUILDINGS,~~

LONDON, E.C.2.
AND AT FALKLAND ISLANDS.

February 27th, 1936

BENTLEY'S CODE

TELEGRAMS:
FOREIGN: "DUNNOSEAD LONDON."
INLAND: "DUNNOSEAD STOCK, LONDON."
TELEPHONE: ~~METROPOLITAN 8231.~~
VICTORIA 1028.

Sir,

Red 5

On June 26th, 1929 we wrote asking whether the post-marking of letters could be more carefully done, and in your letter No. 414/29 of September 7th of that year you kindly replied that greater care would be taken.

For some time afterwards the postmarks were much more legible on letters posted both at Fox Bay and Stanley, but latterly the marking has deteriorated again. We should be very grateful if an improvement could be effected.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

PACKE BROS & Co. Limited

W. A. Harding
Secretary

The Honourable

The Colonial Secretary

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

414/29 .

2nd April,

36.

Sir,

Red 6

With reference to your letter dated the 27th of February, 1936, I am directed to inform you that every care is taken in the Stanley Post Office to ensure that letters are clearly post-marked.

2. Instructions have been given to the Officer in Charge of the Post Office, Fox Bay, to the effect that all letters must in future be clearly postmarked so that the date of posting can be seen.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. A.

Colonial Secretary.

W. A. Harding, Esq.,
Secretary
Packe Bros. & Co., Ltd.,
32, Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.1.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

SENT.

Number

Office of Origin

Words

Handed in at

Date

3/8/36.

To

DEPUTY POSTMASTER

FOX BAY

Instructions from Colonial Secretary to have all letters
clearly postmarked so that the date can be seen.

POSTMASTER

J. Bound
3/4/35

Time