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THE TELEGRAPHS (SPECIFIED PLACES) ORDER, 1968

(Made by the Minister on the 17th day of April, 1968)

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1. This Order may be cited as the Telegraphs (Specified Places) Order, 1968.

2. The places specified in the Schedule are hereby declared to be Schedule. specified places for the purposes of the Act.

SCHEDULE

(Paragraph 2)

Mavis Bank Health Centre
Morant Point Lighthouse
Milk River Bath
Negril Point Lighthouse
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(Made by the Postmaster for Jamaica on the 12th day of January, 1933 and approved by the Governor in Privy Council on the 14th day of February, 1933)

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1. These Rules may be cited as the Telegraph Rules, 1933.

Citation.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Rules, the Postmaster-General may by an order published in the *Gazette* prohibit the sending of any telegram belonging to any class or relating to any matter specified in the order during such time as may be so specified.

Power of Postmaster-General to prohibit specified telegrams.

3.—(1) There shall be paid for the transmission of every message or telegram, except press messages, or press or priority telegrams the sum of sixty-five cents for any number of words up to twelve and five cents 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.

Charges.

(2) Priority telegrams shall be charged at the rate of seventy cents for any number of words up to twelve, and five cents 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 seventy cents.

Priority telegrams

(3) Press telegrams shall be charged at the rate of twenty-five cents for the first twelve words and two cents for every additional two words, with a minimum charge of twenty-five cents.

Press telegrams.

(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 authorized correspondents shall be allowed to send press or other telegrams addressed to newspapers without prepayment.

O.F.M.S.
telegrams.

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

(7) Telegrams sent by the Governor-General, his private secretary, his Aide-de-Camp, the Governor-General's Secretary, an officer of the Jamaica Defence Force, an officer of the Jamaica Constabulary Force of the rank of Superintendent 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.

Receipts for
telegrams.

4. A receipt for each telegram can be obtained on payment of 1c. Such receipt shall bear a 1c stamp duly cancelled.

Repetition of
telegrams.

5. A telegram may be repeated back to ensure accuracy, on payment of an additional charge (which must be paid when the telegram is handed in) of one-half the ordinary rate or charge and fractions of 1c shall count as 1c, but a copy of such repeated telegram will not be supplied to the sender except as provided by rule 9.

Multiple
telegrams.

6.—(1) Copies of a telegram directed to a maximum of six persons in the same free delivery area shall be delivered separately on payment of a charge of ten cents per copy for each person other than the first.

(2) Senders shall only write the addresses for one free delivery area on the same form.

Information re
telegrams.

7. Information in respect of a telegram, or as to the sender of a telegram can only be obtained by an addressee from the office of origin by a paid telegram with the reply prepaid. Corrections to a telegram which has already been transmitted shall only be made by means of another telegram duly paid for.

8. A telegram shall not be produced except in a court of law and in such case only under the authority of a subpoena or order of a Judge. In the event of any subordinate officer of the Post Office Department being served with a subpoena to produce a telegram in court he shall at once report the fact and circumstances of the matter by telegraph to the Postmaster-General, and forward the subpoena with a full report by first post.

Telegrams
not to be
produced.

9. A certified copy of a telegram can be obtained by the sender or addressee thereof on application to the Postmaster-General, and payment of the sum of 5c therefor and when special search has to be made for such telegram, a further payment for any cost which may be incurred in respect thereof.

Charges for
certified copies
of telegrams.

10. The sender of a telegram may have same cancelled if the transmission thereof from the office of origin has not begun, on the following conditions—

Cancelling
telegrams.

- (a) Upon the clerk in charge being satisfied that the person making the application to cancel the telegram is the actual sender thereof or his agent duly qualified in writing.
- (b) Upon the sender or his duly qualified agent as aforesaid writing across the message form the words "Cancelled at my request", and duly signing same.
- (c) The transmission of a telegram shall not under any circumstances be stopped or cancelled at the request of any person other than the sender or his duly qualified agent as aforesaid.
- (d) If a telegram be cancelled before the stamps shall have been obliterated, the cost of such telegram shall at once be refunded, but after the stamps shall have been obliterated the cost shall only be refunded on an application to the Postmaster-General therefor by the sender.
- (e) If transmission of a telegram shall have been completed the message shall only be cancelled on payment of a prepaid service message at a cost of 8c, and if such service message shall arrive too late to stop delivery of the original telegram, the sender shall be informed of the fact, but shall not be entitled to a refund of the amounts paid.
- (f) A cancelled telegram shall not be destroyed but shall be numbered and filed with other telegrams. Such cancelled telegram shall not on any account be returned to the sender.

Prepaid reply.

11. The cost of a reply to a telegram may be prepaid. If prepaid, a reply form shall then be sent or delivered to the addressee who will be at liberty to use it for such reply or for the despatch of any message within three months for a like amount. If the reply form be not used then its value shall be refunded to the sender, upon application and production to the Postmaster-General of such form within three months of date of its issue.

Senders of O.J.G.S. telegrams may prepay a reply for an unlimited number of words.

Telegrams may be handed to a mail courier.

12. A telegram may be handed to a mail courier whilst on his way to a telegraph office for despatch by the receiving postmistress. For security, stamps for the cost thereof should be affixed by the sender. The mail courier must not be delayed for this purpose, and the Post Office Department shall not be responsible in any manner for the sending of the telegram by this method. A telegram may also be sent by post, postage free, to any telegraph office for despatch by the latter and in such case the envelope should be marked "Telegram Immediate".

Special instructions.

13. The sender may have special instructions written on the outside of the envelope such as "Private", "Confidential", "Only to be opened by addressee", or the like, and such instructions shall be paid for at the ordinary rate and shall form part of the address.

Indecent or libellous telegrams.

14. Telegrams indecently or obscenely worded, or appearing to contain grossly offensive or indecent or libellous matter shall not be accepted or transmitted.

Telegrams kept for three, four and ten months.

15. Inland telegrams (other than O.J.G.S.) shall only be kept or preserved for three months; O.J.G.S. telegrams for four months, and foreign cablegrams for ten months, and during such periods of time any telegram shall be producible only to the sender or addressee, or to their agent duly authorized in writing. A copy of any telegram can only be obtained on application to the Postmaster-General as provided by rule 9 and postmasters shall not deliver a copy of any telegram to any person whomsoever or furnish any information respecting the same.

Free delivery.

16. In the parish of Kingston telegrams shall be delivered free within the postal delivery area. In all other parishes they shall be delivered free within a radius of one mile from a telegraph office.

17.—(1) If the addressee shall reside beyond the free delivery limits mentioned in rule 16— Porterage charges.

- (a) foot porterage shall be prepaid by the sender at the rate of twelve cents per mile or part of a mile (one way) beyond such free delivery limit; or
- (b) if the exact distance is not known, a reasonable deposit shall be made by the sender and any balance shall be paid by the addressee.

(2) If the sender shall be unable to make a deposit, the telegram shall be delivered by the terminal office in the ordinary course of post.

(3) The rate specified in this rule shall apply if messengers can be procured at this rate, otherwise the delivery charge shall be a matter of arrangement between the postmistress and the messenger.

18. (a) If a telegram cannot be delivered personally to the addressee, it may, in the absence of special written instructions, be delivered to his agent, any adult member of his family, his employee, lodger, or guest, or to the porter of the house or hotel in which he resides. Delivery of telegrams.

(b) Deficiency of porterage shall be paid on delivery of the telegram. Should the addressee refuse to pay such deficiency the telegram shall nevertheless be delivered, and a service message shall be sent to the office of origin stating the facts and the amount of the deficiency, which shall then be collected from the sender who shall be ultimately responsible for all delivery expenses.

19. Where any telegram shall reach an office for delivery without any special instructions and porterage of over 10c is chargeable thereon, a service message shall be sent to the office of origin in order to obtain instructions from the sender. If no reply be received from the sender the telegram may be forwarded by post, or if the telegram be of an urgent character, it may be delivered by cheapest foot messenger (if the addressee can be relied on to pay the cost), or by earliest safe opportunity. Doubtful porterage charges.

20. The full amount collected for delivery by messenger need not necessarily be paid to such messenger if the services of the messenger can be obtained for less and in such case any difference shall be refunded to the sender on application therefor to the Postmaster-General. Full porterage need not be paid out to messenger.

Telegrams received by post..

21. When a telegram is received by post at a telegraph office for delivery it shall be treated in every respect as if it had been received by wire. The words "Handed in at" on the "C" form should be struck out, and the words "Received by post at" substituted therefor.

Telegrams to be called for.

22. If a telegram be addressed to a telegraph office with the words endorsed thereon "To be called for", the telegram shall be transferred to the local post office for delivery.

Two or more portorage telegrams for same addressee.

23. If two or more telegrams on which portorage is chargeable be addressed to the same person and delivered at the same time by the same messenger, a single portorage fee shall be collected, but if two or more telegrams are sent out at the same time by the same messenger, addressed to different persons, the ordinary portorage fees must be collected on each telegram, though the messenger be only paid for the distance traversed.

Double portorage not to be incurred.

24. A telegram on which there are charges for portorage and which owing to the absence of the addressee, cannot be delivered when sent out the first time, shall not be sent out a second time by special messenger, thus incurring double portorage, but shall be retained at the office of destination until noon of the next day, when, if the telegram has not been called for it shall be delivered by post. If any portorage fee be due for the attempted delivery of the previous day it shall be payable by and be collected from the addressee, if not paid then the office of origin shall be so instructed and the amount is to be collected from the sender as the person finally responsible.

Portorage on ship telegrams.

25. There shall be paid by the sender of a telegram addressed to any person on board a ship lying in the harbour of any port in this Island, a fee of 10c for boat hire in respect of such delivery:

Provided that in the case of messages for the quarantine ground at Port Royal, an extra charge shall be made as may from time to time be necessary to cover the cost of such delivery. When a ship is alongside a wharf a telegram for any person aboard such ship shall be delivered free provided such wharf be within one mile of the delivery office.

Portorage charges shall not be collected from the addressee or sender of a O.H.M.S. telegram. The office of origin shall be advised of the amounts expended by service telegram.

26. In the delivery of a telegram the messenger shall deliver it by the shortest route properly available and his fees for the portage shall be calculated accordingly.

Shortest route to be used.

27. A telegram may be handed in for delivery to an address within the free delivery area of any telegraph office and it shall be copied and delivered in the like manner as any other telegram and the charge therefor shall be the same as if the telegram had been transmitted by wire.

Telegrams not going over the wires.

28. A telegram may be delivered to the addressee at his request in the street or on the road, provided he be known to the messenger and that in case any portage fees be chargeable, that the addressee do pay them as if the telegram had been delivered at the place of address.

Telegrams delivered to addressee when found.

29. If the sender desires a telegram to be forwarded by post from a terminal office, he shall write "By-Post" after the address thus---

Delivery by post.

"J. BROWN,

Cascade "By-Post" Jericho.",

and shall pay the cost of one word for the instruction "By-Post" but no charge shall be made for the postage.

30. [*Revoked.*]

31. If in Kingston a telegram addressed to an office or other place of business arrives after 5 p.m., it will not be delivered until 7 a.m., of the following day, unless the addressee has requested in writing that delivery thereof be made immediately on arrival.

Delivery after 5.00 p.m.

32. When communication is interrupted so that a telegram cannot be transmitted, notice thereof shall be given to the sender if possible and also, if it can be ascertained, the cost of delivery by special means. On payment of such costs the telegram shall be delivered, but if the sender cannot be found or shall neglect or decline to pay for the delivery by such special means, the telegram will be delivered without extra charge by ordinary post.

Delivery during interruption of lines.

33. Telegrams should not be addressed to a street number only or to a Christian name only. Such telegrams shall only be accepted at the risk of the sender.

Full address desirable.

Telegrams
insufficiently
addressed.

34. When the sender of an undelivered telegram supplies the subsequent or corrected address he shall pay 8c if the correction involves only the sending of a service message of enquiry or instruction, but if the telegram has to be re-transmitted to another office the sender shall pay full rates as for a new telegram.

Undelivered
telegrams.

35. A telegram which cannot finally be delivered after twenty-four hours shall be placed in another envelope addressed in ink to the addressee and transferred to the post office where it shall then be dealt with as a letter.

Redirected
telegrams.

36. When an office finds it necessary to redirect a telegram such office shall be treated and shown as the office of origin and the office from which the telegram originally came shall be shown after the name of the sender.

(Example—

A telegram received from Montego Bay at St. Ann's Bay and being re-directed to Kingston should read—
"Handed in at St. Ann's Bay" "From Browne Montego Bay").

Charges for
re-directed
telegrams.

37. Re-directed telegrams shall be forwarded without prepayment and marked "Collect for re-direction" and the re-direction fees shall be collected from the addressee and stamps to cover such fees affixed to the telegram. Re-directed telegrams shall be liable, if any additional service be performed, to an additional charge of 8c, if the addressee be within the same town; but if the addresses be for different towns the full inland rate shall be charged as for the transmission of a fully addressed telegram.

Abbreviated
addresses.

38.—(1) Any person may register an abbreviated or arbitrary address at any one post office in this Island on payment in advance of a fee of eight dollars for twelve months or a fee proportionate thereto for a period less than twelve months provided that the minimum period of registration shall be three months for a registration fee of one dollar.

(2) If registration of the address is required at more than one post office an additional fee of two dollars shall be payable annually in advance in respect of each additional registration provided that the abbreviated address is identical with that registered under paragraph (1) except for the delivery office named.

(3) The addresses to be registered under this rule shall be recognized by the Postmaster-General as applying only to telegraphic messages which originate within this Island and are intended for delivery at a post office within the Island.

(4) If in the opinion of the Postmaster-General it is undesirable for any reason to register a particular address he may refuse to do so and his decision in this respect shall be final.

39. Telegrams for delivery to the care of a person who has registered an abbreviated or arbitrary address shall have "Care of" or "C/O" inserted thus—

Telegrams for delivery at abbreviated address.

"JOHN SMITH
c/o Hercules
Kingston."

40. The Postmaster-General may refuse to receive, transmit or deliver, telegrams handed in to an abbreviated or arbitrary address, if the fee for registration of such address, has not been paid in advance.

Payment in advance for delivery at abbreviated address.

41.—(1) (a) All telegraph offices shall be open from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon on Saturdays.

Office hours.

(b) All telegraph offices shall be closed on Sundays and on public general holidays.

(2) The hours of opening as set out in paragraph 1 may be changed as the Minister may by notice in the *Gazette* direct from time to time.

42. The Post Office Department shall not be liable for any loss or damage which may arise or be incurred or sustained by reason, or on account of any mistake or delay in the transmission or delivery of a telegram.

Non liability for mistake or delay.

43. [*Revoked.*]

44. [*Revoked.*]

45. Press telegrams are those addressed to a newspaper, by its title, which has been registered as a newspaper by the Postmaster-General; they shall only contain matter in plain language clearly intended for

Press telegrams.

publication in the strictest sense of the word. Notices of births, marriages and deaths and advertisements shall not be admitted as press telegrams, nor requests for additional copies of the newspaper.

Payment for
press
telegrams.

46. The proprietors of newspapers shall pay the cost of any press or other telegrams received immediately on demand. Only authorized correspondents shall be allowed to send press or other telegrams without prepayment.

Greeting
telegrams.

47.—(1) The acceptance of greeting telegrams, that is to say, telegrams beginning with the word "Greetings", and containing, in addition to any names and addresses which may be included therein, greetings, congratulations or good wishes only, shall be subject to the following conditions—

- (a) ordinary telegrams shall be given priority over greeting telegrams;
- (b) the charge for transmission of a greeting telegram shall be at the rate prescribed in paragraph (1) of rule 3 for transmission of ordinary telegrams;
- (c) at the office of destination a greeting telegram shall be transcribed on the special form provided for the purpose and enclosed in the special envelope provided for the purpose;
- (d) on arrival at the office of destination a greeting telegram shall be delivered as if it were an ordinary letter.

(2) In this rule the expression "ordinary telegram" means a telegram for the transmission of which the charges are prescribed by paragraph (1) of rule 3.

Counting of
words.

48. (a) Words separated by an apostrophe or joined by a hyphen shall be each counted as a separate word.

(b) Parentheses, inverted commas, underlinings, and periods shall each count as a word.

(c) Abbreviations such as can't, won't, don't, etc., may be admitted, but their use is not recommended, they shall count as one word each.

(d) Telegrams written in a foreign language shall be counted as if written in English. Words in plain language, i.e., English or foreign, containing over fifteen letters shall be counted as two words.

Code words and unintelligible combinations shall be counted at the rate of five letters to a word. Combinations or alterations of words contrary to the usage of language shall not be admitted as one word.

In telegrams containing a mixture of code words and plain language words, i.e., English or foreign, the code words shall be counted and charged for at the rate of five letters to the word, while the portion of the telegram in plain language shall be subject to the plain language count, i.e., words containing up to fifteen letters shall be counted and charged as one word and over fifteen letters as two words.

All code words, wherever placed shall be counted and charged for at the rate of five letters to a word.

This paragraph does not apply to foreign telegrams (cablegrams).

(e) Figures and groups of letters shall be counted at the rate of five characters to a word, i.e., 125743 counts as two words.

(f) Mixtures of figures and letters shall be counted separately, but ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, etc.) shall be counted as one word each, as also letters added to figures to denote the number of a house.

(g) The mark of division between fractions, and a full stop between figures, shall each be counted as a figure.

(h) Abbreviations such as c.i.f., c.o.d., f.o.b., a/c, B/L, C/O, %, shall each be counted as one word.

(i) Fractions shall be counted according to the number of figures or symbols employed to express the quantity, the mark of division, whether horizontal or oblique being reckoned as a figure: Thus $\frac{1}{2}$ is equal to three figures or one word: $112\frac{3}{4}$ as two words: $\frac{7}{8}$ one word: and $279\frac{1}{2}$ two words. When the affix "th" is used it shall be counted as two words: for example, 945/6th, shall be equal to and counted as two words. The combination 12.45 shall be counted as equal to one word: 12.45 p.m. to two words: 1c or 99c shall count as one word. \$125.75 or \$125 75 shall count as three words, the symbol \$ being counted as a word. However, \$12346.75 shall count as three words, but \$12345 75/100 shall count as four words. \$175 shall count as three words, but \$1.75 shall count as two words: a stop, bar, or stroke, however introduced, shall be counted as one figure in every case.

(j) Combinations of two or more words shall be charged for as separate words, with the exception of those words which the usage of the language allows to be written together or coupled by hyphens,

and which are so written by the sender such as linen-draper, frost-bitten, iron-works, mother-in-law, forty-seven, lieutenant-general, etc. "Alright" is incorrect, and must be charged for as if written "all right".

(k) If sums shall be expressed partly in figures and partly in words they shall be counted in the same way as shown in the following examples: 7 cents count as two words, 16 dollars and 8 cents as five words, 175.55 dollars as three words, 25 dollars 25c as three words. The words onecent, fivecent, tencent, halfdollar, may be accepted as one word if so written by the sender, but combinations such as fiftyninecent, onedollarten, etc., must be separated and counted as individual words (fiftynine cent, one dollar ten, etc.).

(l) In the address any number of words used to designate an office, town, street, square, park, ship, etc., shall be counted as one word; but in the text, words shall be counted and transmitted as written by the sender, unless it be obvious by the amount of the charges sent that he intends certain words to be joined together.

(m) The counting of a telegram by the office of origin shall be decisive and shall be taken as the true count of the telegram.

*Transmission of Telegrams by the Railway
Ordinary week-days or Nights*

Telegram
notes—Rail-
way.

49. Telegrams handed in at any railway station for transmission during any day of the week other than Sunday or a public holiday shall be charged and the sender shall pay therefor as follows—

- (a) between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m., at the ordinary rate;
- (b) between the hours of 6.00 a.m. and 7.00 a.m., and after the hour of 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m., at double the ordinary rate and in addition thereto the sum of 10c for each operator employed for such transmission and a further sum of 5c for the special delivery;
- (c) after the hour of 8.00 p.m. and until 6.00 a.m. at double the ordinary rate and in addition thereto the sum of 20c for each operator employed for such transmission and the sum of 10c for the special delivery.

Prepaid
reply—Rail-
way.

50. If a person who has paid the fees for special opening of the office desires to prepay a reply to a telegram, he must pay double the

ordinary rates for the reply, and if the reply does not arrive at the expiration of one hour from the time the office was specially opened, he shall pay an additional fee according to the hour and at the rate fixed by rule 49 (b) and (c).

51. No clerk shall send a message through a transmitting office until every effort has been made to get direct communication. The closest enquiries will always be made into such cases.

Direct
communica-
tion.

Sundays

52. Telegrams will be accepted on Sundays only under the following conditions—

Sunday
telegrams.

- (a) at or for stations where railway trains are operated;
- (b) that the attention of operators at the stations required can be obtained;
- (c) at the entire risk of the sender;
- (d) telegrams handed in between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. shall be charged double the ordinary rate and in addition thereto the sum of 10c for each operator employed for such transmission, and a further sum of 5c for the special delivery;
- (e) telegrams handed in between the hours of 6.00 a.m. and 7.00 a.m. and after 5.00 p.m. until 6.00 a.m. on Monday shall be charged double the ordinary rate and in addition thereto the sum of 20c for each officer employed for such transmission, and a further sum of 10c for the special delivery.

Public holidays

(other than Good Friday, when no railway stations will be opened to accept telegrams)

53. Telegrams handed in between the hours of 7.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m. shall be charged at the ordinary rate.

Ordinary
rates—public
holidays.

Special rates—
public
holidays.

54. Telegrams handed in between the hours of 6.00 a.m. and 7.00 a.m. and from the hour of 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. shall be charged double the ordinary rate and in addition thereto the sum of 10c for each operator employed for such transmission, and a further sum of 5c for the special delivery.

Double-rates—
public
holidays.

55. Telegrams handed in after 5.00 p.m. and until 6.00 a.m. shall be charged double the ordinary rate and in addition thereto the sum of 20c for each operator employed for such transmission, and a further sum of 10c for the special delivery.

Collection of
rates.

56. All rates and charges shall be ascertained and collected by the forwarding office who shall be held responsible therefor.

Advice to
sender re
comparative
costs.

57. If a message handed in at a railway station can be transmitted at less cost to the sender than through the post office telegraph stations the sender shall be so advised and the message despatched according to his decision.

The post office shall act in a similar manner in respect of messages handed in at a post office telegraph station or a railway station.

Delivery

Accounting.

58. When the fee for delivery of any message is collected by the post office, but the delivery is made by the railway, the cost of delivery shall be debited against and collected from the Post Office Department.

Disposal of fees

Remittances
of fees to
Post Office.

59. All amounts collected in respect of messages handed in at railway stations in accordance with these Rules shall be remitted to the railway accountant and credited by him to the Post Office Department.

Monthly
returns.

60. Every station master shall render (in duplicate) in accordance with the form provided to the railway accountant and by him forwarded to the Postmaster-General a monthly return in respect of messages on which special fees shall be payable under these Rules, such special fees shall be paid direct to the persons entitled thereto by the Postmaster-General.

Monthly
account.

61. The railway accountant shall render to the Postmaster-General monthly an account for special delivery services performed by the railway in accordance with these Rules.

62. If a message be accepted either by the post office or by the railway and such message cannot be transmitted to its destination on account of interruption of communication, the post office may send such message to the railway or *vice versa* (as the case may be) and also the money collected therefor without any additional cost to the sender.

Transfer of messages between railway and post office.

63. In case the money collected for such telegrams be insufficient to provide the fees under these Rules for the operators, each operator employed for the transmission of such messages shall receive an equal share of the amount collected.

Splitting of fees.

64. Telegrams despatched by the railway but not by the post office in regard to the shipment of fruit by rail will be accepted at nights or on holidays at ordinary rates, and fees only for special delivery:

Messages re shipment of fruit by rail.

Provided such messages refer to railway business and that the railway stations necessary for the transmission and receipt of such messages are open for business.

Messages over the railway lines

65. In accordance with an agreement made between the Postmaster-General and the General Manager of the Jamaica Railway Corporation, the public may send telegrams over the railway lines either between railway stations only or in connection with the postal telegraph service.

Messages re postal telegraph services.

Messages may be accepted at any railway telegraph station for transmission to any other railway telegraph station or to any postal telegraph station, and messages may be accepted at any postal telegraph station for transmission to any railway telegraph station.

66. The railway telegraph station will deliver free of charge any telegram addressed to a place within a radius of one mile from the railway telegraph station of destination, provided there is not any postal telegraph station within such radius. It shall be optional for the railway telegraph office to deliver telegrams to the addressee or to send them to a postal telegraph station or district post office for delivery where such station or office is within one mile of the railway telegraph station and is nearer than the destination of the telegram. Messages for delivery by a district post office must be handed in to such office before 5.00 p.m., otherwise the railway agent must arrange to make delivery directly from the railway telegraph station.

Delivery within one mile radius.

Procedure.

67. The person in charge of a district post office receiving a telegram shall sign and return to the railway station master the delivery form or ticket accompanying such telegram.

The telegram shall then be delivered immediately by a post office messenger in accordance with the rules governing delivery of such telegrams.

A messenger's delivery form or ticket shall be filled up and sent out with the telegram, and the same shall be signed by the addressee or person receiving the telegram.

All such delivery forms or tickets so signed as aforesaid shall be forwarded by the person in charge of the district post office to the Superintendent of Telegraphs on Monday of each week.

Delivery outside one mile radius.

68. No telegram shall be accepted for transmission over the railway telegraph lines if it be addressed to any place situated beyond a radius of one mile from a railway station unless there be a postal telegraph office or district post office within such radius to which such telegram can be transferred for delivery and unless all fees for portorage be prepaid by the sender. If the portorage fees be not paid the sender shall be informed that the telegram will remain in the district post office until applied for by the addressee.

Obligation to accept telegram.

69. The railway telegraph stations shall accept for transmission any telegram addressed to any postal telegraph station if the cost thereof including portorage fees (if any) be fully prepaid.

Service messages—free.

70. All service messages whether by the Post Office Department or the Jamaica Railway Corporation in respect of postal telegraph or railway telegraph business shall be transmitted free of charge.