

Lima, Jan. 3, 1882

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POST OFFICE The Chile authorities are now in possession of same and, if remaining there, will have to pay your bills as the amounts which these represent appear to your credit in the books of the department, which have fallen into their hands. The uncertainty and bad feeling created by the same extemporaneous acts afore referred to again, in this case, hampers our action in endeavoring to reach a final settlement.

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The Post Cards were received and used by the Peruvian authorities. We have, nevertheless, been endeavoring to get their Chilian successors now in charge of the Post Office Department, to pay us the full amount due by the latter in consideration of their having utilized, to their exclusive benefit, the large proportion of stamps which they found ready for use and of their now also absorbing to their sole advantage, all the revenue of the Peruvian Post Offices. We have furthermore agreed to deliver to them, provided they make us this payment, several cases of Union Postal Universal stamps, which were not delivered by us to the Peruvian authorities, in reason of their heavy indebtedness and which remain in our possession. We have not yet succeeded in reaching any definite result in the matter, but you can rely on our using every effort to get them to pay us at least a portion of the amount due.

We have never again heard from you whether you succeeded or not in collecting from underwriters the value of the stamps captured on board the S.S. These stamps have all been, or are all being used, by the Chilian authorities and we see no difficulty in the way of sending you a duly authenticated document to this effect, of similar nature to the one sent in the case of the Bank Notes, if you think that you can make use of it to good purpose. Please give us your views on the subject and in case you want us to furnish you with such document it will be well, if possible for you to send us a copy of the one which enabled you to effect the previous recovery, as we kept none here.

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POSTAGE STAMPS We are delighted to know that you have succeeded in recovering from your underwriters the value of those captured by the Chilians on board the
? We defer, for the present, the recovery of our commission thereon and doubt not that this action on our part will prove in accordance with your wishes in the matter.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT We are sorry to say that our efforts to recover from the Chilean authorities the amounts due by the Peruvian Post Master General have proved fruitless, due in great measure, we feel sure, to the hostile feeling engendered in them by the unwarranted attitude of the U.S. Government in the conflict between Chile and Peru. It seems, therefore, that we must await the re-establishment of Peruvian authorities in order to make good this recovery and we hope that the expected early return of *Mr. P.?* from Europe with the supposed intention of coming to terms with Chile and putting to end the abnormal state of nominal war which has now lasted for nearly two years, may provide the desired change in our surroundings to enable us, not only to collect what is due by the Post Office, but also to carry through the unexecuted portion of the last order for Bank Notes.

Lima, October 10th, 1882

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We are glad to be able to report some prospects of peace being at last arrived at. Preliminaries of a treaty have been and are still being discussed in Santiago under the auspices of the U.S. Minister Logan and there seems to be some likelihood of a favorable result. If so, and if Garcia Calderon is the party who takes power in hand again, we shall have no difficulty in at once fully carrying through the unexecuted portion of the last order for bank notes and in settling for the indebtedness of the Post Office Department.
