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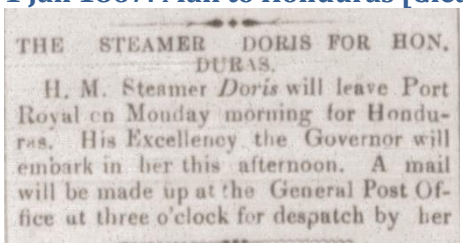
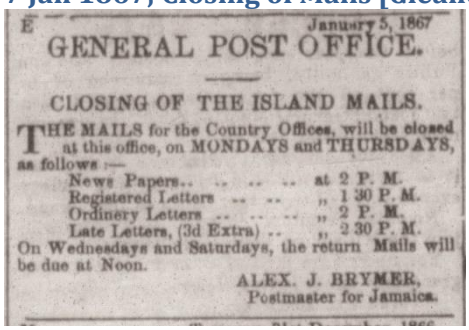


THE STEAMER DORIS FOR HONDURAS.

H. M. Steamer *Doris* will leave Port Royal on Monday morning for Honduras. His Excellency the Governor will embark in her this afternoon. A mail will be made up at the General Post Office at three o'clock for despatch by her

7 Jan 1867; Closing of Mails [Gleaner 7 Jan 1867]



E January 5, 1867

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

CLOSING OF THE ISLAND MAILS.

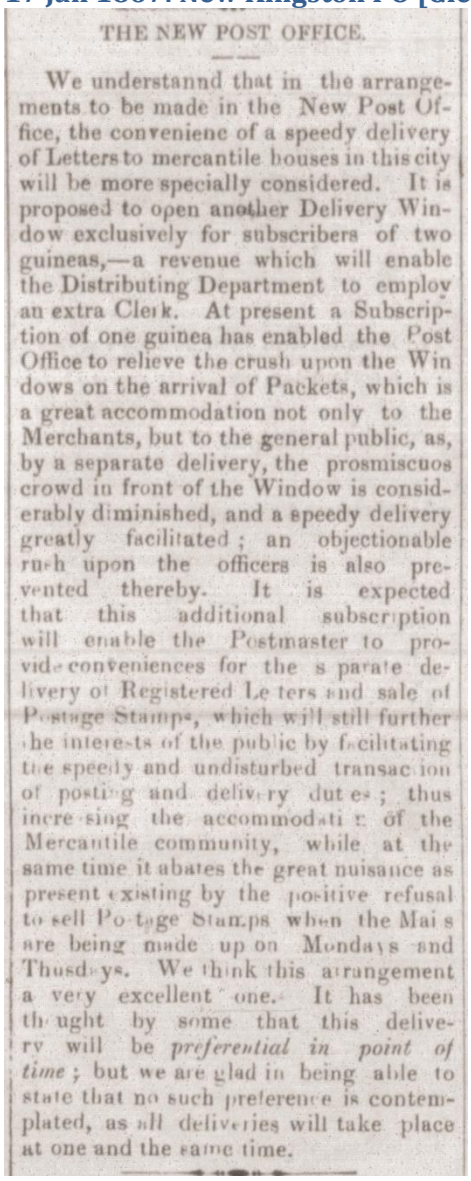
THE MAILS for the Country Offices, will be closed at this office, on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS, as follows :—

News Papers..	at 2 P. M.
Registered Letters	„ 1 30 P. M.
Ordinary Letters	„ 2 P. M.
Late Letters, (3d Extra) ..	„ 2 30 P. M.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays, the return Mails will be due at Noon.

ALEX. J. BRYMER,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

17 Jan 1867: New Kingston PO [Gleaner]



THE NEW POST OFFICE.

We understannd that in the arrangements to be made in the New Post Office, the convenienc of a speedy delivery of Letters to mercantile houses in this city will be more specially considered. It is proposed to open another Delivery Window exclusively for subscribers of two guineas,—a revenue which will enable the Distributing Department to employ an extra Clerk. At present a Subscription of one guinea has enabled the Post Office to relieve the crush upon the Windows on the arrival of Packets, which is a great accommodation not only to the Merchants, but to the general public, as, by a separate delivery, the prosmiscuos crowd in front of the Window is considerably diminished, and a speedy delivery greatly facilitated; an objectionable rush upon the officers is also prevented thereby. It is expected that this additional subscription will enable the Postmaster to provide conveniences for the separate delivery of Registered Letters and sale of Postage Stamps, which will still further the interests of the public by facilitating the speedy and undisturbed transaction of posting and delivery duties; thus increasing the accommodation of the Mercantile community, while at the same time it abates the great nuisance as present existing by the positive refusal to sell Postage Stamps when the Mails are being made up on Mondays and Thusdays. We think this arrangement a very excellent one. It has been thought by some that this delivery will be *preferential in point of time*; but we are glad in being able to state that no such preference is contemplated, as all deliveries will take place at one and the same time.

9 Feb 1867: Money Orders [Gleaner]

POST OFFICE IMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor of the Gleaner.

SIR—Be good enough to lay before the public an occurrence that took place to-day, at the Post Office: Our Clerk applied for a Post Office Order for 15s., when he was charged the exorbitant rate of 2s.—or 13 per cent!!!

A remonstrance was made to the Clerk, Mr. Sullivan, who answered very curtly—declining to give back the overcharge; and, on being told we should represent the matter to the Governor, said he did not care, he would not lose his situation for that.

The Postmaster, Mr. Brymer, was then applied to—his reply was, we had better write the Governor, as he was sorry, but had no control over the Post Office Money Order Department.

We wonder how many poor persons have been imposed on. As the Mails close to-morrow more than five per cent could not be charged legally.

We are, Sir
Your obedient servants,
DANIEL FINZI & CO.

Kingston, February 8, 1867.

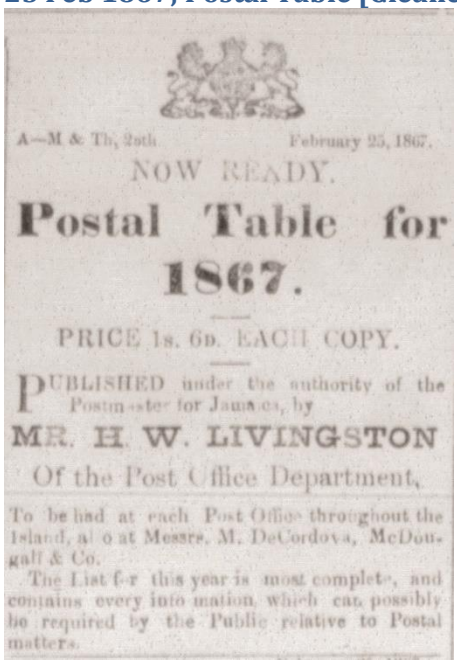
The regular charges for a Post Office Order are as follows:—

For sums not exceeding			£2 1s.
Above £2 and not exceeding			£5 2s.
" £5	"	"	£7 3s.
" £7	"	"	£10 4s.

By a rule of the Post Office, the money order lists for the English mail are closed on the *day previous* to that on which *the mail* is made up, but orders are granted *on the day of closing the mail* at a charge of 5 per cent. These arrangements have been made public by the authorities, and therefore we can see no reason for the exorbitant charge reported to us, and must condemn it, and complain also of the treatment which our correspondent received. Were the charge 5 per cent. *extra* on the day of closing the mail, there might be some little room for argument in favour of the Post Office had the transaction reported above occurred *on the day the mail closed*, and supposing all charges are made as on the *maximum* amount according to the scale above. But in this instance, the mail is to be made up *to-day* at 5 p.m., and consequently, by no stretch of reasoning can the extra charge of one shilling *yesterday* be justified. The Money Order system is understood all over the civilized world to be intended as a convenience for the public and a boon to the poor man; and it is on principle that we (as well as our correspondents) take notice of the matter. We must say that if such a course as we have now brought to light is the practice here, there is no benefit to parties remitting small amounts by the Jamaica Money Order system, and the Government should have it altered.

Curtness of reply in Public Offices, when application is made for redress or explanation, cannot be too strongly condemned. It is unusual in other parts of the world, and, we opine will not be upheld by the Government here. We are surprised at the occurrence from the Controler of the Distributing Department, whom we have usually found very polite, and it is certainly strange that the Post Master should have no control over one of the most important Departments of the Office. We trust the subject will receive the attention of the Government.

25 Feb 1867; Postal Table [Gleaner 25 Feb 1867]



A—M & Th, 28th February 25, 1867.

NOW READY.

Postal Table for 1867.

PRICE 1s. 6D. EACH COPY.

PUBLISHED under the authority of the Postmaster for Jamaica, by

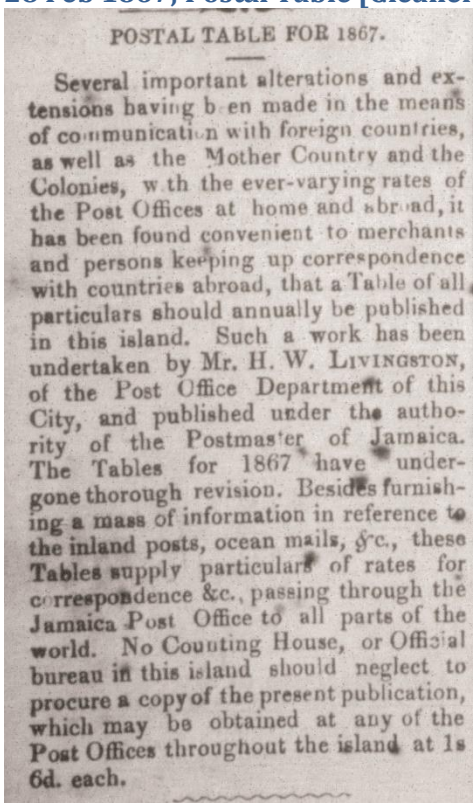
MR. H. W. LIVINGSTON

Of the Post Office Department.

To be had at each Post Office throughout the Island, also at Messrs. M. DeCordova, McDougall & Co.

The List for this year is most complete, and contains every information which can possibly be required by the Public relative to Postal matters.

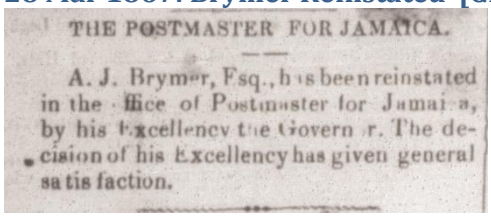
28 Feb 1867; Postal Table [Gleaner 28 Feb 1867]



POSTAL TABLE FOR 1867.

Several important alterations and extensions having been made in the means of communication with foreign countries, as well as the Mother Country and the Colonies, with the ever-varying rates of the Post Offices at home and abroad, it has been found convenient to merchants and persons keeping up correspondence with countries abroad, that a Table of all particulars should annually be published in this island. Such a work has been undertaken by Mr. H. W. LIVINGSTON, of the Post Office Department of this City, and published under the authority of the Postmaster of Jamaica. The Tables for 1867 have undergone thorough revision. Besides furnishing a mass of information in reference to the inland posts, ocean mails, &c., these Tables supply particulars of rates for correspondence &c., passing through the Jamaica Post Office to all parts of the world. No Counting House, or Official bureau in this island should neglect to procure a copy of the present publication, which may be obtained at any of the Post Offices throughout the island at 1s 6d. each.

28 Mar 1867: Brymer Reinstated [Gleaner]



THE POSTMASTER FOR JAMAICA.

A. J. Brymer, Esq., has been reinstated in the office of Postmaster for Jamaica, by his Excellency the Governor. The decision of his Excellency has given general satisfaction.

1 Apr 1867; RMSP Route [Gleaner 1 Apr 1867]

March 25, 1867.

ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY.

THE following arrangement for the Mail service has been sanctioned by Her Britannic Majesty's Government :—

1 The Steamers from Southampton will proceed to Peter Island and Jamaica, returning by the same course to Southampton.

2 The Windward Steamers will communicate with the outward nd homeward Steamers at Peter Island.

3 The Steamers for Porto Rico, Cuba and Mexico, will communicate with the outward and homeward Steamers at Peter Island

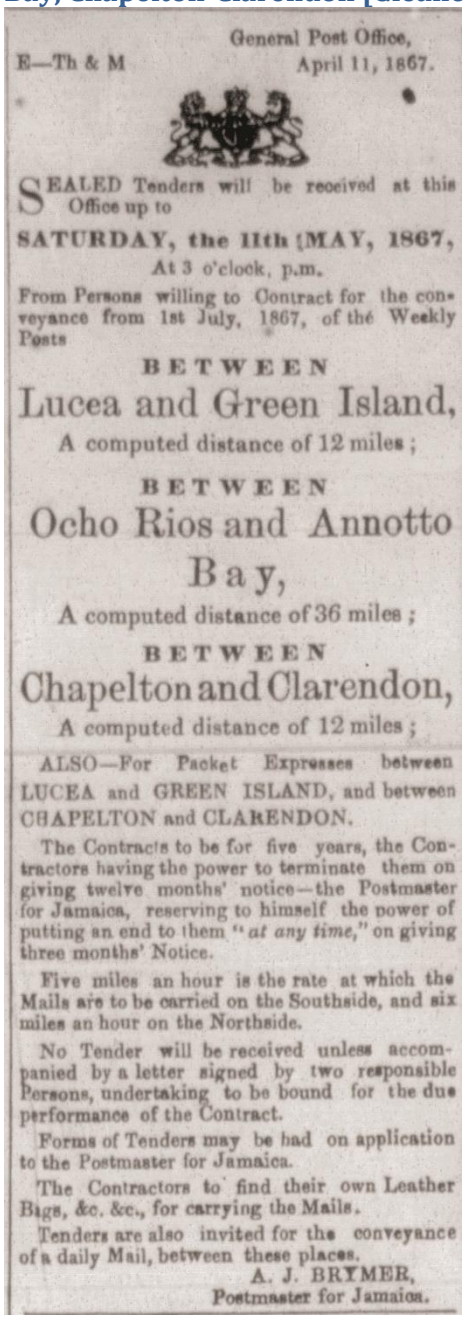
4 The direct Steamers to and from Colon will communicate monthly with the outward and homeward Steamers at Peter Island; the other Steamers to and from Colon communicating with the outward and homeward Steamers at Jamaica, as heretofore.

5 There will only be a monthly communication with Jacmel, namely, twice in the middle of each month, the return Steamers bringing the Mail from Jacmel at the end of each month.

Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's General Office,
S. Thomas, Feby. 27, 1867.

(Signed) J. B. CAMERON,
Genl. Supt.
W. S. COOPER, Supt.

11 Apr 1867; Mail Tenders: Lucea- Green Island, OchoRios-Green Island, Ocho Rios-Annotto Bay, Chapelton-Clarendon [Gleaner 11 Apr 1867]



General Post Office,
E—Th & M April 11, 1867.

SEALED Tenders will be received at this Office up to

SATURDAY, the 11th MAY, 1867,

At 3 o'clock, p.m.

From Persons willing to Contract for the conveyance from 1st July, 1867, of the Weekly Posts

BETWEEN

Lucea and Green Island,

A computed distance of 12 miles;

BETWEEN

Ocho Rios and Annotto Bay,

A computed distance of 36 miles;

BETWEEN

Chapelton and Clarendon,

A computed distance of 12 miles;

ALSO—For Packet Expresses between LUCEA and GREEN ISLAND, and between CHAPELTON and CLARENDON.

The Contracts to be for five years, the Contractors having the power to terminate them on giving twelve months' notice—the Postmaster for Jamaica, reserving to himself the power of putting an end to them "*at any time*," on giving three months' Notice.

Five miles an hour is the rate at which the Mails are to be carried on the Southside, and six miles an hour on the Northside.

No Tender will be received unless accompanied by a letter signed by two responsible Persons, undertaking to be bound for the due performance of the Contract.

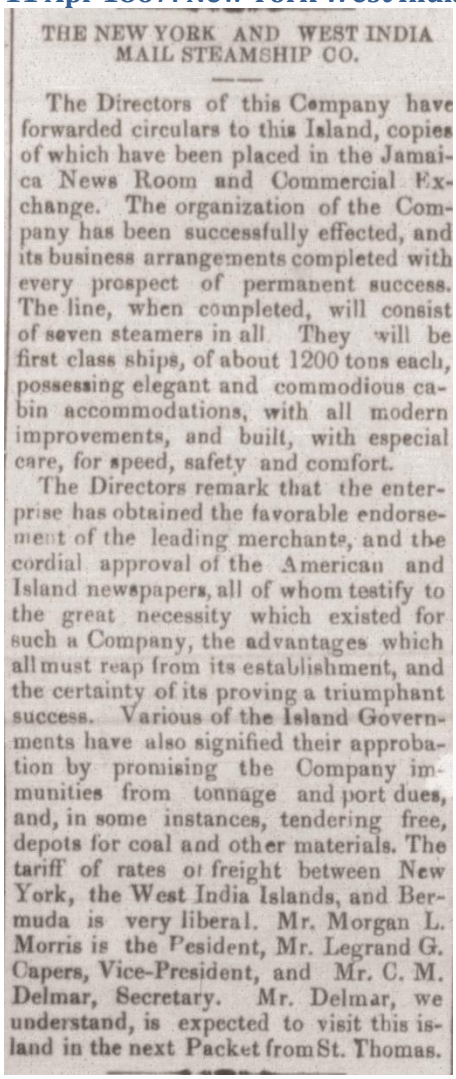
Forms of Tenders may be had on application to the Postmaster for Jamaica.

The Contractors to find their own Leather Bags, &c. &c., for carrying the Mails.

Tenders are also invited for the conveyance of a daily Mail, between these places.

A. J. BRYMER,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

11 Apr 1867: New York West India-Steamship Co [Gleaner]

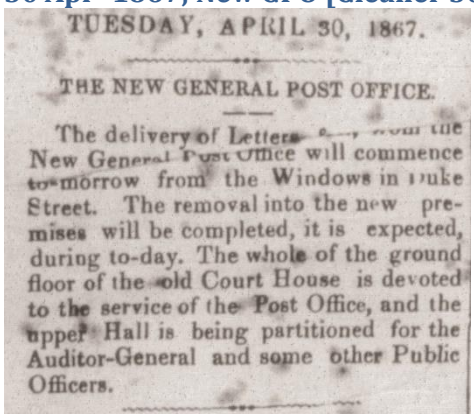


THE NEW YORK AND WEST INDIA MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

The Directors of this Company have forwarded circulars to this Island, copies of which have been placed in the Jamaica News Room and Commercial Exchange. The organization of the Company has been successfully effected, and its business arrangements completed with every prospect of permanent success. The line, when completed, will consist of seven steamers in all. They will be first class ships, of about 1200 tons each, possessing elegant and commodious cabin accommodations, with all modern improvements, and built, with especial care, for speed, safety and comfort.

The Directors remark that the enterprise has obtained the favorable endorsement of the leading merchants, and the cordial approval of the American and Island newspapers, all of whom testify to the great necessity which existed for such a Company, the advantages which all must reap from its establishment, and the certainty of its proving a triumphant success. Various of the Island Governments have also signified their approbation by promising the Company immunities from tonnage and port dues, and, in some instances, tendering free, depots for coal and other materials. The tariff of rates of freight between New York, the West India Islands, and Bermuda is very liberal. Mr. Morgan L. Morris is the Pesident, Mr. Legrand G. Capers, Vice-President, and Mr. C. M. Delmar, Secretary. Mr. Delmar, we understand, is expected to visit this island in the next Packet from St. Thomas.

30 Apr -1867; New GPO [Gleaner 30 Apr -1867]

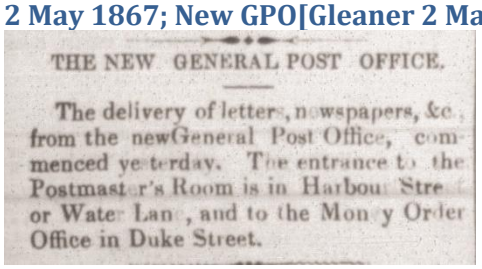


TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1867.

THE NEW GENERAL POST OFFICE.

The delivery of Letters &c., from the New General Post Office will commence to-morrow from the Windows in Duke Street. The removal into the new premises will be completed, it is expected, during to-day. The whole of the ground floor of the old Court House is devoted to the service of the Post Office, and the upper Hall is being partitioned for the Auditor-General and some other Public Officers.

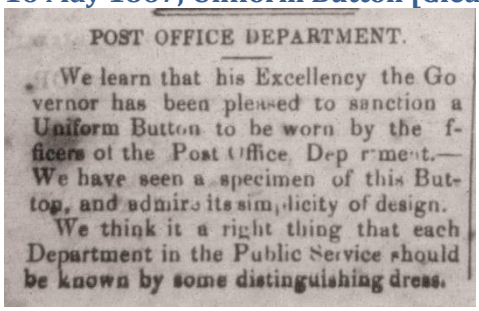
2 May 1867; New GPO[Gleaner 2 May 1867]



THE NEW GENERAL POST OFFICE.

The delivery of letters, newspapers, &c., from the new General Post Office, commenced yesterday. The entrance to the Postmaster's Room is in Harbour Street or Water Lane, and to the Money Order Office in Duke Street.

16 May 1867; Uniform Button [Gleaner 16 May 1867]



POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

We learn that his Excellency the Governor has been pleased to sanction a Uniform Button to be worn by the officers of the Post Office Department.—We have seen a specimen of this Button, and admire its simplicity of design.

We think it a right thing that each Department in the Public Service should be known by some distinguishing dress.

20 May 1867; Private Letter Boxes [Gleaner 20 May 1867]

M General Post Office, May 20, 1867.

Subscribers' Delivery.

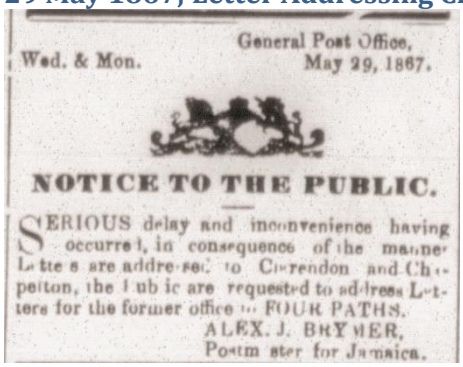
PARTIES not having yet Subscribed, and who are desirous of obtaining a PRIVATE LETTER BOX, available for their Packet and Post Correspondence will please make application to Mr H W. Livingston, the Accountant of the General Post Office.

The delivery of Letters to Subscribers will be simultaneous with the general delivery, and will commence on the 1st JUNE, 1867

Subscription—£2 2s. annually.

ALEX. J. BRYMER.
Postmaster for Jamaica.

29 May 1867; Letter Addressing Clarendon-Chapelton-FourPaths [Gleaner 29 May 1867]



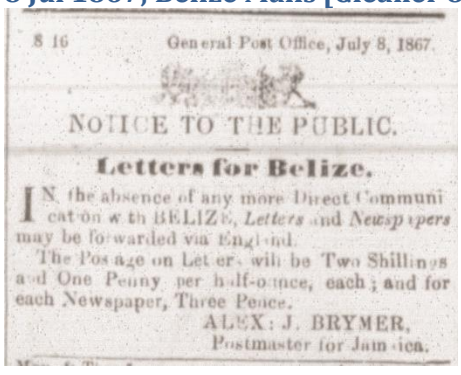
General Post Office,
Wed. & Mon. May 29, 1867.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

SERIOUS delay and inconvenience having occurred, in consequence of the manner Letters are addressed to Clarendon and Chapelton, the Public are requested to address Letters for the former office to FOUR PATHS.

ALEX. J. BRYMER,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

8 Jul 1867; Belize Mails [Gleaner 8 -Jul 1867]



S 16 General Post Office, July 8, 1867.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Letters for Belize.

IN the absence of any more Direct Communication with BELIZE, *Letters* and *Newspapers* may be forwarded via England.

The Postage on Letters will be Two Shillings and One Penny per half-ounce, each; and for each Newspaper, Three Pence.

ALEX. J. BRYMER,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

18 Nov 1867; Mail Disruption Flood [Gleaner 18 Nov 1867]

SATURDAY'S MAILS.

None of the mails from the interior were received at the General Post Office up to six p. m. on Saturday, when the mails from the Northside arrived. The Southside, Windward, and Portland mails were still out.

THE MAILS FOR SPANISH TOWN.

In consequence of the destruction of the Railway Bridge over the Rio Cobre, the daily mails for Spanish Town will be closed at the General Post Office, until further notice, at 8.40 a.m., and at 12 40 p. m. The mails from Spanish Town will be due at 10 30 a. m., and at 2.30 p.m.