

POST OFFICE HANDBOOK,  
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## POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

THE Government Telegraphs are under the control of the Postmaster for Jamaica. The Telegraph Offices are in the same buildings as the Post Offices.

The charge for telegrams throughout Jamaica is ninepence for any number of words up to twelve, and a half-penny for every additional word. The address and signature are both counted. The charge is paid in postage stamps affixed to the message.

If the Addressee reside within one mile of the terminal office the telegram is delivered by messenger without any additional charge; but if beyond that limit the following portage fee must be prepaid:—

- a. If the whole distance be under three miles at a charge of sixpence (6d.) per mile counting from boundary of the free delivery.
- b. If the distance be over three miles at a charge of one shilling (1s.) per mile, counting from the office.

The charges for the transmission and for portage of telegrams must be pre-paid by means of adhesive stamps.

Persons resident at a place to which the Island Telegraph Line has not yet been extended can benefit by its use on the following conditions:—

1. If the words "By Post" with the name of a telegraph station be written on a message it will be wired to such station and forwarded from thence to its postal address by first post.

2. If a letter marked "On Post Office Telegraph Business" be sent *by post* to the Telegraph Clerk at any station the message enclosed will be promptly forwarded *by wire* from such station. In this case the letter by post must be registered and the cost of the message enclosed in stamps or coin. Telegrams may also be handed to a mail courier on his way to a telegraph office, but the department does not take any liability for miscarriage.

3. No charge will be made in either case for postage or registration.

4. Telegrams addressed to the United Kingdom or to any foreign place with which there is telegraphic communication are accepted at any Telegraph Station in Jamaica on payment of the inland rate, in addition to the amount charged by the Cable Company, which may be ascertained by application at each station.

5. Telegrams may be sent to certain ports for outward transmission as letters. The senders must write "by Post" before the addressee's name, and the name of the terminal Telegraph Office at the end of the address.

For example:—

"By Post," Brown, 12 Fifth Avenue, New York, Kingston."

In addition to the ordinary telegraph charge of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. a word, the sender must also pay the postage fee.

In such cases registered addresses cannot be used.

6. The office hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily—Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted.

7. Deferred telegrams in plain language are accepted at all Telegraph Offices at half rates and under the prescribed conditions for the following places:—

Aden, Ascension, Algeria, Australia, Austria, Bathurst, Belgium, Bermuda, Burmah, Brazil and Amazon Stations, B. N. Borneo, B. W. I. Colonies, British Dominions, Canada, Canary Is., Ceylon, Congo (French & Belgium), Cocos Is., Cyprus, Denmark, East Africa, Egypt, France, French Guinea, French Somali Coast, Djibouti and Obook, Germany, German Gold Coast, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Iceland, India, Italy, Labuan, Luxemburg, Madagascar, Mauritius, New Foundland, Nigeria N. & S., Norway, Netherlands, Dutch Indies, North Africa (Spanish Possessions only, excepting Casablanca and Mogador), Perim, Portugal, Reunion, Rodrigues, Servin, Sierraleone, Somaliland, Strait Settlements, St. Helena, Spain, Sweden, Senegal, Soudan, Switzerland, Turks Island, Union of S. Africa, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Zanzibar.

The inland rate for radio telegrams is, minimum 5d. for 10 words and  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny for every extra word.

Public telephone call offices have been established at Cross Roads and Halfway Tree post offices. The fee is 2d. for a conversation not exceeding three minutes.