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The Clerk to the Parish Council,
Newbold Verdon,
Leicestershire.

Sir,

Telephone facilities at Newbold Verdon.

With reference to your application through the Hon.H.D. McLaren, C.B.E. M.P. on the subject named above, I am directed by the Postmaster General to express regret that, in view of the small amount of the prospective receipts from a Telephone Call Office at the Newbold Verdon Post Office, he would not be justified in providing and maintaining such a service except under a guarantee for seven years.

If the necessary wayleaves for the construction of the new line from Desford Exchange were not withheld when applied for by the Postmaster General, the annual expense involved in this extension would be £27:15:0, and the liability of the Guarantor would be limited to this amount.

The Revenue which would be credited to the Guarantee account would consist of :-

(1) Any sum charged for the use of the call office at the Newbold Verdon Post Office. This charge at the new tariff would be 3d in the case of each local or trunk call and would cover communication with any exchange within a radius of five miles.

(2) The trunk fee of 1½d charged in addition to the call office fee in respect of each call effected over the guaranteed line to an Exchange over 5 miles but not more than 7½ miles distant.

Calls to places beyond this radius would be subject to trunk charges varying according to distance in addition to the

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Call Office fee. No portion of the trunk charges would be credited to the guarantee account in connection with such calls.

In the event of a further revision of the charges, the amounts credited to the guarantee account would be revised accordingly.

Should a Call Office be opened, it would be possible for a caller to dictate a message from the Call Office to a Telegraph Office for onward transmission as a telegram on payment of the Telephone charges in addition to the usual telegraph charges. Only the Telephone charges would, however, be credited to the Guarantee Account in respect of such a transaction.

If the revenue from the sources named did not amount to £27:15:0 in any one year, the deficiency would have to be paid by the guarantors at the end of the year.

If you think that the guarantee will be forthcoming, the Postmaster General will be glad to cause a draft agreement to be sent to you.

The facilities would be available during the ordinary hours of public business at the Post Office.

If the Telephone Call Office did not prove remunerative at the end of the seven years' agreement it would be necessary to consider whether it should be closed or continued conditionally upon the renewal of the guarantee.

I am to add that this offer holds good for three months only.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

for District Manager.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON, E.C.1.

2 March 1922.

Dear McLaren

I have looked into the question of providing a Telephone Call Office at Newbold Verdon which was one of the matters referred to in your letter of the 14th February. I find that the revenue from such a service would probably amount to less than £13 a year whilst the expenses would be roughly double that sum. I regret that in these circumstances I am not in a position to provide the service desired unless a guarantee be forthcoming.

The guarantors would be required to make good annually for a period of seven years any sum by which the receipts might fall short of £27. 15s. 0d. I am arranging for the full particulars of the guarantee to be communicated to the Newbold Verdon Parish Council.

Yours faithfully,

The Hon. H. D. McLaren, C.B.E., M.P.

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