

C.S.

TELEGRAPHS  
(wireless.)

TEL/GEN/1#14

1935

No.

66/35

Colonial Secretary.

SUBJECT.

1935.

26th February.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UNITED  
KINGDOM AND THE COLONY.

Previous Paper.

In continuation  
of M.P. 184/30.

(In continuation of M.P. 184/30.)

MINUTES.

1. Despatch to S. off. no. 35 of 26/2/35.

H. Despatch submitted for H's  
Signature.

McH  
es.  
27. 2. 35

Senior operator,

to note.

C. J. J.  
files.  
27/2/35

Hon Col Sec

noted, thank you  
A. Mercer  
Operator  
28/2/35

Subsequent Paper.

PH  
28/2/35

Despatch No. S. of S. no. 464 1/4/35.

C. E. and Sen. Operator.

In your consideration and  
recommendations please.

MCH.  
Ct.  
26.6.35

Hon Col Sec.

Seen. I recommend  
that traffic should only be diverted  
from the direct service to Cable and  
Cerrito service, after the 0030 GMT schedule  
with the direct service, has proved  
unsuccessful. Under this arrangement  
we can make the utmost use of  
the direct service while we can still  
avail ourselves of the Cerrito service  
in the same day.

2. Should telegrams be diverted through  
Cable and Cerrito I suggest that  
any charges due to this administration  
should be claimed from the Cable  
and Cerrito service, even though  
a copy of the diverted traffic is  
given by the direct service from  
London. please.

A. Mercer  
Sr. Operator  
1/7/35

2 of above is covered by  
"A" of red. 7. MCH.

⑨ Despatch 10095 to S of S 9/7/35

YK.

Despatch submitted.

MCH  
CS.  
4.7.35

WLL 16/11/35

Senior Operator,

no note.

A. J. Hall 16/7/35

Hon. C.S.

noted. Thank you

A. Mercer  
Sr Operator  
18.7.35

S. H. 19/7/35

10-13

S. of S. despatch no 44 of 3/4/35.

YK. Submitted for information

MCH  
CS.  
16.9.35

P. A. MCH

WLL

S. of S. despatches no: 121 of 1/10/35.

(14-16)

Senior Operator.

To note please.

MCH  
CJ  
H. XI. 35

Hon Col Lee

Noted. Thank you

P.A.

MCH

A. Mercer

Senior Operator

9. 11. 35

The Hs. Coy. Ltd do not send their telegraphic traffic via Norway but direct to and from England.

2. In view of the correspondence in Ct. 184/30, it is doubtful whether any good purpose would be served in endeavouring to get a reduction in the rates of fares (re: 216-225 in 184/30)

MCH  
S. 2. 36

I agree. The Treasurer shd see the correspondence. Personally I think that were bluffed by the Cable Company restricting their arguments to code messages. It is <sup>was</sup> unwise to insist on an increase in the cost of Stanley. Berge telegrams. I would have thought that Mr. Binie being in Norway might set up an agency for receiving and dispatching plain language telegrams

BTB 7/2/36

C.S. 66/55

Sheet 3

Hon. Treas.

To see,

MCH  
C.S.  
6.2.56

Hon. C.S.

Dear thank you. I observe from the proceedings in  
Sept. 184/30 that no mention was ever made of a  
Deferred letter Service. This service is in operation  
in most, if not all, the other Colonies, and delivery  
is generally within 48 hours.

In East Africa the rate by Kenya Radio is  
7/6<sup>d</sup> for 20 words. In the Falklands, the cheapest  
deferred rate would work out at £1-0-10<sup>d</sup>  
for 20 words.

Could we not take up the question of a  
D. L. I. service?

J.S.  
7/2/36

Service Operative

Have you any information  
regarding the Deferred Letter  
Service scheme.

MCH

Hon. C.S.

7.2.56

A Service was sent to London  
about DLT or NLT Service but they  
have asked us to wait for the  
information. After having sent a  
rate of £1-0-10 for 20 words. This  
however is to be disregarded.

Further information will be  
Submitted.

A. Mercer

S. Oper.

18.2.36

B. F. 6.5.36  
Muss. 26.2.36

Senior operator.

Have you received any information? if not please send a reminder.

Mess  
est  
5.3.36.

Hon C.S.

London. Quates. we are now able to arrange NLI service between Falklands South Georgia and Great Britain and Irish free Seat at third ordinary rates minimum 25 words via Falklands tenpence minimum 20/10 stop suggest divided equally stop. Sch Georgia one shilling minimum 25/- divided Falklands sevenpence London fivepence stop please confirm if agreed. stop suggest effective date march 16<sup>th</sup> unquote.

A. Messer S. operator.  
11. 3. 36.

Hon. Treas.

News letter Service can be arranged as noted above.

Do you concur, please.

Mess

est

12.3.36

Hon. C.S.

I consider we should still seek a further reduction of rates or a reduction of the minimum charges.

2. To attract the traffic the minimum must be reduced to less than 25 words. Senior
3. I suggest that the ~~operator~~ Operator should be permitted to refer to the rate by Kenya Radio which as stated in my minute of 7 February is 9/6 for twenty words i.e. 4 1/2 p per word.
4. Both services are no doubt direct, and the increase from 4 1/2 p word to 10 p a word seems unreasonably high.
5. The Sr. operator will no doubt advise as to the minimum number of words that would attract traffic.

cf. Tr. 12/3/36

Sen. operators

Your margin reply stating that a similar service operates in Kenya Colony minimum 20 words for 7/6 or 4 1/2<sup>d</sup> per word and ask if they would give similar terms to this Colony.

2. I should think a minimum of 20 words should attract traffic. What do you think?

MCH  
C.  
15. 3. 36

Don C.S.

I have asked London about the above service and have also quoted Kenya Colony rate.

3. If the minimum is reduced to 20 words only, that will mean 20 words for 16/8.

I would suggest a minimum of 12 words for 10/- otherwise it will be cheaper to the public to send deferred telegrams at 1/3 per word and no minimum.

3. Have suggested to London that a reduction in minimum on NLT service would be more attractive. Their reply will be forwarded upon receipt.

A. Mence.

S. operators

16. 3. 36.

Hon. C.S.

London replies. In accordance International Telegraph regulations article 76 paras 2 and 8 the rate for letter telegrams shall be one-third ordinary rate with minimum 25 words stop DLT service Great Britain / Kenya is on this basis viz sixpence minimum 12/6. ends.

It would be necessary it seems, before a NLT service is introduced, to try and decrease the rate for ordinary telegrams.

Perhaps the London authorities could be approached on the subject of reduced rates. in writing?

A. Messers.

Sr operator  
18. 3. 36.

Hon. Treas.

To see. The telegraphic rate from Kenya to the U.K. is apparently 1/6 per word as against 2/6 here. As the cost for N.L.T. is based on the Int. Telegraph Regs there can be no reduction unless the ordinary rate for telegrams is reduced.

W.C.H.  
21. 3. 36.

Hon. C.S.

There are three types of cheap rate apart from Deferred rate and these are:  
N.L.T. night letter telegrams for delivery the following morning  
D.L.T. Daily letter " " " within 48 hours of receipt.  
W.L.T. Weekend letter " which must be received in the central office on Saturday night for delivery on Monday morning.

According to Whitaker 1931- the rates in Uganda and T.P. for D.L.T. & W.L.T. are 11/8 and 10/- for 20 words.

2. During the recent years I spent in E.A. I feel sure you I sent a W.L.T. by Kenya Radio for 7/6 for 20 words.
3. I have been informed by Mr. Young that while he was on the "Reina" he sent a Radio message of 20 words to England for 5/- to be delivered by ordinary post



- 4. The regulations quoted came into force in 1932 and perhaps they have <sup>since</sup> been amended
- 5. I suggest that the question of rates for D.L.Ts & W.L.Ts be referred to the Co. and as both the services, from E.A. & Stanley, are direct, the rates from E.A. — after comparison with the latest whitaker — might be suited.
- 6. The introduction of D.L.Ts & W.L.Ts rates should help to increase our traffic.

JG  
24/3/36

Senior Operator

Have the Inc. Telegraphy Regs of Madras, 1932, been amended?

WCH  
25.3.36

Hon CS. I have no information regarding the amendment, if any has been made.

A. Menezes  
Cooperator  
26.3.36.

M. I do not think it would be any use referring the question of a restriction in News Letters and Defence letters telegrams to the C.O.

2. The charge as laid down in the Inc. Telegraphy

Regs is  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> the ordinary telegraphic rate which in this colony is  $\frac{2}{6}$  per word. In 1936 Whitaker, I notice that the ordinary rate for Kenya is  $\frac{1}{6}$  per word but in other colonies such as Sierra Leone, Gambia &c. the rate is as high as ours.

3. The Int. Telegraph Regs would be adhered to and it seems to me that the only way to get a reduction in the cost of N.L.T.'s and D.L.T.'s is to secure a reduction in the ordinary Telegraphic rate. Every effort was made to get the rate reduced when the rates were fixed at a conference at the C.O. of representatives of the G.P.O. and Imperial Communications Co. I doubt whether it would be any use re-opening the question.

I believe so

W.H.  
27.3.56

Review telegraphic rates for many colonies was sent to us this week. Did they represent any general reduction?

ref. 360/31  
Reas. 48.49.

~~W.H.~~ 27/3/56  
The list of rates received (ref. 360/31) do not help. This colony is not mentioned in the list.

The 1936 Whitakers and the latest Postal Guide shows the telegraphic

rates at the same rate as  
formerly.

WCH  
ES.

Filed as Red  
(50) in MP. 360/31

Vide 360/31. The Trainers  
memo might be transferred to  
that mp.

WCH 7/4/36

In transfer of memo to 360/31.  
WCH

PA.  
29/4/36

(17-18) Soft despatch no. 53 of 12/4/37.

Subversive Area. Dept.

In your report please.

2. I understood that in  
the months referred to it was  
not possible to clear messages  
with Dorchester. Please furnish  
full report of the facts.

3. Difficultly was I believe  
experienced in 1934 and in order  
that telegraphic traffic should  
not be unduly delayed you  
were authorized to send it  
via Bergen. Perhaps you

Give particulars of this.

W. H. C.  
18. 5. 37

Hon. Col. Sec.

Telegrams for London during Nov. and Dec. last were transmitted via Bergen only, when communication with London direct was not possible. The telegrams were sent in accordance with the instructions contained in M.P. 184/30. Sheet No 30. dated 27. 7. 34.

The telegrams for London during Nov. & Dec were diverted because the London office informed us at the time that no signals were receivable. In many instances we have been told that our signals are not even audible, and under these conditions transmission of telegrams would be useless.

G. M.  
Sup. E. T.  
17. 5. 37

Yr. Submitted. The reason why traffic was sent to Bergen is explained by the Sen. operators. In 1934 similar trouble was experienced and instructions were given to the effect that where traffic could not be passed to Duchesne it should be passed to Bergen to avoid delay. Had not this been done serious inconveniences would have resulted.

W. H. C.  
19. 5. 37

H.C.

A perfectly satisfactory explanation  
w<sup>h</sup>. sh<sup>d</sup>. p<sup>r</sup> the 1st by next mail  
The same practice sh<sup>d</sup>. continue as in  
y<sup>r</sup> directions 19/5/37  
i<sup>n</sup> 104/30

Supervisor Exec. Dept.

To note. Please note  
also 1st's instructions that  
the direction in my minute  
on sheet 30 of 134/30 should  
be continued.

WCH  
19. 5. 37

Hon C.S.

Instructions noted

GM  
Sup E & T  
20. 5. 37

B.f. 28. 5. 37

Hon C.S.

Please in meantime  
put up a draft despatch to  
S. of S. giving explanation as  
in minutes on opposite sheet.

WCH  
by Govt  
21. 5. 37

Despatch to S. of S. no. 84 of 26/5/37 (19)

Lewin.

MCH

27.5.37

What does para: 3 of despatch  
referred to in the S. of S.'s despatch  
say?

MCH

27.5.37

V.S.

Paragraph referred to Red 225 of  
184/30. S. of S. requests that traffic for England  
via Bergen should be discontinued.

V.S. for C.S.

27/5/37

Thank you. The reasons why it has  
not been practicable to adhere to  
the S. of S.'s instructions will no  
doubt be referred to by Sir Kenneth  
Menton when he discusses at the  
Col. Offn wireless communications  
between the Coloy and the UK.

MCH cl.

28.5.37

Sup. E.T.

To see

V.S. for C.S. 28/5/37.

for C.S.

Seen

V.S.

Sup E.T.

28.5.37.

P.A.  
29/5/37

S. of S. despatch no. 117 of 9/9/37.

(20)

S. of S. Conf - of 9/9/37.

(21)

Sup. Estab.  
Dep.

Please see (20) + (21) & submit your recommendations

Red  
20/11/37

Y.E.  
Please see the minute to the Sup Estab Deph  
on sheet 2 in C/14/37. May the telegram now  
go?

See also C/14/37.

in CH

Supr. Est.

Get report please on Red (20)

A. J. J.  
for CH.  
6/12/37

Hon Col. Sec.

Para 2 Red (20)

Yes repeated calls to Cerrito  
with the delayed traffic failed  
through unfavourable conditions.  
Every effort is made to conform  
with the instructions contained  
in correspondence under Red (16)  
on one occasion when we were unable  
to communicate with Bergen London or  
Cerrito we had to divert our traffic via  
Buenos Aires for London.

SM  
Sup Est 6/12/37

H.C.S.,

Draft despatch put up for consideration.

*G.S.J.*  
A. C. S.  
10.12.37.

Despatch No. 173 to S. of S. of 10. 12. 37.

(22)

Y.E.

Desp. submitted for signature

*Ret*  
11/12/37

Hon. C.S.

Thank you - Sqd.

met  
11. 12. 37

*P.A.*  
11/12/37

S of S despatch no 144 of 16/11/37.

(23)

I do not know that a new transmitter is really required for the W.P. Station. Send to the Sup. Elec. Dept. for his observations and recommendations?

met  
11. 12. 37.

*ttttt* 31/1/37  
Superior Elec. Dept.

Please see ref 23. Please report whether the purchase of a new transmitter is necessary.

met  
es  
11. 12. 37.



Hon. Col. Sec.

I still consider the purchase of a new transmitter together with receiver is necessary, when the financial circumstances of the Colony permit

All  
sup. est.  
3/1/38.

The estimated cost of new transmitting plant is £1700, and for a new receiver £300 or a total of £2,000.

2. The Sup. Gen. Dept. in his minute above considers such plant necessary. It may be found possible to obtain it this year.

MCH  
—  
6.1.38

The plant shd. be purchased this year if it can be done without causing a deficit

7/1/38

Hon. Treas.

In favour of your views please regarding the

Proposed expenditure this year  
of £2000 on plans for the  
W.T. Station.

MCH.  
C.  
7. 1. 38

Hon. C.S.

The estimated Surplus Revenue over Expenditure chargeable to Revenue is £7119. The main cause of this large surplus is due to the estimated revenue from sale of Stamps £14,000 and, although the estimate is conservative compared with the Postmaster & Crown Agents combined estimates this is "chance" revenue and I think greater care should be exercised in disposing of the estimated surplus.

2. Again, if the Provident Fund is introduced there may be about £3000 required for contributions in respect of previous service and it may prove desirable to complete the building of the new Secretariat & Treasury Offices this year.
3. Personally I feel it is too early in the year to decide & I suggest that the question of obtaining the new wireless plant be re-considered when the figures of the half year are known.
4. Meanwhile perhaps the Sup. Ex. Dept could review the situation in the light of improvements that may have been made on the various types of plans & the revised costs. An estimate could be prepared and sent to the Crown Agents to await instructions.

Yrs.  
10/1/38

YH  
 Minutes from the Treasurer  
 Submitted. The matter might  
 stand over until the financial  
 position at the end of 1935  
 and part of this year is  
 known? In the meantime  
 the Sup. Elec. Dept. can  
 proceed with the suggestion in  
 para: 4 of the Treasurer's  
 minute?

MCH  
 ———  
 11. 1. 38

Very well. The indications are  
 that a new transmitter is much  
 required

~~YH~~ 4/1/38

Sup. Elec. Dept:  
 To note and for action  
 as suggested by the Hon.  
 Treas: in para: 4 of his  
 minute.

MCH  
 ———  
 12. 1. 38

Hon. Cab. Sec.

Noted. I do not know  
 what improvements have been made  
 on the particular transmitter, no doubt  
 there have been some.

The Marconi Co could be approached on the question of increasing the power output of the S 80 type transmitter. The power supply available at the station is 10 KW 500 Cycles 440 Volt, single phase and the S 80 equipment would only absorb 3.25 KW

If this is not possible the Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd could be approached. These people already have a transmitter with an output of 1000 watts with an input of 5 KW.

Should the Marconi Co be approached by this mail please?

RM.

Supr. E. & T.

20-1-38.

Supr. E. & T.

Will you please say whether the enclosed draft letter to the C.I.S. embodies all the points necessary?

C. J. G. 20/1/38.

Hon. Col. Sec.

~~I think~~ The enclosed draft embodies all the points necessary.

RM.  
Supr. E. & T.

25/1/38.

Letter to Brown Agents of 26<sup>th</sup> January 1938.

24-25.

Supervisor New. Dept.

To note

WCH  
CJ

W. I. 25

Hon. C. S.

Noted.

RM.  
Supr. E. & T.  
26-1-38.

Yk.

Draft reply submitted in connection with ved 23.

MCH  
CS.

17. 1. 58

~~Yk~~ 27/1/38

(26)

Despatch to S of S. no. 14 of 27/1/38.

Yk.

Submitted for signature.

MCH  
CS.

27. 1. 58

Hon. Treasurer,

to note.

6. 8. 8.  
for CS.  
27/1/38

Hon. CS.

Noted.

for  
28/1/38

N.A.  
29/1/38

27. Despatch No. 29 from S of S. of 24. 3. 38.

Sup<sup>r</sup>, Univ. Dept.

To note.

MCH  
Ch.

28.4.58

Hon Col Sec

noted, thank you

RM

Sup Ex<sup>r</sup>

29.4.38

Hon Treasurer

To note.

A. J. J.  
A. J. J.  
29/4/38

Hon Ch<sup>m</sup>

Noted.

29/4/38

RA

30/4/38

Despatch (Conf.) from S.S.S. of 20.5.38.

28-29.

Y. Submitted. Although the S. of S. has approved the expenditure of £2000 for this Service it is doubtful at present whether the financial position will permit of purchase this year.

MCH  
Ch.

29.6.58

Jh.

With ref. to red (29)  
Leverin and C.S. 139/38  
attached, I should be glad  
to be instructed as to the  
reply Jh. wishes returned.

M.H.  
C.S.  
12.7.38

The reply is that it is reported  
that funds will not be available  
this year. Particulars of a  
new apparatus <sup>as requested</sup> will be prepared  
for the views of the Admiralty  
before purchase is definitely arranged

M.H. 13/7

30. Despatch Confidential to S. of S. of 13. 7. 38.

Jh.

Despatch Submitted.

M.H.  
C.S.  
13.7.38

M.H. 13/7

Rf. 31/12/38.  
C.D. 14/7/38

Letter from Brown Agents of 24.5.38.

31-81.

Supervisor Gen. Dept.

To consider and for your views, The Marconi Coy and the Consulting Engineer you will observe recommend a set costing £3850!

W.H.  
29.7.38

Hon Cal Secretary.

Refs 31-81 seen.

1. The transmitter model S.8.B. would mean that our present AC machines would have to be taken off the bedplate and a new AC machine of different characteristics fitted in its place. This would not be practicable, in view of the necessity for using the plant as it is for the present transmitting gear. - on 600 and 2100 meters for working ships and South American coast stations.
2. Model (S.W.B.8 Minor) would suit the requirements and could be worked from the existing machines. It would consume 8.5 Kw. from our existing plant.
3. Model (S.W.B.8 Standard) could not be operated from our existing power supply. This plant requires 14 Kw input for C.W. telegraphy, and although it is only £150 higher in price than (2) above, it would be necessary to instal a more powerful engine generator



Generator. This would increase the price of the equipment by a further £1000 or £1200.

To obtain the S.W.B.8. minor set together with the receiving gear the cost excluding freight and erection charges would be £3913. Freight and erection charge I estimate at £250 to £300.

J.M.  
Sup & Co  
3/8/38.

Yr. Submitted with reference to Uds. 27, 29 and 30.

2. It would appear from the specifications received from the C.A.'s that the cost of new transmitting and receiving plants will be in the vicinity of £4,000.

M.H.  
C.S.  
4. 8. 38

There w<sup>d</sup> appear to be little chance of finding this amount in 1939 P/A H.P. consideration will be

~~M.H.~~ 4/8/38

C.A. H.P. be a... of... of... of...

Letter to the Crown Agents of 4.8.38. 82

Supervisor Gen. Dept.

To see.

mch  
CJ

5.8.38

Hon C.S.

Seen.

RM

Sup Gen

6.8.38

See Supervisors minute of 12<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>, 1939, regarding inefficiency of present equipment at W/T stations, via C/7/39.

mch  
CJ  
14.8.39

~~P.H.  
5/8/39~~

PA  
5/8/39

ISLANDS.



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

26th February, 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Mr. Ellis's despatch, No. 125 of the 14th of September, 1934, on the subject of the proposed short wave transmitter, for the Port Stanley Wireless Station of the Government. I wish to state that it is required that such an improvement is required for a compact and reliable service between Port Stanley and London. I consider it should be held over for the present. I am also satisfied that the tax on should be removed by the additional provision of special 5% margin receiving equipment to the cost of £1000. I will seek your sanction when the financial circumstances are considered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient,  
 humble servant,

R. HENNER-HEATON

RECORDED  
C. 100

Copy.

TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT,

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

LONDON, E.C.1.

28th March 1935.

Your Reference 5271/10/35.

P.C. Reference 67043/34.

Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to refer to your letter of the 9th of March on the subject of telegraph communication with the Falkland Islands, and to offer the following observations for the consideration of the Secretary of State.

It is gathered from informal enquiry of Cable and Wireless Limited that the working of the direct wireless service has improved. It is understood that during the last six months most of the traffic has been disposed of without undue delay; and that very few telegrams have been diverted to the Cerrito route.

The Company suggest that, as an alternative to holding until the next working period of the direct service any telegrams which it has not been practicable to send by that means at the first attempt, such telegrams should at once be diverted, but that, in view of the possibility of delay at Cerrito, the Company should send a copy in London and transmit it the following night by the direct wireless service.

The Company contemplate that under such an arrangement no credit should accrue to the Government for the transmission by the direct wireless service. This would seem to be reasonable seeing that the Government would have to make the usual outpayments for the transmission via Cerrito and that the Company would have to make the usual outpayments for the direct wireless service. Such an arrangement would be a benefit to the Company and the Colonial Government.

*"A"*  
The Under Secretary of State,  
COLONIAL OFFICE.

would receive the usual 60 centimes a word in respect of the transmission via Cerrito.

The suggestion that a note should be put in the Post Office Guide to the effect that the Cerrito route is subject to delays has been carefully considered, but the Postmaster General fears that its adoption might give rise to practical difficulties and possibly to complaint from the Uruguayan Administration, and the other telegraph companies concerned in the Cerrito route.

As Cable and Wireless Ltd. have previously explained, it is to their financial advantage to send as high a proportion of traffic as possible by the direct wireless route and the Postmaster General has no doubt that the Company is doing everything possible to this end.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) J. LOUDEN.

April, 1935.

5271/10/35.

Sir,

With reference to your letter GMS:W-7498-F.1/1 of the 25th of July last regarding wireless communication with the Falkland Islands I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to state that he has been in correspondence with the Acting Governor and the General Post Office on this question. He understands also that the General Post Office have been in touch with your Company.

2. The Acting Governor of the Colony has reported that it is not the case that normally the Port Stanley Wireless Station can establish contact more easily with Gerrito than with the United Kingdom. In actual practice telegrams transmitted by the Imperial Cable-Gerrito route are at times delayed up to two or three days owing to the fact that wireless communication with Gerrito is not satisfactory. In these circumstances the

Colonial

MANAGER AND SECRETARY,

WIRELESS LIMITED.

Colonial Government has no objection to the suggestion that when wireless communication from London is unsatisfactory the traffic should be held in London until the next routine, which would involve a delay of 21½ hours. It is understood from the General Post Office, however, that you have suggested that, as an alternative to holding until the next working period of the direct service any telegrams which it has not been practicable to send by that means at the first attempt, such telegrams should at once be diverted, but that, in view of the possibility of delay at Corritto, you should keep a copy in London and transmit it the following night by the direct wireless service. The Governor of the Falkland Islands is being consulted with regard to this proposal and also with regard to the suggestion that under such an arrangement no credit should accrue to the Colonial Government for the transmission by the direct service. A further communication on the subject will be addressed to you in due course.

3. With regard to the third paragraph of your

letter

letter under reference it has been reported that the number of telegrams sent via Cerrito for the general public is practically negligible, the bulk of such traffic consisting of Government messages. As messages sent on behalf of the Colonial Office are now normally transmitted by the direct wireless route, all traffic with but few exceptions will now be sent by that route. The despatch from the Acting Governor added that the only British firm concerned to any extent, namely, the Falkland Islands Company Limited, receive and transmit the bulk of their traffic through an agent at Bergen, Norway, and that it would be an undoubted advantage if this traffic could be secured for the direct United Kingdom-Falkland Islands wireless route.

4. With regard to paragraph 3 of the letter from this Department of the 23rd of May last, it has since been reported that the Colony receives the sum of 60 centimes gold on traffic sent through Cerrito and not 6d. per word as previously stated.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. J. 2/16



16 August, 1935.

5271/10/35.

Sir,

With reference to your letter GNC/C/BR of the 5th of August last I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to inform you that the Government of the Falkland Islands agree that the Colony should be credited with half its proportion of the ordinary charges in respect of Government telegrams routed via Cerrito.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. J. BICE.



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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Downing Street,

25 April, 1935.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Craigie Halkett's despatches Nos. 24 and 25 of the 29th of January, and to transmit herewith for your information copies of correspondence with the General Post Office and Cable and Wireless Limited with regard to the routing of wireless traffic between the United Kingdom and the Colony.

2. I have to request that I may be furnished with your observations on the suggestion that as an alternative to holding until the next working period of the direct service any telegrams which it has not been practicable to send by that means at the first attempt, such telegrams should be at once diverted, but that, in view of the possibility of delay at Gerrito, the Company should keep a copy in London and transmit it the following night by the direct wireless service. You will no doubt inform me whether such an arrangement would present any difficulties in the Falkland Islands and whether you would be prepared to agree to the suggestion that no credit should accrue to the Colonial Government for the transmission by the direct service.

I have the honour to be,  
 Sir,  
 Your most obedient,  
 humble servant,

(Sgd.) P. OUNLIFFE-LISTER.

34. Mr. 36/31.  
 174-276 - 184/30.  
 P.O. 2. 22/3/35.  
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 C. & W. 1/4/35.

GOVERNOR

H. HENNINGSEN-REAYTON, Esq., C.B.C.

etc., etc., etc.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

5th July, 1935.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 95.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 46 of the 25th April, 1935, transmitting for my information copies of correspondence with the General Post Office and Cable and Wireless Limited with regard to the routing of wireless traffic between the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands.

2. I have to state that while I concur generally with the arrangement suggested, I consider that it would be preferable for traffic to be diverted from the direct service to the Cable and Cerrito service only after the 0030 G.M.T. schedule has proved unsuccessful. This would enable Port Stanley to make full use of the direct service and at the same time avail itself of the Cerrito service on the same day.

3. The arrangement suggested would present no difficulties in the Falkland Islands and I would be prepared to agree to the suggestion that no credit should accrue to this Government for the transmission of copies of telegrams by the direct service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

COPY

Admiralty, S.W.

M.071/35.

8th July 1935.

Dear Vernon,

Last year the Admiralty were giving consideration to the question of wireless communications in the South Atlantic and obtained unofficial information from Cables and Wireless Co. Ltd. that the Falkland Islands' Government had decided to install a modern transmitting plant at Port Stanley and that financial provision for this purpose was being made in the Colony's Estimates for 1935. If this Station were established, it would be a factor to be taken into consideration in reviewing the Admiralty's communications in South Atlantic waters. Nothing further, however, has been heard of the proposal and I should be very grateful if you could let me know if the Falkland Island Government are intending to install a new station, or whether, if the proposal was ever seriously entertained, it has now been dropped.

(Sgd.) Guy W. Hallifax.  
 Director of Signal Department.

R.V. Vernon, Esq., C.B.,  
 Colonial Office,  
 S.W.1.

(11)

Colonial Office,

Downing Street, S.W.1.

5271/10/35

20 July, 1935.

*to Mr Halifax*

Thank you for your letter of the 8th July about the wireless communication with the Falkland Islands.

Early in 1934 the question of improving wireless communication between Port Stanley and this country was considered and in a despatch dated 1st June 1934, particulars of various transmitters were forwarded to the Colonial Government. In a despatch dated the 20th September, 1934, the Acting Governor said that, after considering the information which had been forwarded to him, he was of opinion that a Marconi short-wave transmitter type S.3.A. was what was required to ensure an adequate and reliable service between Port Stanley and London. He added that the necessary financial

provision

CAPTAIN GUY W. HALIFAX.

provision for purchase of the transmitter (£1,600) and the extra for wave band modifications (£55) would be included in the estimates for 1935. The Governor, however, in a despatch dated 26th February, 1935, said, that while he agreed that such an improvement was required, he considered it necessary for financial reasons that the purchase of the equipment should be held over for the present and that he would seek authority for the expenditure when the financial circumstances of the Colony would permit.

There the matter rests and I am afraid that I can give no indication as to when the proposal is likely to be revived.

*Yours sincerely*

Copy.

5271/10/35.

Downing Street,

2nd September, 1935.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary MacDonalld to refer to the letter from this department of the 16th of April regarding wireless telegraph communication with the Falkland Islands, and to inform you that a despatch has been received from the Governor of the Colony in which he states that, while he concurs generally in the arrangements outlined in the second paragraph of the letter under reference, he considers that it would be preferable for traffic to be diverted from the direct service to the Cable and Cerrito service only after the 0030 G.M.T. schedule has proved unsuccessful. This would enable Port Stanley to make full use of the direct service and at the same time avail itself of the Cerrito service on the same day.

2. The Governor adds that he will be prepared to agree to the suggestion that no credit should accrue to the Government of the Falkland Islands for the transmission by the direct route of copies of telegrams already sent via Cerrito.

3. If you concur in these arrangements there would appear to be no reason why the procedure should not be adopted forthwith.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) F. J. HOWARD.

THE GENERAL MANAGER

CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED.

Copy.

TM/H.F.1/1.

CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED.

Electra House,

Victoria Embankment,  
London, W.C.2.

19th September, 1935.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,  
London, S.W. 1.

Sir,

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter 5271/10/35 dated 2nd instant regarding wireless telegraph communication with the Falkland Islands. The arrangements to divert to the Cerrito route any telegrams that we are unable to clear by the second night schedule was applied immediately on receipt of your letter, and no difficulty is anticipated in the case of the few messages that will require to be diverted.

The agreement of the Government of the Falkland Islands that no credit shall accrue in connection with the direct transmission of the confirmatory copy is noted with thanks.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd) L. HOWITT.

Assistant Traffic Manager.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS

NO. 53.

Downing Street,

12 APR 1937

Sir,

With reference to the despatch No. 104 of the 15th of October, 1933, from Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister (now Viscount Swinton) concerning telegraph communication with the Falkland Islands, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter from the General Post Office from which it will be observed that it has come to notice that a certain number of telegrams are reaching this country from the Falkland Islands over the Anglo-Norwegian Cables, the messages having, apparently, been transmitted by wireless from Port Stanley to Bergen Radio.

In view of paragraph 3 of the despatch referred to, I should be obliged if you would furnish me with your observations on the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) W. ORMSBY GORE.

GOVERNOR

SIR HERBERT HERRIER HEATON, K.C.M.G.

etc., etc., etc.

Recd 225m  
Jb. P. 184/30  
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B. 3. 37.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT,  
GENERAL POST OFFICE,  
LONDON, E.C.1.

Your Reference: 15556/36  
P.O. Reference: 5271/10/36.

8th March, 1937.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th of November last and previous correspondence regarding telegraph communication with the Falkland Islands, I am directed by the Postmaster General to say, for the information of the Secretary of State, that in the course of the routine examination of international telegraph accounts it has come under notice that a certain number of telegrams are reaching this country from the Falkland Islands over the Anglo-Norwegian cables, the messages having, apparently been transmitted by wireless from Port Stanley to Bergen Radio. In the months of November and December last the numbers of such telegrams observed were 21 and 16 respectively.

This information may perhaps be of interest to the Secretary of State in view of the recommendation, which he conveyed to the Colonial Government in his despatch of the 18th of October 1933, that the service via Bergen should be discontinued for traffic to the United Kingdom and should be used solely for telegrams to addresses in Norway.

I am, etc.  
(Signed) J. Loudon.

The Under Secretary of State  
COLONIAL OFFICE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

26th May, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 84.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 55 of the 12th of April, 1937, on the subject of the transmission via Bergen of certain telegrams addressed to London and in explanation to inform you that only on such occasions as it was found impossible to effect communication with England has this been done.

2. It would appear that at certain times, probably due to unfavourable atmospheric conditions, the station in England is incapable of hearing the Colony's transmission and in order that traffic may not be unnecessarily delayed on these occasions the messages have been routed via Bergen.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(Sgd.) M. C. Craigie-Halkett.

THE HONOURABLE  
G. ORMSBY GORE, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 117

Downing Street,

9 September, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 84 of the 26th of May on the subject of the transmission via Bergen of certain telegrams addressed to London and in this connection to invite your attention to the correspondence regarding the routing of wireless traffic between the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands ending with Sir Herbert Henniker Heaton's despatch No. 95 of the 5th of July, 1935.

2. I have to enquire whether in the case of the messages in question the arrangements agreed upon in that correspondence with regard to the diversion of traffic had been tried and proved unsuccessful before the messages were transmitted via Bergen.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) W. ORMSBY GORE.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

66/35

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FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Downing Street,

9 September, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 117 of even date on the subject of the routing of telegrams between the Falkland Islands and the United Kingdom and in this connection to invite your attention to paragraph 6 of my Confidential circular despatch of the 17th of August, 1937.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(Signed) W. GINSBY GOPE.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

10th December, 1937.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 173.

Sir,

Red 20

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 117 of the 9th of September, 1937, on the subject of the routing of wireless traffic between the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands, and to inform you that the arrangements agreed upon with regard to the diversion of traffic were tried and proved unsuccessful before the messages referred to were transmitted finally via Bergen.

Red 9.

2. The Supervisor, Electrical and Telegraphs Department, reports that repeated calls were made to Gerrito with the delayed traffic but failed through unfavourable conditions and that every effort is made to conform to the arrangements agreed upon for the routing of wireless traffic in the correspondence which terminated with Sir Henniker Heaton's despatch, No. 95 of the 5th of July, 1935. The Supervisor reports further that it was found necessary on one occasion when it was impossible to communicate with either London, Gerrito or Bergen, to divert traffic via Buenos Aires.

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.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 144.



Downing Street,

16 November, 1937.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to

Mr. (now Sir) Henniker Heaton's despatch No. 35 of the 26th of February, 1935, and to enquire whether, and if so, when, it is proposed to proceed with the purchase of a new transmitter for the Port Stanley Wireless Station.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) W. ORMSBY GORE.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

*Recd!*

66/35.

26th January, 38.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Governor to request that you will obtain amended quotations from Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited, for one short wave transmitter, Type S. 8 A (or later model at approximately the same cost) as specified in the Marconi Company's letter No. K. 90311 of the 17th of January and enclosures dated the 12th of January, 1934, addressed to Imperial and International Communications, Limited, Electra House, W.C. 2, but modified for one spot wave of 36.61 metres and one spot wave of 17.36 metres, complete with Alternative "B" feeder arrangement; feeder to be 560 feet long.

2. The existing power of the present generator set at the Stanley Wireless Telegraph Station is 440 volts A.C. single phase 500 cycles with an output up to 10 K.W. A Direct Current supply of 50/70 volts is available for the control of temperature in the crystal chamber.

3. As transmitter, Type S. 8 A has an output of 500 Watts and consumes 3.25 K.W. only, I am to enquire whether modifications could be incorporated so as to increase the output up to 1000 Watts and to consume up to 7 or 8 K.W. from the existing supply.

4. Quotations should also be obtained for a Short Wave Duplex Telegraph Receiver of Type R.C. 31 C or improved design as specified in the letter, No. K 90579 of the 24th of January, 1934, addressed to Imperial and International

Communications/



Communications, Limited, by Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited. The cost of the Receiver should not exceed £280 including packing and delivery f.o.b. London.

5. With regard to the aerial lay-out submitted by the Marconi Company with their description of equipment, Type S. 8 A, Reference No. 04801, I am to point out that the present Wireless Telegraph Station is situated in a valley with a range of hills on the north and south extending east and west for some miles. On the north the range of hills is about 400 yards distant only from the Station. The approximate height of the hills on the north is between 150 and 200 feet rising gradually from the site of the station itself.

6. The equipment should comprise all necessary diagrams and plans for the erection of the Plant and aerial systems together with full instructions for the operation of the transmitter and for the conditioning of spare rectifying valves.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

*W. H. D.*

Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

27th January, 1938.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 14.

Sir,

*Recd 23.*

With reference to your despatch No. 144 of the 16th of November, 1937, I have the honour to inform you that I propose to proceed during the course of the year with the purchase of a new transmitter and receiver for the Port Stanley W/T. Station if you will sanction the expenditure of a sum not exceeding \$2,000 on this service. No provision has been made for this service in the estimates and I make my application subject to the condition that funds are available without causing a deficiency in the budget for the year.

2. The Crown Agents have been asked to obtain quotations for the instruments in question.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
W. G. ORMSBY CORE, F.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

NO. 29.

Downing Street,

24 March, 1938.



Sir,

Red 26

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No.14 of the 27th of January and to inform you that I approve the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £2,000 on the purchase of a new wireless transmitter and receiver for the Port Stanley Wireless Station on the understanding that funds are available without causing a deficiency in the budget for the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Signed) W. GEMORY CORE.

GOVERNOR

SIR HENRIKER BRATON, K.C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.



FALKLAND ISLANDS  
CONFIDENTIAL

20 May, 1933.

*Red 27*

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to Lord Harlow's despatch no. 29 of 24th of March regarding the purchase of a new wireless transmitter and receiver for the Port Stanley Wireless Station and to transmit to you for your information a copy of a letter from the Admiralty regarding the desire of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to be furnished with particulars of the new apparatus before purchase is finally arranged.

2. I shall be glad if full particulars of the new apparatus may be furnished in due course for transmission to the Admiralty, before the Crown Agents for the Colonies are asked to place orders.

3. Copies of the correspondence on this subject are being sent to the Crown Agents for the Colonies for their information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant,

(Sgt) MALCOLM

GOVERNOR

SIR HENRI WHEATON, K.C.M.G.,  
etc., etc., etc.

C O P Y.

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ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

M.02560/38.

3rd May, 1938.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. 5271/10/38 of the 7th April, transmitting a copy of correspondence between His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands and the Colonial Office on the subject of the purchase of a new transmitter and receiver for the Port Stanley W/T Station, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that they have learned with satisfaction of the decision to proceed during the course of the year with the purchase of this apparatus, subject to the condition that funds are available without causing a deficiency in the budget for the year.

2. As the Secretary of State is aware, the terms under which the Port Stanley W/T Station was transferred to the Falkland Islands Government require that it should be retransferred to the Admiralty in time of war. In that event its commitments as a Naval W/T Station are important, and My Lords would be glad therefore if they could be informed of the particulars of the new apparatus before purchase is finally arranged in order that they may consider how far the sets will meet naval requirements in time of war.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) S. A. PHILLIPS.

The Under Secretary of State,  
Colonial Office,

S.W.1.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY,

13th July, 1938.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

*Red 29.*  
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch dated the 20th of May, 1938, regarding the purchase of a new wireless transmitter and receiver for the Port Stanley Wireless Station.

2. I regret that funds will not be available this year for the purchase of the apparatus.

3. Particulars of a new apparatus will as requested be referred for the views of the Admiralty before purchase is definitely arranged.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant

(Sd) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
MALCOLM MACDONALD, M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

The C.S.O.

Mr Holloway, the warrant  
Telegraphist for Admiralty would  
like to see and perhaps borrow  
Reels 32 and 33 contained in  
this paper. Part 1 of 66/35 is  
attached and Part 2 which I presume  
is not immediately required, is still in  
use here in connection with a confidential  
report for H.S.

RM.

20/1/40

Ref 32 & 33 withdrawn

M. E. Holloway  
Warrant Tel