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With reference to Government Notice No. 115 published in the Jamaica Gazette Extraordinary of the 27th of February, 1933, the Governor in Privy Council on the 18th of September, 1944, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Telegraph Law, Chapter 246, approved the Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 1944, as set out:—

THE TELEGRAPH LAW

(Cap. 246)

THE TELEGRAPH (AMENDMENT) RULES, 1944

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Governor in Privy Council by section 7 of the Telegraph Law the following Rules made on the 28th day of June, 1944, by the Postmaster General under section 7 of the said Law are hereby approved:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 1944, and shall be read and construed as one with the Telegraph Rules, 1933, (hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules) and all amendments thereto, and shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1944.

2. Rule 1 of the principal Rules is hereby rescinded and the following Rule substituted therefor as Rule 1:—

Charges

1. (1) There shall be paid for the transmission of every message or telegram, except press messages, or press or priority telegrams, the sum of nine-pence for any number of words up to twelve, and a half-penny for every additional word thereafter. All that the sender writes, other than the word "PRIORITY" in the case of a priority telegram, shall be counted, including the address and the signature.

Priority
telegrams.

(2) Priority telegrams shall be charged at the rate of one shilling and three pence for any number of words up to twelve, and a half-penny for every additional word thereafter. The word "PRIORITY" which is not charged for, should be written before the address of the telegram. A priority reply can be prepaid at a minimum charge of one shilling and three pence.

Press
telegrams.

(3) Press telegrams shall be charged at the rate of sixpence for the first twelve words and one half-penny for every additional two words, with a minimum charge of sixpence.

(4) All charges, including portorage fees and prepayment of reply, shall be prepaid, except in the case of press telegrams.

(5) A press telegram which is not prepaid shall bear the words "Press Collect", and other telegrams which are addressed to duly registered newspapers and are not prepaid shall bear the word "Collect". Only authorised correspondents shall be allowed to send press or other telegrams addressed to newspapers without prepayment.

O.H.M.S.
telegrams.

(6) Telegrams on His Majesty's Service shall be accepted and transmitted forthwith, if signed by a person duly authorised by the Governor to send the same free of charge.

(7) Telegrams sent by the Governor, his Private Secretary, his Aide-de-Camp, the Colonial Secretary, the Deputy Colonial Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, an Officer of the Jamaica Constabulary Force of the rank of Inspector or higher shall be accepted without question and be given priority of despatch.

(8) Telegrams from the Public Works Department relative to either the mail or telegraph services shall be accepted, as service messages without prepayment.

(9) The land-line charges for any telegram sent out of or received in the island shall be in accordance with any arrangements made between the Postmaster General and the Cable Company.

Dated at Kingston this 18th day of September, 1944.

(Sgd.) C. L. SWABY,
Clerk to the Privy Council

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