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No. 2. 5th January, 1920.
THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the following letter received through the Crown Agents for the Colonies from Messrs. Preece, Cardew, Snell and Rider, Consulting Engineers, on the subject of the proposed extension of the Telephone System in the Island.

By command,
H. BRYAN,
Colonial Secretary.

Messrs. Preece, Cardew, Snell & Rider, Consulting Engineers, to
The Crown Agents for the Colonies, 4 Millbank, Westminster
S.W.1.

8 Queen Anne's Gate,
Westminster, S.W.1.,
17th September, 1919.

Gentlemen,

Jamaica Telephones.—E/388/5.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 6th forwarding copy of a despatch from the Colonial Secretary respecting the Telephone System in the Island.

2. We have the honour to report that we have seen H.E. the Governor upon the question and we beg to submit the following remarks.

3. It is observed that it is anticipated that 10,000 subscribers can be relied upon if the telephone is extended throughout the Island. In view of the class of population in Jamaica this appears to us to be a somewhat high figure as assuming a population of 850,000 it means 1.2 telephones per one hundred inhabitants.

We find from statistics the following figures of telephones installed.

	Telephones per 100 population.
Great Britain	1.7
Holland	1.4
Germany	2.1
Belgium	.9
Sweden	4.1
United States	9.7
Canada	6.5
Cuba	.7
Porto Rico	.4

4. The extent to which the telephone will be taken up will largely depend upon the annual charge to be made for the service, and, the economic charge can only be determined after it has been ascertained what the capital commitment will be to establish the service and the annual expenditure for maintaining an efficient service.

5. The capital cost per telephone installed varies very considerably. According to pre-war statistics it varies from £22 up to £48. The lowest cost was in Sweden and the highest in Cuba.

Much depends upon the system adopted and the nature of the subscribers lines the extent of the trunk lines and the exchanges. The prevalence of hurricanes in Jamaica will necessitate very sound construction of main pole lines.

6. We are of the opinion that it is essential for an expert to visit Jamaica to study local conditions; to decide whether the automatic, the central battery or the magneto system is most suitable; to fix the position for the main and sub-exchanges and to determine the system of trunk lines.

He would also be able to make arrangements for a canvass for subscribers and to ascertain the extent of the first section of the work to be installed. It would obviously be unnecessary to instal in the first instance the complete installation. The whole system must be designed so that it can be carried out section by section and the main exchanges and trunk lines would be arranged so that they may be added to as the system grows.

7. After the necessary information has been obtained we can then furnish a complete report and scheme with estimate of capital expenditure the economic rates to be charged and the probable financial result.

If it can be arranged for our representative to be in Jamaica towards the end of this year we think it should be possible for the report to be in the hands of the Colonial Government by April or May. We think the expert should be in the Island about six weeks.

8. Providing no special difficulties are to be overcome and the cost of connecting up individual subscribers to the exchange is normal, we have every hope that a country rate of £6 10s. 0d. or possibly £6 per telephone could be inaugurated but it will be necessary to add a trunk line charge for long distance calls. If in some districts the party line system is taken up by groups of four to six subscribers it will be feasible in such cases to reduce the local rate to £5 or £4 per subscriber.

We are, etc.,
(Sgd.) PREECE, CARDEW, SNELL & RIDER.

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30 Apr 1920; Amendment to Stamp Duty Law of 1903 [Gazette 13 May 1920]

Legislative Council Office, Jamaica,
May 12th, 1920.

It is hereby notified for general information that His Excellency the Governor on the 30th day of April, 1920, assented to the following Law:—
“A Law further to amend the Stamp Duty Law, 1903, (Law 40 of 1903), (Law 13 of 1920).”

L. I. DEMONTAGNAC,
Actg. Clk. Legislative Council.
12.5.20.

4 May 1920; Telegraph Rules Amendment [Gazette 20 May 1920]

No. 379. 17th May, 1920.

THE GOVERNOR in Privy Council has approved of the following amended Rule of the Island Telegraph Rules.

H. BRYAN,
Colonial Secretary.

Rule 14.—When the addressee resides beyond the limits defined above, foot portage is charged at the rate of sixpence per mile, or part of a mile (one way) beyond the free delivery limit. Should a sender desire a telegram to be delivered by mounted messenger, horse portage is charged at the rate of one shilling per mile or part of a mile (one way) from the door of the delivery office. The above rates will be maintained, provided messengers can be obtained at these rates; otherwise the portage charges will be a matter of arrangement between the P.M. and Messenger. Deficiency of portage will be charged on delivery. Should the addressee refuse to pay, the telegram is nevertheless delivered, but a service message must be sent to the Office of Origin stating the facts and the amount of the deficiency, which will then be collected from the sender who is ultimately responsible for all delivery expenses.

Approved by the Governor in Privy Council on the 4th May, 1920.

D. H. HALL,
Clk. Privy Council.

6 May 1920; KGV Pictorials 10s adhesive [Gazette 6/13 May 1920 p338/351]

THE JAMAICA GAZETTE.	STAMP OFFICE, KINGSTON.
<p>Stamp Office, 1st May, 1920.</p> <p>The following is a description of the ten shilling adhesive stamp which will be put into circulation on the 6th May, 1919. The design of the stamp is denoted by a profile of King George V. in an oval frame surmounted by a Crown. Above the crown is printed “George V.” and at the bottom of the profile are the words “Of Jamaica Supreme Lord” and 10s. in the right and left corners. To the left and right of the oval frame are the words “Postage” and “Revenue” respectively, and supporting the medallion of King George V. are two winged figures. The colour of the stamp is a grayish green.</p> <p>C. C. MANTON, Deputy Stamp Commissioner.</p>	<p>1st May, 1920</p> <p>The following is a description of the ten shilling- adhesive stamp which be put into circulation on 6th May, 1918.</p> <p>The design of the stamp is denoted by a profile of King George the Fifth in an oval surmounted by a crown.</p> <p>Above the crown is printed “George V” and at the bottom of the profile are the words “Of Jamaica Supreme Lord” and 10s in the right and left corners.</p> <p>To the left and right of the oval are the words “Postage” and “Revenue” respectively, and supporting the medallion of King George V are two winged figures.</p> <p>The colour of the stamp is Greyish Green.</p> <p>C. C. MANTON, Deputy Stamp Commissioner.</p>

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<p>THE JAMAICA GAZETTE.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">Stamp Office, 7th May, 1920.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CORRIGENDUM.</p> <p>Page 338, Jamaica Gazette of 6th May, 1920. The date of circulation of the new design ten shilling Postage and Revenue Stamp, should be 6th May, 1920.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C. C. MANTON, Deputy Stamp Commissioner.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Gazette, 13th May, 1920</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CORRIGENDUM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">STAMP OFFICE 7th May, 1920</p> <p>Page 338, Jamaica Gazette of the 6th May, 1920. The date of the circulation of the new design 10/- postage and revenue stamp, should be 6th May, 1920.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C. C. MANTON, Deputy Stamp Commissioner.</p>
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1 Jun 1920; UK Postage Rates Increased [Gazette 3 Jun 1920]

<p>No. 416. 31st May, 1920.</p> <p>THE GOVERNOR directs it to be notified, for general information, that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has intimated that from the 1st of June, letter postage from the United Kingdom will be raised to two pence on the first ounce and one penny on each additional ounce.</p>	<p>UK to Colonies 2d for 1st oz + 1d per oz</p>
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12 Nov 1920; KGV Pictorials ½d adhesive [Gazette 11 Nov 1920]

<p style="text-align: right;">Stamp Office, Kingston, 10th November, 1920</p> <p>The following is the description of a half penny adhesive Stamp to be used for Postage and Revenue purposes. This Stamp will be put into circulation on Friday 12 h November, 1920.</p> <p>The design of the Stamp is denoted by a representation of the main building of the Jamaica Exhibition.</p> <p>The denomination ½d (in a circle) is shown at the top, in the right and left corners, and between is the word JAMAICA.</p> <p>To the left and right of the design are the words Postage Revenue respectively. At the bottom of the design are the words and figures JAMAICA EXHIBITION 1891, and underneath are two palm leaves crossed at the end, and tied with ribbon.</p> <p>The colour of the borders of the Stamp is light green, and the design is of light blue.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C. C. MANTON, Deputy Stamp Commissioner.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STAMP OFFICE, KINGSTON 10th November 1920</p> <p>The following is a description of a half-penny adhesive stamp to be used for postage and revenue purposes.</p> <p>This stamp will be put into circulation on Friday, 12th November, 1920.</p> <p>The design of the stamp is denoted by a representation of the main building of JAMAICA Exhibition.</p> <p>The denomination ½d (in a circle) is shown at the top, in the right and left corners, and between is the word JAMAICA.</p> <p>To the left and right of the design are the words "Postage Revenue" respectively. At the bottom of the design are the words and figures JAMAICA EXHIBITION 1891, and underneath are two palm leaves crossed at the ends and tied with ribbon.</p> <p>The colour of the borders of the stamp is light green, and the design is of light blue.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C. C. MANTON, Deputy Stamp Commissioner.</p>
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The design is not in light blue!

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6 Dec 1920; KGV Pictorials 1s, 2s, 3s adhesive [Gazette 9 Dec 1920]

Stamp Office, Kingston,
6th December, 1920.

The following is a description of a shilling adhesive stamp to be used for Postage and Revenue purposes.
This stamp will be put into circulation on Friday 10th December, 1920.

The design of the stamp is denoted by a Statue of Queen Victoria.

At the top of the design is printed

JAMAICA

POSTAGE REVENUE.

The denomination 1s. is shown on an oval in each corner at the bottom.

Between the denomination are the words:

QUEEN VICTORIA

OF JAMAICA LADY SUPREME.

On each side of the design is a coconut palm.

The colour of the stamp is orange.

The following is a description of a two shilling adhesive stamp to be used for Postage and Revenue purposes.

This stamp will be put into circulation on Friday 10th December, 1920.

The design of the stamp is represented by the Rodney Memorial.
The denomination 2s. is shown, in an oval on a shield at each of the four corners.

At the top, between the denomination is printed

JAMAICA.

And at the bottom above the denomination, are the words:

POSTAGE REVENUE.

RODNEY MEMORIAL.

On the left of the design is a view of a full rigged ship at sea, and to the right a coconut palm, with a view of the sea.

At the bottom of the design between the denomination is shown a view of the sea.

The border of the stamp is brown and the centre blue.

The following is a description of a three shilling stamp to be used for Postage and Revenue purposes.

This stamp will be put into circulation on Friday 10th December, 1920.

The design of the stamp is represented by a Statue of Sir Charles Metcalf, a Governor of Jamaica.

The denomination 3s. is shown on labels at the top and at each corner at the bottom.

At the top of the design, above the denomination, are the words:

POSTAGE REVENUE.

JAMAICA.

Jamaica being printed between the denomination.

At the bottom of the design, and between the denomination, are the words and figures:

SIR CHARLES METCALFE,
GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA.
1839-1842.

To the left of the design are two palms, as also at the right.

The border of the stamp is orange and the centre purple.

C. C. MANTON,

Deputy Stamp Commissioner.

STAMP OFFICE, KINGSTON.

6th December, 1920

The following is a description of a 1/- adhesive stamp to be used for postage and revenue purposes.

The stamp will be put into circulation on Friday 10th December, 1920.

The design of the stamp is denoted by a Statue of Queen Victoria. At the top of the design is printed

JAMAICA

POSTAGE REVENUE

The denomination 1/- is shown on an oval in each corner at the bottom. Between the denomination are the words

Queen Victoria

of Jamaica Lady Supreme

on each side of the design is a cocoanut palm.

The colour of the stamp is orange.

The following is a description of a Two shilling adhesive stamp to be used for postage and revenue purposes.

The stamp will be put into circulation on Friday 10th December, 1920.

The design of the stamp is represented by the Rodney Memorial.

The denomination 2s is shown in an oval on a shield at each of the four corners.

At the top between the denomination is printed in each corner at the bottom. Between the denomination are the words denoted by a Statue of Queen Victoria. At the top of the design is printed

JAMAICA

and at the bottom above the denomination

POSTAGE REVENUE

Rodney Memorial

on the left of the design is a view of a full-rigged ship at sea, and on the right a cocoanut palm, with a view of the sea.

The border of the stamp is brown and the centre blue.

The following is a description of a three shilling adhesive stamp to be used for postage and revenue purposes.

The stamp will be put into circulation on Friday 10th December, 1920.

The design of the stamp is represented by a Statue of Sir Charles Metcalfe, a Governor of Jamaica.

The denomination 3s is shown on labels at the top and at each corner at the bottom.

At the top of the design, above the denomination, are the words:

POSTAGE REVENUE

JAMAICA

Jamaica being printed between the denomination.

At the bottom of the design, and between the denomination, are the words and figures:

Sir Charles Metcalfe
Governor of Jamaica
1839 - 1842

To the left of the design are two palms, as also to the right.

The border of the stamp is orange and the centre purple.

C. C. MANTON,

Deputy Stamp Commissioner.

10 Dec 1920; PO Established at John's Hall [Gazette 16 Dec 1920]

Notice.—A Post Office was established at John's Hall in the parish of St. James on the 10th December, 1920.

ELLIS WOLFE,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

15/17 Dec 1920; Hill Top & Jericho POs [Gazette 23 Dec 1920]

Notice—Hill Top Post Office in the parish of St. Elizabeth was opened on the 17th December, 1920.

ELLIS WOLFE,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

Notice.—The Post Office of Jericho in the Parish of Hanover was opened on the 15th December, 1920.

ELLIS WOLFE
Postmaster for Jamaica.

Notice.—During the Christmas holidays the branches of the General Post Office will be open as under:—

Saturday the 25th December: All branches will be closed.

Monday (27th) December: The Circulation Branch will be opened from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Parcel Post Branch will be opened from 9 a.m. to 12 m.

The control and Money Order Branches will be closed.

Street Letter Boxes will be cleared on the first three clearances only.

District Post Offices will be opened for one hour after the receipt of the mails from Kingston, and for one hour before the despatch of the mails to Kingston on both days.

The daily exchange of mails by train between Kingston and offices on the railway line, and between Kingston and Cross Roads, Half-way Tree, Gordon Town, Newcastle, Liguanea, Port Royal, Constant Spring, Windward Road, Smith's Village, Myrtle Bank, Jones Pen and Myers' Wharf, will be suspended on Saturday, 25th inst.

All telegraph Stations will be closed on both days, except between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

ELLIS WOLFE,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

Also Christmas PO opening hours

23 Dec 1920; Old Harbour Bay PO [Gazette 30 Dec 1920]

General Notices.

Notice.—On Saturday the 1st January, 1921, the Circulation Branch of the General Post Office will be opened for the receipt and the despatch of the daily mails, etc., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Parcel Post Branch will be opened from 9 a.m. to 12m. All other Branches will be closed.

Street Letter Boxes will be cleared on the first three clearances only.

District Post Offices will be opened for one hour after the receipt of the mails from Kingston, and for one hour before the despatch of the mails to Kingston.

All Telegraph Stations will be closed except between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

ELLIS WOLFE,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

Telephonic communication was established with Grantham in the Parish of Clarendon on the 22nd inst.

ELLIS WOLFE,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

Telephonic communication was established with Middle Quarters in the parish of St. Elizabeth on the 18th Dec., 1920.

ELLIS WOLFE,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

A Post Office was established at Milk River Bath in the parish of Clarendon on the 21st Dec., 1920.

ELLIS WOLFE,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

A Post Office was opened at Old Harbour Bay in the parish of Clarendon on the 23rd instant.

ELLIS WOLFE,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

Also mentions PO opening times for new year's day and telephonic communication.