

No. 13.] *Prohibition of Non-postal Communications* [1915.  
*Ordinance, 1915.*



I assent.  
**GIDEON MURRAY,**  
**Acting Governor.**  
**1st October, 1915.**

SAINT LUCIA

No. 13 of 1915.

AN ORDINANCE to prohibit non-postal communications  
 from leaving this Colony.

[ 1st October, 1915. ]

**BE** it enacted by the Governor, with the advice and consent  
 of the Legislative Council of Saint Lucia, as follows:—

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Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Prohibition of Non-postal Communications Ordinance, 1915.

Definition of letter.

2. "Letter," for the purposes of this Ordinance, shall mean any written, typewritten, or printed communication, in any mode of representing or reproducing words in a visible form and intended to convey information from one person to another.

Letter must not be transmitted, &c., otherwise than through Post Office, without lawful authority.

3. No person shall, without lawful authority, transmit outside this Colony, otherwise than through the Post Office, or convey from this Colony, or receive, or have in his possession for such transmission or conveyance any letter for any other person or place outside the Colony.

Owner, &c., of ship not to convey, &c., letter, except in certain cases.

4. No owner, master or commander of any ship, and no seaman, passenger or any one engaged upon or belonging to any ship leaving this Colony shall receive for the purpose of conveying, or convey, any letter, except in the following cases:—

- (a) Letters concerning goods or merchandize to be delivered with the goods which those letters concern;
- (b) Letters of merchants, owners of vessels of merchandize, or the cargo or loading therein, sent by those vessels of merchandize, and to be delivered to the respective persons to whom they are directed;
- (c) Mail bags tendered by an officer of the Post Office for conveyance;
- (d) Official letters transmitted by the Governor or the Administrator, or the Colonial Secretary.

Harbour Master, Customs Officer and Police Constable may demand and search for letter intended to be conveyed, &c., out of the Colony in possession of master, &c., of ship.

5. (1) Any person embarking for any place outside this Colony, the master or commander of any ship, any seaman, passenger, or any one engaged upon or belonging to any ship, in any port, bay or creek of this Colony, shall, on being required to do so by the Harbour Master, any Customs Officer, or Police Constable, make a declaration as to whether or not he is carrying or conveying any letter intended to be transmitted by post or otherwise delivered to any person outside of this Colony, and, if required, shall produce to the person making the requisition any such letter; and the Harbour Master, Customs Officer or Police Constable may search any such person and any such ship, or baggage, with a view to ascertaining whether such person is carrying or conveying any such letter.

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(2) The Harbour Master, any Customs Officer, or Police Constable may detain any letters so produced to them or found on such search, and shall transmit them immediately to an officer appointed to censor postal correspondence. Harbour Master, &c., may examine letters produced and transmit to censor.

6. Any person who—

- (a) knowingly makes any false declaration under this Ordinance; or Penalties for contravention of provisions of Ordinance.  
 (b) on being required to produce any such letter as aforesaid, refuses or neglects to do so; or  
 (c) acts in contravention of the provisions of sections three and four of this Ordinance, shall be liable—  
 (i) on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term of twelve months, and  
 (ii) on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term of three years.

7. This Ordinance shall remain in force only during the continuance of the present war. Duration of Ordinance.

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*Passed the Legislative Council this 28th day of September, 1915.*

B. P. E. BULSTRODE,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

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