


JAMAICA

POST OFFICE



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COMPRISING

The Chief Regulations of the Post Office, Rates of Postage, Air Mail Schedule, and other information, together with an Alphabetical List of Post Offices.

WITH MAP OF JAMAICA.

AIR MAIL RATES.

	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	1 oz.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	2 oz.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	3 oz.
Great Britain ..	0/8	$1/2\frac{1}{2}$	1/10	$2/4\frac{1}{2}$	3/0	$3/6\frac{1}{2}$
United States of America ..	0/9	$1/3\frac{1}{2}$	$1/11\frac{1}{2}$	2/6	3/2	$3/8\frac{1}{2}$
Canada ..	0/8	$1/2\frac{1}{2}$	1/10	$2/4\frac{1}{2}$	3/0	$3/6\frac{1}{2}$
Continental Europe ..	1/1	$1/7\frac{1}{2}$	$2/6\frac{1}{2}$	3/1	4/0	$4/6\frac{1}{2}$

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TELEGRAPHS.

The Government Telegraphs are under the control of the Postmaster for Jamaica.

There are now 200 Postal Telegraph and Telephone Offices distributed throughout the Island connecting every town or village of importance. Additional offices will be opened during the current year.

In addition, the Jamaica Government Railway with a compliment of 48 Telegraph Offices exchanges telegrams with the Postal Telegraph System.

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 portorage fee must be prepaid:—

At a rate of 6d. per mile (one way) counting from boundary of free delivery.

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

The charge for the transmission and for portorage of telegrams must be pre-paid.

Persons resident at a place to which the island telegraph line has not been extended can benefit by its use on the following conditions:—

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

b. 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 telegraph* from sulch 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.

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

Telegrams may be sent to any port for outward transmission as letters. The senders must write "By Post" before 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.

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

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

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

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

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

d. 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.

A certified copy of a telegram may be obtained on application to the Postmaster for Jamaica on payment of a fee of 6d. If special search is necessary the cost incurred will be charged in addition.

Inland telegrams are retained on file for 3 months, and foreign telegrams for 6 months.

Abbreviated telegraphic addresses (inland) for use at any office, may be registered with the Postmaster for Jamaica at a cost of 5/- per annum, or upon payment of £2 for a permanent address.

Local telegrams from authorized Government officials, members of the Legislative Council and other authorized persons on public business are transmitted free of charge.

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

Cablegrams addressed to the Great Britain, Ireland and Europe will be routed "Via Imperial," unless otherwise marked by the sender.

This route offers the advantage of a direct, speedy and reliable service between Jamaica and the Great Britain and Ireland and Europe; it is entirely British owned and operated and touches only British territory.

Patrons are urged to mark their cablegrams "Via Imperial," for which indication no charge is made.

DEFERRED CABLEGRAMS in plain language are accepted at half rates to most parts of the world.

WIRELESS MESSAGES for ships at sea are accepted for transmission through the D.W.I. Cable Co.'s Kingston Station to vessels within a radius of 300 miles at a rate of 10d. word. Vessels beyond this distance can be reached at increased rates.

Wireless messages for Grand Cayman are accepted for transmission by the Direct West India Cable Company at the rate of 1/- per word; deferred messages, 6d. per word; and night letter messages, 8/4 for a minimum of twenty five words.

NIGHT LETTER CABLES to countries in Europe may be sent by post from London. These messages must bear a full Postal address and the words "Post London" which are charged for as two words. A graduated charge to cover postage is also collected on ordinary or registered mail by post or air.

Rates and further particulars on application.

CABLE RATES.—*Ordinary.* "Via Bermuda" "Via Bermuda Imperial" per word, Austria, 3/-; Belgium, 2/8½; Canada, according to location, 1/6 to 2/1; France, 2/8½; Germany, 2/9½; Great Britain and Ireland, 2/4; United States according to location, 1/6 to 2/1. Continental Rates subject to fluctuations.

"Via Bermuda-Marconi" to Great Britain and Ireland, 2/2 per word.

Deferred—To all points mentioned above at half the rates quoted. These messages must be in plain language and must bear the prefix, LCO (language of country of origin), LCD (language of country of dispatch) or LCF (French) which is charged for and signalled as the first word in the address. Such messages must not contain code words in the text, though registered cable addresses may be used.

Night Letter Telegrams.—Minimum 25 words. Great Britain and Ireland, 19/6; Canada, Halifax and Eastern provinces, 12/6 to 13/11; Manitoba, 16/4; Western Provinces, 17/5; Newfoundland, 16/; United States of America, 12/6 to 17/5; rates to other countries on application. The prefix N.L.T. is written before the address and is charged for as one word.

Code Language.—Code telegrams, dependent on how they are expressed, are divided into three categories. Rates and further particulars on application.

Reply paid Cables.—Replies to cables can be prepaid, the minimum payment being for three words, at full rate.

ALL BRITISH ROUTE TO THE B.W.I.—The "All British" cable to the British West Indies is open. Messages for this route should be routed "Via D.W.I. Cable Co., Ltd." Rate 1/3 per word to British West Indian Islands only. Deferred messages 7½d. per word.

A public telephone call office is established at Cross Roads Post Office. The fee is 2d. for a conversation not exceeding three minutes.

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