

Rules relating to the Stanley Telephone

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In pursuance of the powers in him vested by "The Post Office Ordinance, 1898", His Excellency the Governor, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, is pleased to make the following Rules:—

1. The Stanley Telephone System will be under the management of the Post Office.* All complaints by subscribers with regard to the working of the system should be made, and all irregularities reported direct to the Postmaster.*

TOWN LINES.

2. The subscription to the Stanley Telephone Exchange by annual subscribers shall be £8 per annum for each instrument, payable to the Postmaster in advance.

3. Any person who wishes to become a subscriber for a period of three years, will, on giving the necessary guarantee to the Postmaster, be charged an annual subscription of £5 : 5 : 0 for each instrument.

4. The subscription or rental shall include the fixing and maintenance of the necessary wire and instrument, and will allow the subscriber to communicate at all times with other subscribers in the town of Stanley. No call, unless of an urgent nature, shall be made after 9 p.m.

5. The Government will maintain the service in good condition as far as possible, but does not guarantee continued service.

6. The telephone instrument is the property of the Government and will be removed on the lapsing of the subscription.

7. The subscriber will be responsible for the proper care of the instrument while in his possession, and will be personally liable for any damage thereto arising from wilful neglect or carelessness.

8. NON-SUBSCRIBERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BONA FIDE BOARDERS AT HOTELS, ARE NOT PERMITTED TO MAKE USE OF A SUBSCRIBER'S TELEPHONE.

9. Non-subscribers desirous of using the town telephone can do so at the Call Room at the Exchange on payment of a fee of 2d. a call to the operator in attendance.

10. No call is to exceed three minutes duration. Should a longer call be required, there will be a further charge of 2d. for every three minutes or portion of three minutes.

LONG DISTANCE LINES.

(Darwin, Goose Green, Fitzroy, Port Louis,† and intermediate stations, also Cape Pembroke Lighthouse).

11. Subscribers (who are non-owners of Long Distance Lines) and non-subscribers in Stanley desirous of using Long Distance Lines shall pay the following charges:—

- 6d. a call not exceeding five minutes duration, or,
- 6d. for a message not exceeding 30 words.

In the case of non-subscribers there will be an additional charge of 2d. for the use of the Exchange as provided above for a call in the town.

12. Non-subscribers in the Camps who wish to communicate with anyone in Stanley (whether subscriber or non non-subscriber) shall pay a similar scale of fees to that mentioned in the preceding Rule, to the operator in charge of the station where the message is despatched. In the case of a message to a non-subscriber in Stanley a further fee of 2d. will be charged to the sender for delivery.

13. Camp operators must send in on an approved form to the Postmaster a half yearly return of all fees collected.

14. All messages transmitted over Long Distance Lines by or on behalf of, or on account of

- (a) the owner of a Long Distance Line, or
- (b) the Government,

shall be free of cost.

15. Regulation No. 3 of the Regulations of the Governor in Council of the 30th March, 1908, is hereby repealed.

16. Any person infringing any of these Rules shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings.

Dated at Government House, Stanley, this first day of April, 1912.

By Command,

T. A. V. BEST,

Colonial Secretary.

* read "Colonial Engineer"

† add "Teal Inlet."