

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
24TH DECEMBER, 1910.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has directed the publication for general information of the following correspondence on the subject of the Royal Mail Transatlantic Service.

By Command,

S. W. KNAGGS,  
Colonial Secretary.

(No. 369.)

Telegram received by the Governor of Trinidad from the Governor of the Windward Islands on the 9th December, 1910.

Following telegram from Secretary of State:—

With reference to your predecessor's telegram of 27th September have to inform you that subsidy of £55,000 in lieu of poundage payments now made by General Post Office and West Indian Colonies for direct Transatlantic Service with Head Quarters at Trinidad has been offered to and refused by Royal Mail Steam Packet Company who asked for subsidy of £68,000. In making their offer His Majesty's Government have had in mind £15,000 offered by Trinidad, and were prepared in order to meet the desires of the West Indian Colonies for direct communication with United Kingdom to ask Parliament for £40,000 which is more than double present poundage payments by General Post Office and would be in addition to Imperial share of Intercolonial subsidy. His Majesty's Government greatly regret failure to secure direct communication but does not consider that circumstances justify greater contribution from Imperial funds in view of long period of transit for Mails to Barbados, Trinidad and Demerara provided under Company's proposals and of cancellation of homeward voyage of steamer of 21st December and further irregularities in main line service. Postmaster-General will now be obliged to make such arrangements as are possible for mails utilizing Intercolonial steamers to the best advantage. Proposed time table sent by mail.

*Telegram from the Governor of Trinidad to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 20th December, 1910.*

With reference to your telegram of 9th December, Finance Committee and Chamber of Commerce will support increase £5,000 contribution if necessary making total to £20,000 for direct Service, provided Trinidad made Head-quarters and reasonable cold storage room reserved for fruit: also, if Barbados does not contribute to direct Service, Steamer should come direct here.

LE HUNTE.

*Telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Trinidad dated 23rd December, 1910.*

I have received your telegram of 20th December with pleasure and gladly welcome this evidence of willingness of Trinidad to assist His Majesty's Government in their effort to secure direct communication with West Indies.

HARCOURT.

*Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Trinidad.*

TRINIDAD—No. 364.

DOWNING STREET,  
5th December, 1910.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a correspondence with the General Post Office, 18th November. General Post Office on the subject of the proposals made to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the continuation of the direct Transatlantic service to the West Indies.

2. You will have been informed of the substance of this correspondence by telegraph, but you will no doubt desire to publish the text of the letters to and from the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for the general information of the public in the Colony. To General Post Office, 2nd December.

3. The letters which have passed between the General Post Office and this Department explain the circumstances in which His Majesty's Government have proposed to the Company a time table for their Inter-colonial Service which I fear cannot but result in serious inconvenience to passengers. I regret this result, but the Company's action has left the Government no practicable alternative.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

(Sgd.) L. HARCOURT.

Governor SIR G. R. LE HUNTE, K.C.M.G.,  
&c., &c., &c.

COPY—518096

GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON,  
28th November, 1910.

SIR,

With reference to recent correspondence on the subject of the determination of the Contract for the Transatlantic Service from this Country to the West Indies, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State, that the Postmaster-General has been unable to come to terms with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, for a continuance of the Service, and I am to enclose copies of correspondence with the Company in which an offer of an inclusive subsidy of £55,000 per annum has been made by this Department and refused by the Company.

2. As Mr. Secretary Harcourt is aware, the only other shipping Companies engaged in West Indian Trade with any degree of regularity are those of the Leyland and Harrison Lines. The vessels of these Companies are not run in such a way as to be suitable for a mail service, owing to the fact that they do not call at any West Indian Colony on the homeward voyage. The Postmaster-General has ascertained that the Companies are unable to make any change in the homeward itinerary, and that any attempt to arrange a regular fortnightly departure from this Country would result in a complete dislocation of their trade, which they are unwilling to face.

3. In the meantime it appears necessary to make temporary arrangements for the mail service by employing the Harrison Line Steamer "Traveller" on the 31st of December for the outward voyage direct to Barbados to be followed by the adoption of the route of New York in conjunction with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's Intercolonial Service. I am to submit the annexed time table for Mr. Secretary Harcourt's consideration and I am to suggest that if approved, the Company should be instructed to comply with it.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.) MATTHEW NATHAN.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,  
Colonial Office.

COPY.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON,  
22nd November, 1910.

SIR,

With reference to recent correspondence on the subject of the Transatlantic Mail Service to the West Indies carried out under the Contract of the 6th of June, 1907, which terminated on the 10th of this month, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of the Court of Directors of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, that the Postmaster-General is now in a position to make a definite offer for the continuance of the service under the following conditions, vizt. :—

- (1.) As far as possible the main conditions of the late Contract with regard to speed, frequency and itinerary would be adhered to, but the Postmaster-General would require the Mails for the Windward and Leeward Islands and for British Guiana to be carried on to Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, for transhipment at that Port to the Company's Intercolonial Packets. Port-of-Spain will thus take the place of Barbados as the Head-quarters of the Company in the West Indies.
- (2.) Due consideration would be given to the Company's commercial requirements, and such modifications as may from time to time be necessary for those purposes would be provided for in a new Contract.
- (3.) Payment for the conveyance of Mails by weight would cease absolutely, and all postal facilities afforded by the service under Contract would be paid for under an inclusive subsidy at the rate of £55,000 per annum.

- (4.) The new Contract would contain the usual provisions as to Time Tables, security of mails, etc., which are common to all Contracts between the Postmaster-General and Shipping Companies.
- (5.) The agreement would be made for a period not exceeding three years on and from the date of despatch of the first steamer from Southampton under the proposed Contract, and would be terminable at the end of that period or at any time thereafter by 6 months' notice on either side.

The Court of Directors will of course understand that this offer is subject to the approval of His Majesty's Treasury, and that no Contract will be binding until it has been approved by the House of Commons.

The Postmaster-General will be glad to be made acquainted with the decision of the Court of Directors as soon as possible.

I am, &c.,

(Sgd.) MATHEW NATHAN.

The Secretary

ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY.

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THE ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY,

18, MOORGATE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

SIR,

24th November, 1910.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 22nd November, 1910, intimating that the Postmaster-General is now in a position to make a definite offer for the continuance of the Transatlantic Mail Service to the West Indies for a period not exceeding three years at an inclusive subsidy (that is, including the present poundage) of £55,000 per annum.

The Court of Directors have carefully considered the proposals contained in your letter, but seeing that the additional payment which you have been good enough to propose would not cover the loss which the Company sustains in carrying out the service, they regret that they are unable to see their way to accept it.

In order to put the service on a commercial basis the subsidy should be £60,000 more than the poundage payment which the Company has been receiving recently, but in view of the historic connection between His Majesty's Government, the Company and the West Indian Colonies the Court of Directors are prepared to enter into a Contract at a lower sum than they would be justified in accepting on strictly business principles. The lowest sum, however, which they can possibly accept is £50,000 more than was provided under the poundage basis.

The Court of Directors think that, on consideration, the Postmaster-General will recognise that a three year's contract is far too short for the Company, which has to organise and make arrangements throughout their large system, nor does it afford the Company that stability and certainty which they undoubtedly ought to have in carrying out a contract of this nature.

The Company would submit that the contract should be for not less than ten years, but in any case it should run concurrently with the present Intercolonial Mail Service Contract and not terminate before the expiration of that contract.

I have, &c.,

(Sgd.) R. L. FORBES,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

## Pro Forma Time Tables for the employment of the Intercolonial Service.

## Royal Mail Steam Packet.

Leave Southampton	...	21	December.
Cherbourg	...	21	"
Arrive St. Michaels (Azores)	...	26	"
St. Thomas	...	3	January.
Savanilla	...	6	"
Cartagena	...	7	"
Colon	...	8	"
Leave Colon	...	9	"
Arrive Jamaica	...	11	"
Leave Jamaica	...	12	"
Arrive Antilla (Cuba)	...	13	"
New York	...	17	"

## Demerara Branch Line.

Leave Southampton	...	21	December.
Cherbourg	...	21	"
Arrive St. Michaels (Azores)	...	26	"
St. Thomas	...	3	January.
Leave St. Thomas	...	3	"
Arrive Trinidad	...	6	"
Demerara	...	8	"
Leave	...	8	"
Arrive Trinidad	...	10	"
Leave	...	11	"
Arrive Barbados	...	12	"
New York	...	17	"
London	...	23	"

## Islands Line.

Leave Southampton	...	21	December.
Cherbourg	...	21	"
Arrive St. Michaels	...	26	"
St. Thomas	...	3	January.
Leave	...	3	"
Arrive St. Kitts	...	4	"
Nevis	...	4	"
Antigua	...	5	"
Montserrat	...	5	"
Dominica	...	6	"
St. Lucia	...	7	"
St. Vincent	...	8	"
Grenada	...	9	"
Trinidad	...	10	"
New York	...	17	"
London	...	23	"

## Harrison Line s.s. "Traveller."

Leave Liverpool	...	31	December.
Arrive Barbados	...	13	January.
Trinidad	...	15	"
Demerara	...	17	"
La Guaira	...	20	"
Porto Cabello	...	21	"
Curaçao	...	22	"

Connecting at Barbados with Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

## Demerara Branch Line.

Leave Liverpool	...	31	December.
Arrive Barbados	...	13	January.
Leave	...	13	"
Arrive Demerara	...	15	"
Leave	...	18	"
Arrive Grenada	...	20	"
St. Vincent	...	20	"
Barbados	...	21	"
New York	...	31	"
London	...	7	February.

## Islands Line.

Leave Liverpool	...	31	December.
Arrive Barbados	...	13	January.
Grenada	...	15	"
St. Vincent	...	15	"
St. Lucia	...	16	"
Dominica	...	16	"
Montserrat	...	17	"
Antigua	...	17	"
Nevis	...	17	"
St. Kitts	...	18	"
Nevis	...	18	"
Antigua	...	18	"
Montserrat	...	19	"
Dominica	...	19	"
St. Lucia	...	20	"
Barbados	...	21	"
New York	...	31	"
London	...	7	February.

Homeward connection at Trinidad with Royal Dutch Line on the 10th January, 1911.

Homeward connection at Barbados with Royal Dutch Line on the 23rd January.

After these voyages it is proposed that one Branch boat shall connect at Barbados, on the 23rd of January and convey the Islands Mail, returning to Trinidad with the Homeward Mail for conveyance to New York, by Royal Dutch Line on the 31st January: and the other Branch boat shall connect at Trinidad, on the 30th of January, and convey the British Guiana Mail, returning to Barbados, on the 6th of February, to transfer the Homeward Mail, to the Royal Dutch Line, for conveyance to New York.

And at intervals of 2 weeks thereafter this routine will be followed.

COPY—36447/1910.

DOWNING STREET,

SIR,

2nd December, 1910.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Harcourt to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th of November, (518096) enclosing a copy of correspondence with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company and of the Time-table of the Intercolonial Service which the Postmaster-General proposes to suggest to the Company in view of the failure of his effort to obtain a renewal of the Direct Transatlantic Service Contract.

2. Mr. Harcourt has carefully considered the matter, as it is clear to him that the adoption of the proposed Time-table must be attended by serious inconvenience to passengers; but he recognises that the cancellation of the Homeward voyage of the Steamer of the 21st of December, and the probability of further alterations in the Main Line Service affecting passenger traffic, render inevitable the withdrawal of the Time-tables previously suggested by the General Post Office. In these circumstances Mr. Harcourt can but acquiesce in the efforts of the Postmaster-General to make the best use possible of the Intercolonial Service for mail purposes until such time as the demands of the passenger traffic produce the offer of facilities from some other source than the Main Line Service of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company.

3. Mr. Harcourt understands that the necessary communication to the Company will be made by the Postmaster-General.

4. Copies of your letter and its enclosures are being communicated to the West Indian Colonies concerned.

I am, etc.,

(Sgd.) H. W. JUST.

The Secretary,  
TO THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

## MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

*At a Special Meeting of the Legislative Council held in the Council Chamber on Friday, the 6th January, 1911, at 2 p.m.*

## PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR G. R. LE HUNTE, K.C.M.G., GOVERNOR.  
 THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.  
 „ ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL.  
 „ „ SOLICITOR-GENERAL.  
 „ AUDITOR-GENERAL.  
 „ INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSTABULARY.  
 „ DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
 „ ACTING SURGEON-GENERAL.  
 „ PROTECTOR OF IMMIGRANTS.  
 „ RECEIVER-GENERAL.  
 „ COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.  
 MR. G. T. FENWICK, C.M.G.  
 „ C. P. DAVID.  
 „ S. HENDERSON.  
 „ C. DE VERTEUIL.  
 „ W. G. KAY.  
 „ J. D. HOBSON.  
 „ ADAM SMITH.  
 DR. E. PRADA.

Dr. Eakin to act as  
Surgeon-General.

The Colonial Secretary announced the appointment of Dr. J. W. Eakin to act as Surgeon-General during the absence on leave of Dr. H. L. Clare.

Dr. Eakin took and subscribed to the Oath of Allegiance.

Royal Mail direct  
Transatlantic Steam  
Service.

The Governor explained that he had summoned a Special Meeting of the Council to consider the terms of a telegram which he had that morning received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the Royal Mail direct Transatlantic Steam Service.

The Colonial Secretary read the telegram as follows :—

*Telegram from Secretary of State to the Governor of Trinidad, dated 6th January, 1911.*

“ Matter most urgent. Royal Mail Steam Packet Company have offered direct transatlantic service in return for subsidy of £63,000 per annum on the understanding that general conditions will be similar to those of contract of 6th June, 1907, and that due regard will be paid to their commercial interests. On the understanding that £20,000 will be contributed by Trinidad and £3,000 by British Guiana throughout duration of contract. His Majesty's Government is prepared to ask Parliament for £40,000 per annum and will conclude contract without further delay if Legislative Council will pass resolution undertaking to vote contribution £20,000 per annum for duration of contract which will be for unexpired portion intercolonial contract, and will provide conditions mentioned 20th December. Service will be direct to and from Trinidad in the first instance but His Majesty's Government reserve liberty to arrange subsequently for calling at Barbados if desired in return for sufficient contribution from that Colony.

Bring matter before Council at earliest moment and report by telegraph.

The Colonial Secretary then moved :—

*Resolved*:—That this Council agrees to vote the sum of £20,000 per annum until the 27th August, 1917, as a contribution towards a subsidy for a direct transatlantic Mail Steam Service with the United Kingdom on condition :—

- (i.) That Trinidad be made the headquarters of the Inter-colonial service,
- (ii.) that adequate cold storage accommodation be reserved for fruit,
- (iii.) that the service be direct to and from Trinidad subject to the right of His Majesty's Government to arrange for calling at Barbados, if desired, in return for a sufficient contribution from that Colony.

The Council further desires to express its opinion that the docking of the inter-colonial steamers in the Trinidad Government Floating Dock should be provided for in the contract.

Seconded by Mr. Fenwick, and agreed to.

The Governor said that he would at once communicate the resolution to the Secretary of State by telegram, and, at 2.20 p.m., adjourned the Council to Monday, the 9th January.

HARRY L. KNAGGS,  
Clerk Legislative Council.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INFORMATION has been received from the Colonial Office, London, that arrangements have been made to bring the British Indian Postal Agencies situated in the French Settlements in India, within the scope of the Imperial Penny Postage Scheme.

Under the arrangement, the Imperial Penny Postage Scheme is extended to the British Post Offices in French Territory in India, (a list of which is given below), and the French Post Offices in those Settlements are permitted to exchange letters with the United Kingdom and British Colonies and Protectorates at Imperial Penny Postage rates.

CLARENCE ROSS,  
Postmaster-General.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, TRINIDAD,  
20th February, 1911.

List of Post Offices situated in the French Settlements in India, to which the Imperial Penny Postage Rate has been extended.

Name of French Settlement.	Name of French Post Office.	Name of British Post Office.
Pondicherry	Pondicherry	Pondicherry. Ariyankuppam. Bahoor. Mudaliarpet. Muthiyalpet. Pillaichavadi. Pondicherry Railway Station. Vallinur. Madukkurai. Pondicherry Bazar. Ougarai. Karaiyumputtur.
Karikal	Karikal	Karikal. Tirumalayapatnam. Kolhecheri. Puraiyar Rd. Railway Station. Tirumalar. Nedugadu. Ambagarautur. Sethur. Karikal-Agraharam.
Mahe	Mahe	Mahe.
Yanam	Yanam	Yanam.
Chandernagore	Chandernagore	Chandernagore. Gondalpara. Lakhiganj. Temata.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

2ND MAY, 1911.

THE subjoined copy of a despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to the apportionment of the cost of the subsidies payable to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for their Transatlantic and Intercolonial Mail Services, is, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, published for general information.

By Command,

S. W. KNAGGS,  
Colonial Secretary.

(No. 135.)

COPY.—TRINIDAD.

No. 114.

DOWNING STREET,

5th April, 1911.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that His Majesty's Government have had under their consideration a question which has arisen as to the apportionment of the cost of the subsidies payable to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for their Transatlantic and Intercolonial Mail Services.

2. The subsidy of £63,000 for the Transatlantic Service is met by the contributions which His Majesty's Government and the Legislatures of Trinidad and British Guiana have agreed to make to the cost of this service. Since the amount of the subsidy was settled the Legislature of Barbados has agreed to pay a contribution of £4,000 a year, and more money has therefore been provided than is actually required for the service. There is however a deficiency to be made good in the subsidy for the Intercolonial service.

3. The West Indian Intercolonial Mail Service Contract of the 29th of August, 1907, was entered into on the understanding that one half of the subsidy of £25,000 would be paid from Imperial Funds and one half by the Colonies concerned. The recent change in the port of transhipment has involved a re-adjustment of the several contributions paid by the Colonies served by the Intercolonial Steamers, and, although increased amounts will be contributed by the Windward and Leeward Islands, the net result will be a deficiency at the rate of £1,500 a year in the moiety of the subsidy which is payable by the West Indian Colonies. His Majesty's Government consider that any failure on the part of the West Indian Colonies as a whole to adhere to the settlement made in 1907 as to the incidence of the cost of the Intercolonial subsidy would constitute a regrettable precedent, and would seriously affect the possibility of future arrangements between the United Kingdom and the Colonies for joint payments for purposes of common interest. As a matter of principle, therefore, His Majesty's Government must insist on the deficiency in the West Indian moiety of the Intercolonial subsidy being treated as the first charge on any surplus funds available for defraying the cost of the West Indian Mail Service. But I am happy to be able to inform you that, subject to this deficiency being made good, the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have agreed to waive any claim on the part of the Imperial Exchequer, as the principal contributor to the Transatlantic subsidy, to a proportionate reduction of the subsidy payable from Imperial funds, and to devote the whole of the available balance to reducing *pro rata* the additional amounts voted by the West Indian Colonies to meet the increased cost of the service. A sum of £2,500 a year will be available for this purpose.

4. The principal contributory Colonies have expressed the view that any Colony participating in the benefit of the Mail Service should bear its share of the increased cost of the service. In order to carry out this principle, which is in accordance with their own views on the subject, His Majesty's Government have asked the Legislatures of the Windward and Leeward Islands to vote an additional contribution of £1,000 a year to the Intercolonial subsidy on behalf of either group. It is equitable that the additional amounts which the Windward and Leeward Islands are to contribute to the Mail Service as a whole should be treated in the same way as the contributions of Trinidad and British Guiana, though neither the Windward and Leeward Islands nor British Guiana appear to have any claim to relief in respect of the amounts which they originally agreed to contribute to the Intercolonial Service.

5. On the basis explained above the amount available will enable His Majesty's Government to refund ten per cent. of the contributions to be received from Trinidad and British Guiana in respect of the Transatlantic Service, and of the additional contributions to be received from the Windward and Leeward Islands in respect of the Intercolonial Service. The net amount payable by Trinidad will therefore be £20,000 less ten per cent. or £18,000.

6. The gross contribution of £20,000 a year, to the Transatlantic Service will of course be voted under the appropriate head of the Estimates of Expenditure, and the refund which the Colony may expect to receive from His Majesty's Government will appear as an item in the Estimates of Revenue.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.)

L. HARCOURT.

Governor

Sir G. R. LE HUNTE, K.C.M.G.,

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

16TH JUNE, 1911.

IN continuation of Government Notice, dated the 2nd May, 1911, the sub-joined copy of a further despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to the apportionment of the cost of the subsidies payable to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company for their Transatlantic and Intercolonial Mail Services, is, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, published for general information.

By Command,

R. G. BUSHE,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

(No. 184.)

*The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor.*

TRINIDAD—No. 149.

DOWNING STREET

9th May, 1911.

SIR,

By my despatch No. 114 of the 5th of April you were informed that the contribution voted by the Legislature of Barbados to the cost of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's Transatlantic service would enable a reduction of ten per cent. to be made in the contributions paid by Trinidad and British Guiana to that service, and in the additional contributions voted by the Windward and Leeward Islands to the increased cost of the service as a whole.

2. In the same despatch I stated that, for the reasons there explained, His Majesty's Government considered themselves bound as a matter of principle to insist on the whole of the West Indian moiety of the Intercolonial subsidy being paid from West Indian funds, and that the consent of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to waiving the claim of the Imperial Exchequer to a proportionate reduction in the Imperial contribution to the Transatlantic service was subject to the condition that the deficiency in the Intercolonial subsidy should first be made good. If the Imperial Exchequer had shared *pro rata* in the reduction the annual saving to Trinidad funds would of course have been reduced from £2,000 a year to a comparatively small amount.

3. The amounts voted by the West Indian Colonies for the two services, when taken together, are sufficient, with the contributions from Imperial Funds to defray the whole cost of both services, and to permit of a substantial reduction in the payment offered from Trinidad funds for the period of the contract. When taken separately, however, the provision for the Transatlantic service is in excess of and that for the Intercolonial service is less than the requirements of each service. I have been in communication with the Departments concerned with the view of ascertaining how the necessary adjustment of the funds available can most conveniently be made in order that the cost of both services may be exactly met, and the condition laid down by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury complied with. I am advised that there are technical difficulties in the way of making the adjustment through the medium of the Imperial accounts owing to the fact that the cost of the Intercolonial service is provided on the Colonial Services vote and that of the Transatlantic service on the Post Office vote. I am also advised that the most convenient method of adjusting the matter would be to allocate part of the total net contribution from Trinidad funds to the Intercolonial service, without, of course, increasing the amount to be paid by the Colony.

4. The sum required to make good the deficiency in the Intercolonial subsidy is £3,500 a year, which has been reduced to £1,700 a year by the additional net contributions of £900 a year (£1,000 a year less the ten per cent. rebate) voted by the Legislatures of the Windward Islands and the Leeward Islands, as explained in my despatch under reference. In order to make the necessary adjustment it is required to transfer this amount of £1,700 a year from the provision for the Transatlantic to that for the Intercolonial Service.

5. With this explanation I request that you will invite the Legislature to authorise payment of the total net contribution of £18,000 a year from Trinidad funds in two separate amounts of £16,300 a year for the Transatlantic subsidy and £1,700 for the Intercolonial subsidy for so long as the arrangement relating to the ten per cent. rebate holds good.

I have, etc.,

(Sgd.) I. HARCOURT.