

C.S.

Posto & Tels

Telegraphic

TEL/GRA/1#15

1930

No. 113/30

CSO

SUBJECT.

1930

12th May.

Previous Paper.

Telegraphic service direct to England through Stanley W/T. Stu

MINUTES.

1-2

Letter to H. B. his Vice-Consul, Magallanes, 12/5/30.

See. W/T Stanley W/T Stu.

To see.

July.

13. 5. 30.

Am. Col. Sec.

noted, + returned.

A. M. M.

13. 5. 30

14. 13/5/30.

SB

Subsequent Paper.

Letter from acting British Consul Margallares 26/6/30 3.

Letter from H/O Consul General, Valparaiso 15/7/30 4.

Opn from _____ " _____ " _____ 30/7/30 5-6.

y.2. Scht. ? Await further

Communication.

pub

3.10.30.

Hm C.S

Please.

AM

3/30
10

Sen. Op.

Stanley W/T Water.

please note

July

3.10.30.

Hm Cal. Sec

noted. thank you.

America

6.10.30

~~30 x 30~~
~~30 x 30~~

H 15/11/30.
C.I.D. 31/10/30.

- ⑦ Letter from H.B. Ambassador, Santiago ^{24/11/30}
- ⑧ Minute from H.C. The Governor ^{18/11/31}

See Op. Stanley 6/7 Decin.

Please see.

2 Can you say what
 are the rates per word,
 exclusive of the charges leviable
 by this administration, charged
 for messages sent from Stanley
 via Bergen

(a) to an address in Norway

(b) - do - in Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland,

Belgium, France, Italy, Spain at

Portugal ?

3. Can you likewise file

the rates charged in the reverse

direction e.g. from Oslo, Paris

or Madrid to Stanley ?

+ The return rate from the

U. K.H. depends of course on the

establishment of the direct service.

Vindley

13.1.31.

Hon Col Sec.

Seen. Charges for telegrams sent from Stanley via Bergen to countries mentioned are as follows. The charges are inclusive of Stanley relaying charge. - Norway, Frc 1.04, Sweden Frc 1.17, Denmark Frc 1.21, Germany Frc 1.34, Holland Frc 1.39, Belgium Frc 1.41, France Frc 1.41, Italy Frc 1.61, Spain Frc 1.80, and Portugal Frc 1.79 per word. It is presumed that the charges in the reverse direction are the same - from Europe to Stanley, and would also be inclusive of Stanley station's charge for receiving or relaying. Stanley Station's charge is Frc 0.60 per word.

A. Mercer.

26.1.31

J.P.

Draft sketch -

J.P.

28.1.31.

Hon C.S

Will a splendid thing for
the colony if we get this
through.

A.C.

(28/31)

9-10 Letter to H.G. Chilton, Esq. of 30.1.31.

See. Op

Waly 6/7 24th.

AM. 5/2/31

McH
Hon. Treasurer. Please see.

Waly

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31.1.31.

ff. 31/3/31.
C.S.O. 10/2/31.

11. Telegram from Governor Hodson 21/2/31

Y/E

Submitted.

C.S.A.
23/2/31

Off. Sec.

Please let the Pres.

at the Op. Sec.

JWS

23.2.31

Mr. Weaver, ^{mch}
Senior Operator,
W/T Station.

To see.

C.S.A.
O.C.S.O.
24/2/31

How Cal Sec

Learn. Thank you.

A. Mace
25.2.31

~~bf 21/3/31~~
~~del 24/2/31~~

bf 30/4/31
C.S.A. 1/4/31

12-16. Letter from H.G. Chilton, Esq., 3rd March, 1931.

YK.

Submitted.

A.S.J.
23/4/31

Off. Sec.

Nil at present

except Jm. Treas. at Sec. Op.

to see. Am please Gif.

6
10. 5. 31.
10
23. 4. 31.

Non. Treasurers McH
Senior Operator, 25. 4. 31
to see.

A.S.J.
oie/peo
23/4/31

Com cal Sec

ben thank you

A. Mercer

30/4/31

bf 10/6/31.

~~18. 11. 31.~~

bf. 30/6/31.
C.S.P. 10/6/31

Telegram from H. Hilton. Esq., Chile. 10th June, 1921. 17.

Y/B.

Submitted. I have spoken to her.
here, and he is ready to commence receiving
traffic now. C.S.P.

11/6/31.

Off. Sec.

Draft despatch herewith

for filing, please.

2 The Times; Sec. Sp; &

Lord Halifax for note, with reference

more especially to the recovery in

the course of the charges payable to

this administration in respect of the

traffic land.

3. Perhaps please copy. 28. 6. 31.

12. 6. 31.

Letter from the Ag. Governor to Sir H. G. Sturton R.C.M.G. 15/6/31

Hon. Treasurer. MCH 18.6.31.
Senior operator, A. Mence. 20/6/31
Local auditor, am

For note.

A. J. J.
checked
16/6/31.

23 June 1931

19. Telegram from D. of D. No. 46 of 19th June. 1931.

by 31.7.31

by 24.6.31

Sec. Gp.

Stanley Owen Station.

Please report on Air

Code-Stanley-Purple service. How

many messages have been handled

since the start of the

service from 15.6.31 to

31. 7. 31 ? What revenue will come

to this extent in respect of these

messages ? to the traffic handled

through any signs of a rising ?

Julian

Hon Col Sec.

31. 7. 31.

Report herewith. - Chilean traffic from 15/6/31 amounted to 16 Telegrams for Europe and 3 for Falklands. Revenue due in respect of European telegrams to end June amounted to £2. 17. 0. Traffic from 1/7/31 to 31/7/31 was considerably heavier and amounted to 43 telegrams average words 12 and revenue approximately £12. 18. 0. We do not seem to get telegrams from any other part than Magallanes in Chile. Perhaps however if daylight working with Bergen can be established the service will be appreciated more than it would appear to be at present.

A. Mercer
4/8/31

Spoke Sec. Op. 31. 8. 31. Calculated at 10

of $\frac{5}{1} \frac{5}{4\frac{1}{2}}$ vice $\frac{5}{1}$ - (with rel 10) for

messages to the U.K. The amount

payable to P.K. revenue or accrues

Inside Minute Paper.

This traffic comes to £ 17,

approximately, for the period

15. 6. 31 to 31. 7. 31 of

and amount the one half

at least or say £ 10,

almost, in net profit to

This administration.

J. L.

S. F. 31.

20-30 D. of D. despatch No 76 of 26th June, 1931.

31-32. D. of D. despatch No. 80 of 9th July, 1931

J. L. Submitted with a draft

draft & refs.

J. L.

10 P. 51.

Hon. C. S.
Draft reply approved
J. L.
10-8-31

Letter from A.B. W. Ambassador 33-35.
25th July, 1931.

Semis Operator.

To see.

Call
14/8/31.

Sen. G. H. H. H. H. H.

J.P.
17. 8. 31.

Mr. Treas. meA 17. 8. 31.

Mr. P. D. O. J.M. 19. 8. 31.

To see.

J.M.

17. 8. 31.

by 17. 10. 31.

by 19. 8. 31.

Despatch to Secretary of State No. 161 of 13/8/31 36-37.

Telegram from Secretary of State No. 55 of 20/8/31 38.

J.P. Schmitt with
draft telegram in rts.

J.P.

21. 8. 31.

Hon C.S.
Draft telegram
approved
J.P.
21-8-31

39. Telegram to Secretary of State. 22nd August, 1931.

J.P. 17. 10. 31.

J.P. 22. 8. 31.

40. Telegram from Secretary of State 28th August, 1931.

y.2. Submitted with a draft

telegram to our Ambassador in Chile.

2. We are already doing our

utmost to establish a direct service

with Orizaba. The Senior Operator at

the Stanley Station informs us, however,

that his work will be facilitated

by the arrival of a new base station

which has been actually on order for

some months. I have telegraphed to

the Iron Works to expedite supply etc.

by the next cargo boat due Stanley

about the end of October.

J. M. S.

31. 8. 31.

Hon C. S.

Direct telegram to Ambassador
in Chile approved

Thank you for information
re the Stanley Section and for
telegraphing to expedite supply
of materials

JOS

31.8.31

41. Telegram to H. B. M's Ambassador, Santiago 1/9/31.

Sec. Op. Stanley 017 Station

inform in recony sec.

In. Tues. ^{in H} 1.9.31.

In. P.D. ^{3.9.31} Please see.

J. M. H.

17/10/31.
C.S.O. 3/9/31

1.9.31.

J.P. Submitted for information.

J.P.

4.9.31

Hon C.S.

Noted
J.P.
4-9-31

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3 17.10.31

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4. 10. 31
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54.
1 24. 10 31

12 17. 10 31

Hon C.S.

Noted
J.P.
14-10-31

19
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Deptal to stud

18 23/10

43-4). Despatch from D. of D. No. 99 of 2nd Dept. 1931.

G.f. 10. 11. 31-

~~G.f. 26. 10. 31.~~

(Task with D/W)

G.f. 24. 11. 31.

~~G.f. 13. 11. 31.~~

48. Service Message to Nuclear Station, Magellanes. 18:11:31.

G.f. 12. 12. 31.

~~G.f. 18. 11. 31.~~

G.f.

12. 1. 32.

~~G.f. 16. 12. 31.~~

G.f. 2. 2. 32.

~~G.f. 1. 32.~~

G.f. 17. 2. 32.

~~G.f. 2. 2. 32.~~

G.f. 20/31/32.
G.f. 18/2/32

G.f. 7. 4. 32.
~~G.f. 19. 3. 32.~~

223/30.

12th May, 30.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to seek your good offices in the possible establishment by mutual arrangement with the Chilean Telegraphic Department of a direct service between Magallanes and England and Europe through the wireless station at Stanley maintained by this Government.

2. I am to explain that the Stanley station has been for some time past in direct and regular communication with England and Europe, and is prepared to handle traffic of this description both ways from and to Magallanes. The charges to be levied by the Stanley station for any traffic relayed on behalf of the Magallanes station would be 1/- a word in either direction. In other words a message to London of ten groups would only cost 10/-, plus the charges the Chilean Government make between Magallanes and here.

3. I am to add that His Excellency is certain that you will appreciate the very considerable saving, both in money and in time, that would result from the establishment of such a service to the benefit of the British community in Patagonia and of British trade, and presumably also of the Chilean authorities and public.

4. I am further to add that His Excellency will greatly

appreciate/

His Britannic Majesty's
Vice Consul,
MAGALLANES.

appreciate any assistance which it may be in your power to render this Government in this connection. In the event of the Chilean Telegraphic Department desiring to co-operate in the proposed service I am to ask that you will be good enough to inform me by telegram, when the necessary arrangements will be made by this Government for it to come into operation at once.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Colonial Secretary.

(2)

British Consulate,
Magallanes, Chile,
26th June, 1930.

CO/727/21/30.

Sir,

Read

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 223/30 dated the 12th May last and to inform you that I have to-day transmitted copy of your despatch to H.B.M. Consul-General at Valparaiso, requesting him to approach the respective Chilean Government official to settle, if possible, by mutual arrangement the establishment of wireless communications from Magallanes to England and Europe through the Wireless Station at Stanley.

2. I will not fail to communicate with you further in this matter as soon as a reply is received.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient
humble Servant,

J. J. [Signature]
Acting British Consul.

His Excellency the Governor
of the Falkland Islands,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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British Consulate General

Valparaiso

July 15th. 1930.

2194/30.-

Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch No.223/30 of May 12th. last addressed to the British Consular Officer at Magallanes concerning the possible establishment, by mutual arrangement with the Chilean Telegraphic Department, of a direct service between Magallanes and England and Europe through the Wireless Station at Stanley maintained by the Government of the Falkland Islands, I have the honour to advise you that I have approached His Majesty's Minister on the subject.

2. You will be notified in due course of the results of the action taken.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble Servant,

Constantine Graham

H.M.Consul General.

His Excellency the Governor of the Falkland Islands,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

(COPY)

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British Legation
Santiago, Chile.

July 28th. 1930.

No.9.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your despatch No.71 of July 15th. with enclosures, regarding the possibility of establishing a direct wireless service between Magallanes and Europe via the Falkland Islands, and to inform you that the proposal of the Government of the Falkland Islands has been brought to the notice of the Chilean Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) WALTER ROBERTS.

Constantine Graham, Esq.,
His Majesty's Consul-General,
Valparaiso.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
SANTIAGO, CHILE.

December 24th., 1930.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch N°223/30, of May 12th. last, addressed to H.M's Vice-Consul at Magallanes, regarding the possible establishment of a direct service between Magallanes and Europe through the Wireless Station at Stanley, a copy of which was forwarded to my predecessor, I have to state that the contents of the above-mentioned despatch were communicated on July 29th. to the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs in this city. In his reply, received on the 19th. instant, the Director General appears to interpret the rate of 1s/- per word, mentioned in the second paragraph of your despatch, as a mere transit duty (derecho o abono de tránsito) payable for the use of the Port Stanley station and inquires what rate per word would be charged for the transmission of messages, relayed on behalf of the Magallanes Station, between the Falkland Islands and Europe.

2. Although, in my opinion, the second paragraph of your despatch seems to make it clear that the rate of 1s/- per word covers the complete cost of transmission of a message from Port Stanley to London and the reverse, I should be grateful if you would confirm my opinion so that I may pass it on to the Director General. At the same time, I should be glad to learn whether the above rate applies to Great Britain only or to all countries in Europe.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Colonial Secretary,

Stanley,

Falkland Islands.

225/30.

30th January,

31.

Sir,

In reply to your despatch of the 24th of December, 1930, regarding the possible establishment of a direct service between Magallanes and Europe through the Wireless Station at Stanley, I am directed by the Governor to confirm your reading of my letter No. 225/30 of the 12th of May, 1930, addressed to His Majesty's Vice-Consul at Magallanes, namely that the charge of 1/- per word is not merely a transit duty but covers the complete cost per word of the transmission of a message from Stanley to London via Dorchester Radio and the reverse. I would state, however, that in consequence of revised regulations which have recently come into force it has been found necessary to increase this charge to 1/4½ per word.

2. I would add that the charges per word on a similar basis for European traffic via Bergen Radio would be as follows :-

Norway	...	10d.
Sweden	...	1/-.
Denmark	...	1/-.
Germany	...	1/1.
Holland	...	1/2.
Belgium	...	1/2.
France	...	1/2.
Italy	...	1/4.
Portugal	...	1/6.
Spain	...	1/6.

and other countries pro rata.

S./

Sir H. G. Chilton, ^K C.M.G.,
 British Embassy,
 Santiago,
 CHILE.

3. In conclusion I wish to point out that our Telegraph Department is very efficient and quick, and I would suggest that the Chilean authorities might care to send a few experimental messages to Europe via Port Stanley on which we shall be pleased to waive all charges.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Colonial Secretary.

203/30

11

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Governor Hodson.

To H.E. the Governor, Stanley.

Despatched: 21st February, 19 31 *Time:* 1320.

Received: 22nd February, 19 31 *Time:* 1100.

Following from Hodson begins. Arrangements proceeding satisfactorily regarding telegraphic communications. Ambassador will communicate with you direct ends. 00121 Chilton.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
SANTIAGO.
March 3rd, 1931.



Sir,

With reference to my despatch of December 24th last,
I beg leave to transmit to you herewith a copy of a
despatch together with enclosure which I have to-day
addressed to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs,
regarding the possibility of establishing a direct wire-
less telegraphic service between Magallanes and Europe
via the Falkland Isles.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

The Colonial Secretary,
Port Stanley,
Falkland Isles.

DECODE.

223/30.

17

TELEGRAM.

From..... H. Chilton, Esq., Chile.

To..... H. E. the Governor.

Despatched: 10th June, 1931. *Time*: 1525.

Received: 11th June, 1931. *Time*:

My letter of 3rd March establishment Wireless Telegraph Service between Magellan and Europe via Falkland Islands. Director General Post office and Telegraph here inform me Chilean Naval Authorities have undertaken to operate new service proposed charges have been accepted and service will be commenced 15th June.

Chilton.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

15th June, 1951.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 223/50.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 10th of June, 1951, on the subject of the establishment of a Wireless Telegraph Service between Magellanes, Chile, and Europe via Stanley, Falkland Islands, and to convey to you on behalf of this Government an expression of appreciative thanks for your good offices which have contributed so materially to the successful outcome of the negotiations initiated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Acting Governor.

Sir H. G. Chilton, K.C.M.G.,
British Embassy,
Santiago,
CHILE.

191

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State.

To H.E. the Governor.

Despatched : 19th June, 19 31. Time : 1345.

Received : 20th June, 19 31. Time :

No. 46. Imperial and International Communication understand from Chile that Falkland Islands Wireless Station propose to relay messages from Magellanes to Dorchester starting 18th June but state two stations have not been in communication since 28th March.

I consider it out of the question that such foreign service should be undertaken until direct service with Dorchester satisfactory and rate finally agreed.

Please see my despatch of 13th June No. (?) and report fully.

S. of S.

Recd
98-116.
in m.p.
184/20

68.

Copy.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

A 2192/2192/9.

14th April, 1931.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Henderson to enclose herein copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Santiago regarding the possibility of establishing a direct wireless telegraph service between the territory of Magallanes and European stations, via the Falkland Islands.

2. Mr. Henderson trusts that the proposal which, in his opinion, is worthy of careful consideration, will commend itself to the other competent departments of His Majesty's Government.

3. A copy of this letter and enclosures is being sent to the Department of Overseas Trade and Colonial Office.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) D.V. KELLY.

THE SECRETARY

TO THE POST OFFICE.

Copy.

No. 33.

(A 2192/2192/9)

BRITISH EMBASSY,

SANTIAGO.

March 3rd, 1931.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith copy of a note which I have addressed to the Chilean Government regarding the possibility of establishing a direct wireless telegraph service between the Chilean territory of Magallanes and European stations via the Falkland Isles.

2. The wireless telegraphic station at Port Stanley which is owned and operated by the Government of the Falkland Isles, has been for some time past in direct and regular communication with established European stations, and last year Mr. A.W. Hodson, the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, suggested that facilities should be offered to the Chilean station at Magallanes to make use of the Falkland Isles Station for direct communication with Europe.

3. This suggestion was communicated to my predecessor through the Acting British Consul at Magallanes. The Director General of Posts and Telegraphs in Santiago was thereupon approached privately and informed that, if the Chilean Government were interested in the proposal, His Majesty's Government would be glad to take the matter up through the appropriate channels.

4.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

ARTHUR HENDERSON, M.P.,

&c., &c., &c.

4. Some correspondence followed in regard to the proposed traffic charges between the Director General, this Embassy and the Government of the Falkland Isles, but no definite decision had been reached by the Chilean authorities when Mr. Hodson himself arrived in Santiago on his way home to England. His Excellency expressed great interest in the proposal. It would, in his opinion, benefit the considerable number of islanders who visit Magallanes from time to time, and it might help to promote commercial intercourse between the islands and that district of Chile. It would also be of advantage to the rest of Chile which would be provided with another W/T service with Europe in addition to that provided by the Transradio Chilena which is operated from Santiago. A meeting was accordingly arranged, and took place on February 20th, between Mr. Hodson and the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, Mr. Roberts also being present. The Director General said that the idea had appealed greatly to himself and to the Minister of Marine. He could not say how much W/T traffic between Magallanes and European stations now passed through Santiago, nor what was the daily volume of traffic handled by the Transradio Chilena. In any case he thought the proposal was well worth investigating and he asked that it should be put forward officially to his Government through this Embassy.

5. I have no doubt that Mr. Hodson will report on this matter on his arrival in London. The present despatch will serve to inform you, Sir, of what has passed so far. I will not fail to inform you in due course of the reply of the Chilean Government to the proposal which I have now made to them.

6. I am sending a copy of this despatch to the Colonial Secretary at Port Stanley.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) H.G. Chilton.

Copy.
No. 26.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
SANTIAGO.

March 3rd, 1931.

Excellency,

I have received from the Governor of the Falkland Isles an enquiry regarding the possibility of establishing a direct wireless telegraph service between the territory of Magallanes and European stations via the Falkland Isles.

2. His Excellency informs me that the W/T station at Port Stanley, which is owned and operated by the Government of that colony, has been for some time past in direct and regular communication with the principal European stations, and that he is prepared to handle traffic of this nature to and from Magallanes. If the Chilean authorities in Magallanes desire to avail themselves of this offer, the commercial community there will have at their disposal an independent service enabling them to communicate quickly and regularly not only with Great Britain, but also with other European countries. I am also authorised to state that in the event of telegraphic communications between Chile and other countries being interrupted at any time, the Governor of the Falkland Isles would be prepared to place the W/T station at Port Stanley entirely at the disposal of the Chilean Government.

3. In the event of the Chilean Government wishing to avail themselves of this service, the Governor of the Falkland Isles proposes that the following charges shall

HIS EXCELLENCY,
SEÑOR DON MANUEL BARROS CASTANON,
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
SANTIAGO.

be

be levied by the Station at Port Stanley for all traffic relayed to Europe on behalf of the Magallanes station:-

From Port Stanley to London via W/T station at Dorchester, England.....s.d. 1/4 or 2.75 pesos.

Table listing charges for Bergen Radio to various countries: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain. Columns include country names, charges in s.d., and charges in pesos.

The charges to be levied for messages relayed to other countries will be pro rata.

3. The above mentioned charges do not constitute merely transit duties, but cover the complete cost of the transmission of a message from Port Stanley to the European destination or its transmission in the reverse direction.

4. In conclusion, the Governor of the Falkland Isles with whom I have lately had an opportunity of discussing this question personally, desires me to say that he will be very pleased if the Chilean authorities will carry out practical tests by sending a few experimental messages to Europe on which no charge will be levied.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Sgd.) H.G. CHILTON.

COPY.

A 2192/2192/9

42734/31.

16th May, 1931.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 14th of April enclosing a copy of a despatch from His Majesty's Ambassador at Santiago regarding the possibility of establishing wireless telegraph services between Chile and Europe via the Falkland Islands and Norway, I am directed by the Postmaster General to offer the following observations for the consideration of the Secretary of State.

In the first place the introduction of the proposed services via Bergen would scarcely seem to be in harmony with the recommendations of the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference of 1928. The services would be in competition with Imperial and International Communications Ltd. and this major question of policy will no doubt be considered by the Colonial Office.

The Postmaster General has however, considerable doubt, whether technical conditions would enable a satisfactory commercial standard to be maintained in the services. A proposal has been on foot for two years for a direct wireless service between Port Stanley and Great Britain (this is the
service

The Under Secretary of State,

FOREIGN OFFICE.

service via Dorchester mentioned in the letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Santiago) and so far as he is aware the tests conducted by Imperial and International Communications Ltd. who will control the service at this end have not yielded satisfactory results. In any event transmissions would probably have to be confined to the night hours and the proposal is therefore that at the outset at least the service should be limited to deferred telegrams. A certain amount of traffic is already exchanged between Port Stanley and European countries via Bergen and it is thought probable that the quality of service is of the deferred order or even poorer. Extension to Magallanes would still further depreciate the quality of the service.

Although, as stated, the direct service between the Falkland Islands and Great Britain will be definitely confined to deferred telegrams as defined in the International Telegraph Regulations it may perhaps be assumed that the proposed services between Magallanes and European countries via Port Stanley are to be regarded as ordinary "full rate" services, since the rates between the Falkland Islands and the various European countries quoted in the letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Santiago, suggest that the charges beyond Norway have been based on the rates notified internationally as applicable to full rate telegrams. It should be remarked, however, that the rate of ls.4¹/₂ a word quoted as between the Falkland Islands and Great Britain is that suggested for

for deferred telegrams sent by the proposed direct wireless service, based on a hypothetical full rate of 2s.9d.

It is not known what charge will be made for the parcours west of the Falkland Islands for the proposed service between Magallanes and Europe but assuming that it would be 6d. a word the through rate would then be more than the existing deferred rates by the cable routes, except in the case of Norway.

The intentions of the Falkland Islands Government in regard to their terminal charge for the direct service with Great Britain are at the moment somewhat obscure, and the matter is being discussed in correspondence with the Colonial Office. If, as seems probable, however, the Colonial Government charges 3d. a word, it seems more than likely that no such charge is included in the rate to European countries quoted in the letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Santiago, and this may account in part for the unsatisfactory feature of those rates in that the charges to several European countries are appreciably less than those to Great Britain. If the Falkland Islands Government have in fact accepted lower rates in their services via Bergen than they are prepared to accept in a service with Great Britain they are also apparently willing to maintain the distinction if the services are extended to Magallanes.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Colonial Office.

I am, etc.,
(Sgd.) W.E. Weston
for the Secretary.

Copy.
86823/31.

Downing Street,

22nd June, 1931.

Sir,

With reference to Foreign Office letter No. A.2192/2192/9 of the 15th of April and to the second paragraph of the letter addressed to the Foreign Office by the General Post Office on the 16th May regarding the possibility of establishing wireless telegraph services between Chili and Europe, via the Falkland Islands and Norway, I am directed by Lord Passfield to state for the information of Mr. Secretary Henderson that, as a result of correspondence with the General Post Office his Lordship considers that it is undesirable to proceed with the proposal at present.

2. I am to explain that experiments are at present being carried out by Imperial and International Communications Limited with a view to establishing a direct service between England and the Falkland Islands, and that as soon as arrangements to this end are complete it is proposed to dispense with the service through Bergen.

3. The question of adding a service from Port Stanley to Magallanes can be considered when the direct service between England and the Falkland Islands is in satisfactory operation.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) R. DARNLEY.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

No. 93.

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29th June, 1931.

Sir,

With reference to Your Excellency's despatch No. 53 of the 3rd March with regard to the possibility of establishing a direct wireless telegraph service between the Chilean territory of Magallanes and European stations via the Falkland Islands, I transmit to you, herewith, copies of communications which have been received on the subject from the Colonial Office and the General Post Office.

2. In view of the opinions expressed therein, you will appreciate that it will be impossible to proceed further with the proposal for the moment.

3. You will observe that Imperial and International Communications Limited are now conducting experiments with a view to the establishment of a direct service between England and the Falkland Islands, and it is to be hoped that should these be successful, it will be possible to extend the service at a later date to Magallanes.

I am, with great truth and respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

(For the Secretary of State)

(Sd) R. L. CRAIGIE.

His Excellency

Sir Henry Chilton, K.C.M.G.,

etc., etc., etc.,

Santiago.

BRITISH EMBASSY,

SANTIAGO.

July 25th, 1931.

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N° 186.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my despatch N° 33 of March 3rd reporting the proposals made to the Chilean Government for the establishment of a wireless telegraphic service between Magallanes and European stations via the Falkland Isles.

2. I have since received a reply from the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the note in which I put forward these proposals. The Minister informs me that the co-operation of the naval service had been obtained, that the charges for transmission have been agreed upon and that the new service was opened on June 15th. The Director General of Posts and Telegraphs informed this Embassy early in June to the same effect, and I so advised the Governor of the Falkland Isles.

3. As will be seen from Mr. Vibert's despatch N° 64 to Mr. Filliter a copy of which I have the honour to enclose herein, the Chilean authorities are devoting much attention to the development of wireless telegraphic services in the Magallanes district which will benefit considerably from the establishment of the new European service via Port Stanley.

I have the honour to be with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant.

(Sgd.) H. G. CHILTON

The Right Honourable
Arthur Henderson, M.P.,
&c., &c., &c.,

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British Consulate,
Magallanes, Chile.

17th May, 1931.

N° 64.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that serious efforts are now being made to develop Wireless telegraphy in this district. The technical experts sent down by the Ministry of Post and Telegraphs are now at work, collaborating with whom is a Naval Lieut. (Señor Luis Agurto MUÑOZ-) who is in charge of the operations on behalf of the Admiralty.

2. The station at Bahía Catalina hitherto long wave (6000 meters) is being converted to short wave (20-40m).
3. A second station in town, next to the Port Authority, is also being organised, on a wave 150-3000m., and two other stations with same wave length are to be erected at Porvenir and on Navarino Island.
4. Which of these, if any, is to be exclusively reserved for the Admiralty has not been decided. It is proposed to use the town station principally for regional communications and Bahía Catalina for long distance.
5. One of the chief benefits to the population will be the direct transmission of wireless telegrams between Santiago and Magallanes which at present have all to be relayed at Bories or Puerto Montt.
6. The Press has just announced the new arrangements concluded with Port Stanley for the direct Magallanes-Europe (and vice versa) telegraph service. This should prove of great benefit to the District, especially as the new rates are fifty per cent cheaper.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant.

(Sgd) I. E. Vibert.

D.F.S. Filliter, Esq.,
H.B.M. Consul-General,
Valparaiso.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
STANLEY.

13th August, 1931.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 161.

My Lord,

With reference to Your Lordship's telegram of the 19th of June and to Your Lordship's despatches Nos. 76 and 80 of the 26th of June and of the 9th of July, 1931, I have the honour to report, as requested, on the direct wireless service between Magallanes, Chile, and Europe via the Falkland Islands

2. In the first place I have to state that this service was established on and has been working satisfactorily via Bergen, Norway, since the 15th of June, a total number of fifty-six messages having been handled up to the 31st of July, with a profit to the revenue of the Colony of approximately £17 gross and £9 nett.

3. As Your Lordship is aware, the service was arranged by Mr. A. W. Hodson, C.M.G., personally with the ^{kind} assistance of His Majesty's Ambassador in Chile in anticipation of the early inauguration of the direct wireless service between Stanley and Dorchester. In fact the charge for re-transmission to the United Kingdom at the rate of 1s/4¹/₂ a word was fixed expressly with such a service in prospect.

4. It is only on account of the failure hitherto to establish the proposed direct wireless service that traffic has been passed via Bergen in order not to

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD PASSFIELD OF PASSFIELD CORNER, P.C.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

disappoint the Chilean authorities. As soon as the service is established Dorchester will be asked in the normal course to accept it.

5. In this connection I have to remark that it is not easy to appreciate the difficulty apparently experienced by Dorchester in working Stanley in view of the fact that regular and almost uninterrupted communication has been maintained daily with Bergen for the past three years. Indeed on one occasion during the recent tests when Dorchester was unable to read Stanley Bergen stated that the signals were, to them, strong and clear.

6. I have to assure Your Lordship that it has been, and is, the earnest desire of this Government to effect the establishment of direct wireless communication between the Colony and the United Kingdom and that the Stanley station is anxious and ready at any time to participate in any further tests which Imperial and International Communications, Limited, may be good enough to undertake.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most
obedient humble servant,

JAMES O'GRADY.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State.

To H. E. the Governor.

Despatched : 20th August, 1931 Time : 1135.

Received : 31st August, 1931 Time :

Red 19. No. 55. My No. 46 of 19th June please expedite reply I presume in view of consideration advanced in my telegram relay service has been discontinued.

S. of S.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H. E. the Governor.....

To Secretary of State.....

Despatched : 22nd August, 19 51. Time :

Received : 19 Time :

No. 51. Your telegram of 20th August No. 55 Relay wireless service your despatch of 15th June No. 68 was received on 4th August and full report required by your telegram of 19th June No. 46 was sent by mail of 15th August in my despatch of 15th August No. 161. As explained in report service has not been discontinued because having been started on 15th June prior to the receipt of your telegram of 19th June No. 46 it was desired not to inconvenience the Chilean authorities and it was hoped that the Dorchester route would be available at an early date. I await your further instructions but have to suggest that service may continue as at present on understanding that as soon as communication is established traffic will be forwarded direct.

Governor.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From Secretary of State.

To H. E. the Governor.

Despatched : 28th August, 19 31 *Time* : 1525.

Received : 29th August, 19 31 *Time* :

No. 58. Your No. 51 Wireless. Magellanes relay service should be discontinued immediately and every effort made to establish satisfactory communication with Dorchester and to agree to rate as quickly as possible. Despatch follows.

S. of S.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H. E. the Governor.....

To H.B.M's. Ambassador, Santiago.

Despatched: 1st September, 192 31 *Time:*

Received: 192 *Time:*

In accordance with instructions received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies this Government has no alternative but to discontinue at any rate for the present relay wireless service through Stanley from Magellanes to Europe. Much regret necessity for this stop and trust that no undue inconvenience will be occasioned thereby. Request that you will be good enough to notify Chilean authorities in the appropriate sense.

Governor.

DECODE.

TELEGRAM.

From H.B.M's. Ambassador, Santiago.

To H.E. the Governor.

Despatched : 3rd September, 1931 *Time* : 1815.

Received : 4th September, 1931. *Time* :

Your telegram of 3rd September (?) wireless service Chilean Government informed.

Chilton.



FALKLAND ISLANDS

No. 99

Downing Street,

2 September, 1931.

Sir,

Red 39.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram No. 51 of the 23rd August regarding the wireless telegraphy relay service with Regallance, and to confirm my telegram No. 56 of the 26th August requesting you to discontinue this service immediately and to make every effort to establish satisfactory communication with Rochester as quickly as possible.

24th Aug. 1931.

1. In this connection I enclose for your information a copy of a letter addressed to the General Manager of Imperial and International Communications Limited by the Vice President of All America Cables Incorporated, from which you will see that the American company threatens to reduce the whole of their rates now being charged. I enclose also a copy of a schedule which has been supplied to me by Imperial and International Communications Limited showing the differences between the tariffs which are understood to be in force at present.

schedule

2. Imperial and International Communications Limited inform me that while they do not think it possible that the American company could in fact reduce their present rates, they are anxious to give them no cause to intensify their competition which is already being severely felt.

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GOVERNOR SIR JAMES O'GRADY, K.C.M.G.,
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4. I would point out that in the letter of the 18th October, 1930, from the General Post Office (a copy of which was enclosed with my predecessor's despatch No. 68 of the 15th June last), it was suggested that as soon as communication had been established between Port Stanley and Manchester the present service via Bergen should be discontinued, and that the charge to be levied for direct communication with Manchester should be 1/4d per word either way. These proposals were conveyed to you by telegram and accepted by your telegram No. 31 of the 9th November, 1931, and I am therefore unable to appreciate your reasons for inaugurating a relay service with Megallanes at inclusive rates which, according to the information at present available, appear to be considerably lower than those agreed upon for the direct service between Port Stanley and Manchester.

5. I would also invite your attention to the copy of correspondence enclosed with Lord Passfield's despatches of the 26th June and 2th July last which shows that His Majesty's Ambassador in Santiago has already been informed by the Foreign Office that the proposed relay service cannot be operated until the direct service with England is properly established.

6. In view of this correspondence and the very difficult situation which has been created by the scale of charges adopted for the Megallanes relay service I consider it essential that it should be

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discontinued and that it should only be re-established when the Port Stanley-Berkeley service is in a satisfactory working condition and the rates to be charged, both for this service and for any proposed extensions, have been agreed with the General Post Office and Imperial and International Communications Limited.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

humble servant,

(Signed) J. H. THOMAS

Copy.

Mackay House,
Wormwood Street,
London, E.C.2.

24th August, 1931.

A.W. Hibbardine, Esq.,
General Manager (Communications),
Imperial & International Communications Ltd.,
Electra House, Moorgate, E.C.2.

Dear Mr. Hibbardine,

You will recollect that we had some conversation with Mr. Grove about the communication between Magellan and Europe via Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, at rates considerably below our existing cable rates.

These cheaper rates are naturally beginning to tell on our traffic and, unless we can see some solution in sight, we shall be compelled to consider the question of meeting the lower rates.

I understand that you have had some negotiations with the Colonial Office with a view to clearing up this situation, and I shall be glad if you can let me know what the prospects are.

It seems a pity to disturb the rate structure for a moderate volume of traffic but New York is pressing me for some solution and I hope you can let me know that such solution is in sight.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) A. Davidson, Vice President

copy.

COMPARISON OF TARIFFS FROM MAGALLANES.

Ordinary	Via Port Stanley	Wireless	Via I. & I. C. C. & All America Cables.	Difference
	Chilean Dollars	Equivalents in Gold Pes. at \$1.60.	Gold Pes.	Gold Pes.
Norway	5.10	1.93 ⁷⁵	3.67	1.73 ²⁵
Denmark	3.44	2.15	3.62	1.47
Sweden	3.44	2.15	3.67	1.52
Germany	3.61	2.25 ⁶²⁵	3.20	.94 ³⁷⁵
Belgium	3.77	2.35 ⁶²⁵	3.35	.99 ³⁷⁵
France	3.77	2.35 ⁶²⁵	3.20	.84 ³⁷⁵
Holland	3.77	2.35 ⁶²⁵	3.48	1.12 ³⁷⁵
Italy	4.10	2.56 ²⁵	3.55	.98 ⁷⁵
Great Britain	4.19	2.61 ⁸⁷⁵ x	3.20	.58 ¹²⁵
Portugal	4.44	2.77 ⁵	3.65	.87 ⁵
Spain	4.44	2.77 ⁵	3.20	.42 ⁵

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TO. Magallanes Wireless Station.

FROM. Stanley Wireless Station.

Date. 18th November, 1931.

Service. Our rates for traffic are under revision
stop Until they are settled we regret we are
unable to accept your traffic stop will
communicate with you again as soon as possible.

In reply to Service

enquiry received 17. 11. 31.

V. J. D.
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