

Diocesis General de Cor. del P. del P. del P.

Leiva, January 25, 1889

N. 16.

Mr. Henry J. Prevost
Agent of the Am. Bank Note Co.

The object of this communication
is to solicit your addressing the A. B. N. Co. asking
for the manufacture and forwarding of five hundred
thousand stamps of "one centavo" denomination &
one million stamps of "cinco centavos" denomination

500,000. one centavo.

1,000,000. cinco centavos.

identical in color, shape and dimensions to the
models accompanying.

Please impress on the Company
that any alteration would entail for us serious
inconvenience and must be avoided. Also
that the material used be of the best quality

Yours,
(By) D. C. Urea,
acting Director Gen.

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Time, January 28th 1889

American Bank Note Co.
New York.

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Gentlemen,

I am without any of your favors to hand since last addressing you on 10th inst.

I enclose statement of a further recovery from the Post Office Department, on acct. of value of last invoice for Stationary. The same fully explains itself and is balanced with remittance, all enclosed, of 1st & 2^d of exchange @ 90 1/2, to your order, on Messrs. Fredk. Keith & Co. for £55.0.11. I am promised the early payment of the small balance still pending on the said invoice.

I now beg to enclose a further order for stamps as follows:

1,000,000. One million stamps (cinco centavos)

500,000. Five hundred thousand stamps (un centavo)

Regarding the immediate execution of this order, or otherwise, you will please use your own discretion, in accordance with my reference to the matter, when forwarding the previous order, which I now confirm.

I remain Gentlemen,
Your Obt. Servant
Henry R. Brown

Enter one half this order
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Order copy

Henry R. Brown

Lima, April 20th, 1889

Extract from PREVOST's letter Original filed in his packet

The statement of account for the Post Office, to the end of 1888, is in order and I quite agree with your remarks on the subject of remittances. I am constantly at them on this point and on receipt of your favor of 27th ulto. I have thought it as well to address them in writing, as per press copy ~~enclosed~~, which you will no doubt approve.

Your reduction of the execution of their last order for stamps, to one half of the quantity ordered, is, in my opinion, a wise course and will aid my efforts towards making them more punctual in their payments on account of thier long standing indebtedness. Under any circumstances I shall continue unceasingly to press them and I have some hope of getting a payment from them before the close of the month.



DIRECCION GENERAL
DE
CORREOS DEL PERU.

AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO.
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Lima, Mayo 13 de 1889.

N 121.

Señor:

El 20 de Abril, ultimo, el Sr. Henry S. Prevost ha dirigido a mi Despacho una comunicacion que dice ser transcriptoria de otra de la Compañia que con tanto tino preside U. y que, desde luego, me ha causado marcada extrañeza por los terminos en que se halla concebida.

Con efecto: en esa comunicacion se manifiesta que la American Bank Note Company no puede atender, en su totalidad los pedidos que formula la Direccion de Correos del Peru, por que esta no satisface, como debiera, sus compromisos, de lo cual es una prueba la circunstancia de no haberse disminuido el saldo pendiente a favor de esa Compañia.

Como a mi me asistia el convencimiento de que lejos de existir motivo de quiebra contra el correo peruano; lo habia, y poderoso, para reconocer que se habia esmerado en dejar bien puesto su nombre y credito, correspondiendo asi a la confianza que en el depositara la American Bank Note Company; tan luego que recibí la dicha comunicacion, pedí informe a la Compañia

M. S. Presidente de la
American Bank Note Company
New York

duria del Ramo, y esta oficina ha ex-
pedido el que copio á continuacion:

"S. D. G. = Don Enrique L. Trevest, repre-
sentante en esta Capital de la Compañia America-
na de Billetes de Banco, trascribe á U.S. una
comunicacion de la expresada Compañia, en
que manifiesta su desagrado por encontrarse
todavía pendiente una parte del antiguo cré-
dito reconocido por la Direccion Gral. de Correos
del Perú, y como consecuencia, su resolución de
no satisfacer sino en parte el último pedido de es-
tampillas de franqueo que le fue transmitido en Diciem-
bre de 1888, hasta que haya recibido nuevas remesas
para amortizar dicho crédito. = Ciertamente es que existe un
saldo pendiente á favor de la Compañia Americana de
Billetes de Banco, y que sin embargo del empeño desple-
gado por U.S. para su total cancelacion, no le ha sido
posible obtenerlo, por que las circunstancias anormales
de la Republica, y la consiguiente disminucion de tran-
sacciones postales, se lo ha impedido; pero tambien es
cierto que la medida adoptada por la Compañia
es de todo punto extraña - dados los antecedentes del
asunto, y el genero de relaciones que siempre han exis-
tido entre ella y el Ramo de Correos del Perú. = En
efecto no es concebible que la Compañia de que se
trata, haya resultado negar el crédito que tenia con-
cedido al Correo Peruano, cuando precisamente
este se encuentra en las mejores condiciones para
cumplir sus compromisos, y cuando más pruebas
tienen dadas de la honorabilidad que distingue to-
dos sus actos. La relacion de los hechos que han
tenido lugar, y la demostracion numerica de la
cuenta corriente seguida con la Compañia, será
más que suficiente para llevar al animo de



DIRECCION GENERAL
DE
CORREOS DEL PERU.

Por sus meritos, la verdad que encierra la obser-
vacion que antecede, y la injusticia o' liferesa con
que se ha hecho la notificacion de que me ocupa.
En el año de 1881, cuando los empleados del correo
Militar Chileno ocupaban las oficinas del Ramo
en esta Capital, la Renta adendada a la Com-
pañia la suma de dos mil ochocientos cincuen-
ta y ocho libras, dos chelines, siete peniques; y en
embargo de la aflictiva situacion del Perú, y de no
ser posible apreciar el tiempo que duraria ese doloroso
parentisis; la expresada Compania, persuadida de la
buena fé que siempre habia distinguido a' Ud., tuvo
la generosidad de conceder espontaneamente una
larga espera para el arreglo de sus cuentas, dirijien-
dose a' Ud. en los más honrosos términos, y reiteran-
dole la confianza que lo animaba en favor del
correo peruano. = Recuperada la Autonomia Na-
cional a' fines de 1883, uno de los primeros afanes
de la Direccion Grat. fué el pago preferente de
este crédito, correspondiendo así la honrosa con-
fianza con que se le habia favorecido; - y en rea-
lidad, en Julio de 1885, nuestra deuda habia
sido reducida a' mil ochocientos ochenta y ocho
libras quince chelines, diez peniques, además de
haberse pagado al contado todos los pedidos de
útiles y estampillas que se habian hecho hasta
entonces. = Posteriormente la amortizacion de es-
te crédito ha sido atendida con preferencia, co-
mo lo prueba el hecho de encontrarse limitado
a' setecientos cuarenta y ocho libras ocho chelines,
tres peniques, o' sea menos de la cuarta parte
de lo que era cuando la Compania no tuvo in-
conveniente para renovar a' Ud. sus propositos de
atribirle un crédito ilimitado. = En resumen, pues,

El Correo ha pagado a la Compañía de Billetes de Banco, desde Octubre de 1853, todos los pedidos que le ha hecho, que han sido de tal, y una consideración, y ha amortizado el crédito antiguo en dos mil ciento nueve libras, ea trece chelines, cuatro peniques por lo que en realidad es inconcebible su última determinación. Dada la circunspección de la Compañía y las buenas relaciones que siempre ha sostenido con el Correo, este procedimiento sólo puede atribuirse a las informaciones apasionadas de su Agente en Lima, que siempre ha hostilizado al Ramo en cuanto le ha sido posible. Bajo tal concepto, la Contaduría estima necesario que Ud. sin perjuicio de transmitir estas reflexiones a los Gerentes de la Compañía de Billetes de Banco, y de enviarle la cuenta corriente que acompaño, le pida que en lo sucesivo se entienda directamente con su Despacho, o por conducto de nuestros representantes en los Estados Unidos, apreciándose la próxima cancelación del saldo a su favor, con la preferencia y en la proporción que lo permitan los ingresos en que cuenta el Ramo.

Poco tengo que agregar, al documento que precede; pues él demuestra, numéricamente, lo que llevo dicho en la primera parte de esta comunicación: - que el Correo peruano no ha omitido medio para cancelar su deuda atrasada y abonar, con entera religiosidad, los pedidos hechos después del restablecimiento del régimen nacional.

Sin embargo, creo indispensable expresar a Ud. que, concionando en todo con la opinión de la Contaduría, tengo el firme propósito de

Translation

Dirección General de Correos del Perú.

Limá, May 13th 1889.

Sir,

On April 20th last Mr Henry L. Prevost sent to my office a communication which he says is a transcript from one of the Company over which you preside and which causes me great surprise from the terms in which it is conceived.

And with justice: In this communication it is manifested that the American Bank Note Company can not fulfill in their totality the orders sent by the Post Office Department of Perú, as the Department does not satisfy, as it should, its debts; a proof of which being that the amount due the Company has not been decreased.

As I know from my own knowledge that far from having cause of complaint against the Peruvian Post Office there was abundant and powerful reason to believe that it had taken great pains to well found its good name and credit, thus reciprocating the confidence deposited in it by the American Bank Note Company; I at once, on receipt of the communication asked the Accounting Department to report to me and that office has informed me as follows:

" God guard you: Mr Enrique L. Prevost, representative in this City of the American Bank Note Company copies to Y. E. a communication of that Company, in which it manifests its dislike at still finding pending a small portion of the old account, acknowledged by the Dirección

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Trinity Place N. Y.

General de Correos of Peru and, in consequence, its determination to not fill completely the last order for Stamps which was sent them in December 1888, until it receive new remittances to cover this credit. It is true that there exists a balance in favor of the American Bank Note Company and that notwithstanding your efforts to totally cancel the same, you have not been able to do so owing to the abnormal condition of the Republic and the consequent diminution of postal transactions which has prevented you; but it is also true that the measure adopted by the Company is, from every view, strange; taking into consideration past events in connection with the matter and the kind of relations that have always existed between the Company and the Post Office Department of Peru. In fact it is inconsistent that the Company has denied the credit that it had conceded to the Peruvian Post Office especially when the Post Office finds itself in the best condition to fulfill its obligations and when it has given most proofs of the honesty which distinguishes all its acts. The relation of the facts and the showing of the account current with the Company will be more than sufficient to prove to its managers the truth of the foregoing statement and the injustice or thoughtlessness of making the charge of which I write.

In the year 1881 when the employes of the military Post Office of Chili were in charge of the offices in this City the amount owed the Company was Two thousand, eight hundred and fifty eight Pounds

two shillings and sevenpence and notwithstanding the sad condition of Peru and the inability of knowing how long the situation would endure, the Company, convinced of the good faith which characterizes you, had the generosity to spontaneously concede a long term for the arranging of its accounts, addressing you in the most honorable terms and reiterating the confidence which it possessed with regard to the Peruvian Post Office.

At the close of 1883 when the power of government was restored one of the first efforts of the Director General was the preferred payment of this credit, showing thus its appreciation of the confidence with which it had been favored and in fact in July 1885 our debt had been reduced to Eighteen hundred and eighty eight Pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence, in addition to cash having been paid for all the bills for stationery and stamps in the meanwhile. After this the payment of this debt had been preferred as is proved by the fact that it is reduced to Seven hundred and forty eight Pounds eight shillings and three pence or say less than one fourth of what it was when the Company had no objection to renew to you the proposition of unlimited credit. To sum up, the Post Office has paid the Company since October 1883 for all its orders which have been of some consideration and has paid the old credit of Two thousand one hundred and nine Pounds, fourteen shillings and four pence, in view of which the present resolve

is inexplicable. Taking into consideration the circum-
spection of the Company and the good understanding
that it has always had with this office, this procedure
can only be explained by the biased information of
its Lima Agent who has made an enemy of the office
in every way he can. In view of this the Accounting
Department would think it necessary that, without
for that reason failing to send these observations to the
American Bank Note Company and also the enclosed
account, you would ask that in future they deal
directly with this office or through our representatives in
the United States offering the prompt cancellation of
the amount due them with such preference and protection
as the income will allow."

I have little to add to the foregoing
since it shows, numerically, what is expressed in
the first part of this communication; that the Peruvian
Post Office has not omitted means to cancel your
back account and to pay religiously the orders sent
after the restoration of the national government.

Nevertheless, I think it indispensable to say
that agreeing in all that the Accounting Dept. says
I am fully resolved not to deal with your Company
through Mr Prevost, your Agent in Lima since
in my judgment he does not second the elevated
a conciliatory propositions you make nor does he
attend to the orders of my office with the zeal and
activity to be desired.

But since I do not wish that our cordial relations should suffer a check but on the contrary desire that the Post Office should continue to use the goods which your Company has furnished so willingly and so well, I hope that you will agree that in future my office deal directly with yours or if this be impossible, that the Consul of Peru in New York serve as intermediary as he has offered me in an official letter he would do.

Assured that I will soon have your favorable reply, I will not end this communication without assuring you that the old charge against the Post Office will soon be cancelled and that in the future bills for work ordered will be paid without delay.

God guide you
(signed) D. C. Urea.

To the President
American Bank Note Company -
New York



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Lima, June 14th 1889.

American Bank Note Co.
New York.

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of your favors of 19th,
19th + 29th April.

I have all received invoice and shipping
documents for

#260. 1 Bx containing
5000 imp. 100/5 postage stamps
5000 " 100/10 " "

amounting as per invoice to £89.16.10.

equivalent of \$426.75 U.S. Gold

The said stamps were at once passed
to the Direccion General de Correos, which has
made a payment, on acct. of its pending indel-
tedness, as shown in the accompanying state-
ment, balanced with remittance, therein de-
tailed and also herein accompanying, of
B/Exchange on London to your order for the
aggregate sum of £63.10.4.

I duly transmitted to the Direc-
cion General your remarks in reference to the
sealing and unsealing of plate, by the official
from the Peruvian Consulate and I am
impressed, in reply, that necessary instructions

London
July

have been forwarded to said Comarulate towards
obviating the difficulty to which you refer.
I trust this has been the case and that you
have, in consequence, been enabled to start
work on the 1st stamps.

Mr. Hicks, the new Minister to
Peru, is already installed in the duties of
his office and has made a good impression
generally.

Nothing new in the way of better
prospects of securing business in your line.
Everything all round is daily more & more
depressed. I nevertheless constantly keep watch
for anything that may turn up.

I also keep constantly at the
Direccion General de Correos in connection
with their old standing indebtedness.

I remain, Gentlemen
Your O^bt^d Servant
Henry Leonard
Agent.

Translated Copy.

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Dirección General de Correos
Lima July 31st 1889.

129.
Mr. Henry S. Prevost,
Agent of the American Bank Note Co.

I have pleasure in addressing you in order to request from the Company which you represent the manufacture of the following postage stamps:

100.000. (one hundred thousand) of
Veinte centavos. (20^{cs})

500.000. (five hundred thousand) of
Diez centavos (10^{cs})

500.000. (five hundred thousand) of
Dos centavos (2^{cs})

all 1100.000.

I recommend that ~~the~~ in colors, size and shape the aforementioned stamps be precisely similar to the accompanying models. ~~The slightest attention~~ ~~in any of the~~ ~~models~~ would be injurious to the interest of this Department.

I also recommend the prompt execution of this order

(signed) D. C. Urea
Acting Director Gen.

Lima, August 11th, 1889

Extract from PREVOST's letter

Original filed in his packet

Enclosed please find statement of recovery from the P.O. Department netting, in your favor, £ 63:5:8 which I cancel with remittance, likewise enclosed, of 1st and 2nd of 90 d/s exchange on the London Bank of Mexico and S.A.? London, to your order, for the same amount.

I further enclose a new order for stamps, received from the Direccion General de Correos, which I commend to your attention under usual conditions.

I take note of what you say regarding the promises of the Direccion General in their communication direct to your address and I make use of them in endeavoring to further impress on them the necessity of their squaring old pending accounts.

Lima, Nov. 11th, 1889

Extract from PREVOST's letter

Original filed in his packet

I am in receipt of your two favors dated 9th Oct., with shipping documents for

5000 impressions	100/2¢	postage stamps
5000	"	100/10¢ " "

a/c orders from Post Office Department, and amounting, as per invoice, to \$427.50. I have passed these documents to the Postmaster General and explained to him the reason why you are delayed in the execution of the order for 20¢ stamps. I understand that the Postmaster is addressing the Consul in your city on the matter by this same opportunity, and I hope the difficulty, to which you refer, will be overcome.

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I enclose statement of a late recovery from the Post Office Department for your account, showing, after deduction of the usual commission and cost of the cable message afore alluded to, a balance in your favor of £ 72:6:9 which I cancel with remittance, likewise enclosed, of 1st and 2nd, of exchange @ 90 d/s, to your order, on Messrs. Fred. Huth & Co., London, for the same amount.