

REGISTER LETTERS CONTAINING VALUE.

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POST OFFICE
HANDBOOK
JAMAICA
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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 postage fee must be prepaid:—

- a. At the rate of 6d. per mile (one way) counting from boundary of free delivery.
 b. If delivery by horse messenger is required at the rate of 1/- per mile (one way) counting from the office.

The above rates are maintained whenever practicable. If messengers cannot be obtained at these rates the Postmistress is authorized to make the most reasonable arrangement possible.

The charges for the transmission and for portorage 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 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 the sender must also pay the postage fee.

In such cases registered addresses cannot be used.

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

Night, Sunday and holiday services may be obtained at the following rates:—

Between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., double rate for telegram, plus a fee of 1/ to each clerk handling the telegram and 6d. for the messenger.

Between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. double rate for the telegrams plus a fee of 2/ to each clerk handling the telegram and 1/ for the messenger.

The charges of 6d. and 1/ respectively for messengers refer only to telegrams for delivery up to one mile from the office.

On Public Holidays all offices are open from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and telegrams are accepted at the ordinary week day rates during these hours.

6. Full rate cablegrams for any part of the world may be handed in at any Telegraph Office on payment of the inland rate in addition to the amount charged by the cable coy.

"Deferred" telegrams at present are being accepted for Canada, Newfoundland, Great Britain and Ireland, France and certain other countries. The cable companies announce from time to time extensions to or curtailments of the "deferred" rate.

The inland rate for radio telegrams is, minimum 5d. for 10 words and $\frac{1}{2}$ penny for every extra word. The rates for foreign telegrams, per word, are as follows:—

(a) "Via Bermuda" or "via West India and Panama Telegraph Co."—Austria, 3s.; Belgium, 2s. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Denmark, 2s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; France, 2s. 8d.; Germany, 2s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Great Britain, 2s. 4d.; Greece, 3s. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Holland, 2s. 9d.; Italy, 2s. 10d.; Norway, 3s. 2d.; Portugal, 3s. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Spain, 3s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Sweden, 2s. 10d.; Switzerland, 2s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

(b) "Via Marconi."—The rates are 2d. a word less than the above in each case.

Deferred cable telegrams are accepted at half the above rates, and must bear the prefix "L. C. F." (Language Country French), "L. C. D." (Language Country Destination), or "L. C. O." (Language Country Origin). One of these prefixes must be placed before the address in deferred cablegrams and will be counted as one word. Code words are not permitted in deferred messages.

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.

Local telegrams sent by authorized Government officials, Members of the Legislative Council and certain other authorized persons on public business are transmitted free of charge.