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16870630 – James Wale is Post-Master for Jamaica

All Masters of Ships, and others that carry Letters to the Island of Jamaica, are to take Notice, That His Majesty hath established a Post-Office in the said Island, whereof Mr. James Wale is Post-Master, unto whom they are to deliver their Letters when they arrive in the said Island.

16871117 – Captain George Saintlo is Post-Master of Barbadoes and Antigua

All Masters of Ships and others that carry Letters to the Islands of Barbados or Antigua, are to take Notice, That His Majesty will establish a Post Office in each of the said Islands, of which Captain George Saintlo is Post-Master, unto whom, or his under Officers, they are to deliver their Letters, when they arrive in the said Islands.

17021105 – Advice-Boat will sail to Barbadoes, Antegoa, Montserat, Nevis, St. Christophers, and Jamaica

These are to give Notice, That an Advice-Boat will sail on the 16th of this Month, Wind and Weather permitting, for Barbadoes, Antegoa, Montserat, Nevis, St. Christophers, and Jamaica; and that all Persons who have any Letters for the said Islands, may send them to the General Post-Office in Lombard-street, London, on or before the 14th Instant, where Care will be taken they be put up in the several Bags for the respective Islands, and sent by the said Vessel.

17030111 – Packet Rates and Schedule to West Indies

Whereas Her Majesty, for the Encouragement of Trade and Commerce, hath thought fit to appoint Boats to convey Letters and Pacquets between England and the Islands of Barbadoes, Antego, Montserat, Nevis, St. Christophers, and Jamaica, in America; This is to give Notice, That a Mail for the above-mentioned Islands will go from the General Post- Office in London on Saturday the 23d Instant, and the next Mail will go from the said Office on Thursday the 25th of February next, and thenceforward on the last Thursday in every Month; And Her Majesty, pursuant to the Statute made in the Twelfth Year of King Charles the Second, for Establishing a Post-Office, hath Directed and Empowered the Postmaster General of England to take for the Port of all Letters and Pacquets that shall be convey'd by the said Boats, between London and any of the abovementioned Islands, the Rates as follows: For every Letters not exceeding one Sheet of Paper 9d. For every Letter not exceeding two Sheets of Paper 1s. 6d. For every Pacquet weighing an Ounce 2s. 8d. and so in Proportion.

17050312 – Packet Rates to / from West Indies

This is to give Notice, That Her Majesty, in regard to the great Expence She is at in maintaining the Correspondence by Letters between England and Her Plantation Islands in America, hath, pursuant to the Statute made in the Twelfth Year of his late Majesty King Charles II for Establishing a Post-Office, directed and empowered the Postmaster General of England to receive and take for the Post of all Letters and Packets that shall be conveyed by the Post lately established between the Post-Office-General in London and the Islands Barbadoes, Antegoa, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher's and Jamaica, the several Rates following, viz.

For the Post of every single Letter from England to the said Islands, not exceeding one Sheet of Paper, 1s. 3d. For the Post of every Letter not exceeding Two Sheets of Paper, 2s. 6d. and so in proportion to the same Rates for every Packet of Letters. For the Post of every other Packet of any kind of greater Bulk, For every Ounce Weight, 6s. For the Post of every Letter from the said Islands to England, not exceeding One Sheet, 1s. 6d. For every Letter not exceeding Two Sheets, 3s. and so in Proportion to the same Rates for every Packet of Letters. For the Post of every other Packet of any kind of greater Bulk, for every Ounce Weight, 6s.

17050413 – Packet Boat Schedule and Rates to West Indies

These are to give Notice, That the West-India Packet-Boats will go from Plimouth at the beginning of every Month throughout the Year, no Accident preventing the same, who are to touch and stay at each of the English Island Plantations in the following manner; Viz.

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			Days & Nights.	Hours.
Being arrived at	Barbadoes,	to stay no longer than	3	--
	Antego,		2	--
	Monserat,			36
	Nevis,			36
	St. Christophers,			36
	Jamaica,		10	--

And thence to return to England, and not to be stayed or delayed on any Pretence whatsoever.

This is likewise to give Notice, That Deputy Post-masters are appointed at each Island to attend and regulate all Matters concerning Letters and Packets, and to Correspond with the General Post-Office about the same: Therefore all Persons Corresponding with New-England, New-York, Jersey, Maryland, Pensilvania, Virginia, Carolina, and Bermudas, may have their Letters to the respective Governments put up in Bags apart, in the Method they are now sent to each Island; and the Deputy Post-master of each Island hath Orders, where the next and most immediate Conveyance is to be had, to send them to the Main of America, as hath hitherto been the Practice for conveying Letters from Barbadoes to Bermudas, by Sloops, and other Imbarcations, daily Trading between the said Islands and the Continent; by which means Returns may be as constantly made from the Continent to the said Post-masters, and by them transmitted to England by the Packets in their Monthly Courses, whereunto their Orders oblige them, without any further Charge there, than what is to be paid at the General Post-Office in England, according to the Rates following:

From England to the West Indies,	One Sheet	1s. 3d.	And in Proportion to the same Rates
each Letter not exceeding	Two Sheets	2s. 6d.	for every Packet of Letters.
From the Islands to England,	One Sheet	1s. 6d.	And in like Proportion for every Packet
each Letter not exceeding	Two Sheets	3s. 0d.	of Letters.
From every Packet of any kind of greater Bulk, for every Ounce		6s. 0d.	

17050413 – Packet Schedule to North America & Bermuda

These are to give Notice, That Letters will be taken in at the General Post-Office directed for New-England, New-York, New-Jersey, Maryland, Pensilvania, Virginia, Carolina, on the Continent of America, and the Island of Bermudas, on the same Post-nights as those for the Plantation Islands, with particular Directions for those for the Continent to be forwarded by the first Opportunity.

17100508 – West Indies Packet -- Resolution Packet-boat now ready at Bristol [Act of Queen Anne.](#)

17100508 – West Indies Packet -- Resolution Packet-boat now ready at Bristol

This is to give Notice, That the Letters and Packets design'd for the West Indies will be taken in at the General Post Office 'till Thursday the 17th Instant, and the Resolution Packet-boat now ready at Bristol, is to Sail therewith so soon as the Mail shall be put on Board her, Wind and Weather permitting.

17100112 – Packet for West Indies at Bideford

This is to give Notice, that a Packet-Boat, now at Biddiford, will be ready to proceed, Wind and Weather permitting, for the West-Indies with the Letters and Packets that shall be ready on the last Thursday of this Month.

17100217 – Evelyn Packet for West Indies at Bideford

This is to give Notice, That the Evelyn Packet-Boat, now at Biddiford, will be ready to proceed, Wind and Weather permitting, for the West-Indies, with the Letters and Packets that shall be ready on Tuesday the 27th of this Month.

17100317 – Frankland Packet for West Indies at Bideford

This is to give Notice, That the Frankland Packet-Boat, now at Biddiford, will be ready to proceed, Wind and Weather permitting, for the West-Indies, with the Letters and Packets that shall be ready on Thursday the 29th of this Month.

17110508 – Resolution Packet for West Indies at Bristol

This is to give Notice, That the Letters and Packets design'd for the West Indies will be taken in at the General Post-Office 'till Thursday the 17th Instant, and the Resolution Packet-boat now ready at Bristol, is to Sail therewith so soon as the Mail shall be put on Board her, Wind and Weather permitting.

17110630 – Marlett Packet for West Indies at Portsmouth

The Marlett Packet-Boat now at Portsmouth, being the next Vessel to proceed to the West-Indies, this is to give Notice, that the said Vessel will be ready to sail with all Letters and Packets which shall be taken in at the General Post Office between this and Saturday the 14th Instant, and to the Orders which shall that Day be given for her sailing accordingly.

17451112 – Illegal Conveyance of Mail Warning

Whereas by an Act of Parliament passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, baffled, An Act for establishing a General Post-Office for all her Majesty's Dominions, and for settling a Weekly Sum out of the Revenues thereof for the Service of the War, and other her Majesty's Occasions, It is (amongst other Things) enacted to the Purport and Effect following: That there shall be one General Post-Office established within the City of London, and one Master of the said General Post-Office shall from time to time be appointed by her Majesty, her Heirs and Successors, by Letters Patents under the Great Seal of Great Britain, by the Stile of her Majesty's Postmaster General; which said Master, and his Deputies, and their Servants and Agents, and no other, should have the Receiving, Carrying, and Delivering of Letters and Packets, to and from all Places in Great Britain and Ireland, North America, the West Indies, and other her Majesty's Dominions, (except as in the said Act is excepted;) And that no Person or Persons whatsoever, or Body Politick or Corporate, in any Part of the said Kingdoms, Plantations and Colonies in the West Indies and America, other than such Postmaster-General appointed as aforesaid, and his Deputy or Deputies, or Assigns, should presume to receive, take up, order, dispatch, convey, carry, recarry, or deliver any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters (other than as in the said Act is excepted) or make any Collection of Letters, or set up or employ any Foot-Post, Horse-Post, or Packet-Boat, or other Vessel or Boat, or other Person or Persons, Conveyance or Conveyances whatsoever, for the receiving, taking up, ordering, dispatching, conveying, carrying, recarrying, or delivering any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, by Sea or Land, or on any River within her Majesty's Dominions (other than as in the said Act is excepted) on Pain of forfeiting Five Pounds of British Money for every several Offence, and also the Sum of a Hundred Pounds of like Money, for every Week that any Offender shall continue to act against the Tenor of the said Statute.

And whereas, his Majesty's Postmaster General have settled and established Packet-Boats, to carry, recarry and convey, Letters and Packets to and from England, to and from the Islands of Jamaica, Barbadoes, Antegoa, Monserrat, Nevis, and St. Christopher's, in America;

This publick Notice is hereby given thereof to warn all Persons whatsoever from presuming to take upon them to act :contrary to the Intent and true Meaning of the said Statute, and from presuming under any Colour or Pretence whatsoever, to collect, receive, take up, order, dispatch, convey, carry, recarry, or deliver any Letter or Letters, Packet or Packets of Letters, (except as in and by the said Act is excepted) that for the future may be directed to, or come from any of the Islands above-mentioned (without a lawful Authority first had and obtained from his Majesty's Postmaster General for that Purpose) is they would avoid such Prosecutions as may and must ensue for the Recovery of such Penalties as are inflicted by the said Act for all and every Offence or Offences above specified and recited.

GEORGE SHELVOCKE, Secretary.

17451112 – Packet Rates to West Indies

Whereas a Number of Pacquet Boats have been, for some Time past, appointed, and are now almost prepared to take on board of them His Majesty's Mails of Letters and Packets for the West Indies;

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Public Notice is hereby given to all Merchants, and all others in general whom it may concern. That all Letters and Packets for the Islands of Jamaica, Barbadoes, Antegoa, Montserrat, Nevis, and St. Christophers, will, for the Time to :come, be taken in and received, at this Office, upon the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of every Week of the Year throughout, upon their being paid for after the Rates settled by Act of Parliament, viz.

For a Single Letter,	1s. 6d.
A Double Letter,	3s. 0d.
A Treble Letter,	4s. 6d.
An Ounce,	6s. 0d.

And farther Notice is hereby given, That the Mails to contain the Bags of Letters, for the several Islands above, will be :constantly made up at this Office, upon the last Saturday of every Month of the Year, to commence the last Saturday of this present Month, in order to be forwarded by the Post of that Night to Falmouth, where the said Pacquets are to be stationed, and from whence they are, in Turn, to sail for the West-Indies as aforesaid, Wind and Weather permitting, upon he Thursday next after the last Saturday of every Month of the Year.

Letters or Packets for the West-Indies will be taken in at the several Receiving-Houses in Town, and Post-Houses in he Country.

N. B. The full Port or Postage of the above Letters and Package must be paid into this Office, at the Time of Delivery, or they will not be forwarded from hence.

The same is to be understood of such of them as are or may be put into Receiving-Houses in Town, or Offices in the Country.

The Inland Postage to London must be also paid for all West-India Letters from the Country, or they will not be forwarded.

GEORGE SHELVOCKE, Secretary.

17520000 - Change from Julian to Gregorian Calendar

17551024 - Packet Rates to West Indies

Whereas a Number of Pacquet Boats are provided and established, at Falmouth, for carrying on a regular Monthly Correspondence between these Kingdoms and His Majesty's Islands in the West-Indies; and also to and from the several Colonies on the Continent of North-America;

Public Notice is hereby given to all Merchants, and others, whom it may concern, That Letters and Packets for the said Islands, and Colonies on the Continent of North-America, will be taken in and received, at this Office, from the Date hereof, upon their being paid for, after the Rates, settled by Act of Parliament, as undermentioned, viz.

From London to the Islands of Barbadoes, Antegoa, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christophers and Jamaica,	for a Single Letter	1s. 6d.
	a Double Letter	3s. 0d.
	a Treble Letter	4s. 6d.
	an Ounce Letter	6s. 0d.
From London to New-York, New-England, Virginia, Maryland, and all the other Colonies on the Continent of North America,	for a Single Letter	1s. 0d.
	a Double Letter	2s. 0d.
	a Treble Letter	3s. 0d.
	an Ounce Letter	4s. 0d.

The first Mail of Letters, for the several Islands in the West-Indies, will be made up, and dispatched from this Office, upon Saturday the 8th Day of November next, and be continued on the First Saturday of every Month following.

The first Mail of Letters, by the way of New-York, for the several Colonies on the Continent of North-America, will be made up and dispatched from this Office, upon the 15th of the said Month of November next, and so be continued on the Second Saturday of every Month throughout the Year.

The full Postage of the above Letters and Packets must be paid at the Time of their Delivery into this Office, or at the Receiving Houses in Town; And all such as are put into the several Post-Houses in Great Britain and Ireland, must, over and above the said Rates, pay also the full Inland Postage to London, without which they cannot be forwarded from hence.

GEO. SHELVOCKE, Secretary.

17621208 – Establishment of Colonial POs and Rates

A TABLE of the Port of all Letters and Pacquets establish'd by Act of Parliament in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, Entitled An ACT for Establishing a General Post-Office for all Her Majesty's Dominions.

In ENGLAND.

For every Letter, Piece of Paper or Pacquet, the Rates following; viz.

BETWEEN London and any Place not exceeding 80 English Miles distant, (and not coming from, or directed on Board any Ship) And proportionally to the said Rates, for the Port of every Pacquet of Letters, And for the Port of every Pacquet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things,	Single	0s. 3d.
	Double	0s. 6d.
	Treble	0s. 9d.
	per Ounce	1s. 0d.
Between London and any Place above 80 Miles distant, within the Kingdom of England and Town of Berwick upon Tweed (Ship Letters excepted, as aforesaid) And proportionally to the said Rates for every Pacquet of Letters, And for every Pacquet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things,	Single	0s. 4d.
	Double	0s. 8d.
	Treble	1s. 0d.
	per Ounce	1s. 4d.

PENNY-POST.

For the Port of all and every the Letters and Pacquets, Passing or Repassing by the Penny-Post within the Cities of London and Westminster, and Borough of Southwark, and within ten English Miles distant from London,	0s. 1d.
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SCOTLAND.

Between London and Edinburgh, Dumfries, or Cockburnspeth, (and not coming from or directed on Board any Ship) And proportionally to the said Rates for the Port of every Pacquet of Letters And for the Port of every Pacquet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things,	Single	0s. 6d.
	Double	1s. 0d.
	Treble	1s. 6d.
	per Ounce	2s. 0d.
Between Edinburgh and any Place in Scotland not exceeding 50 English Miles distant (and not coming from, or directed on Board any Ship) And proportionally to the said Rates for the Port of every Pacquet of Letters And for the Port of every Pacquet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things,	Single	0s. 2d.
	Double	0s. 4d.
	Treble	0s. 6d.
	per Ounce	0s. 8d.
Between Edinburgh and any Place in Scotland above 50 English Miles distant, and not exceeding 80 Miles, (Ship-Letters excepted, as aforesaid) And proportionally to the said Rates for every Pacquet of Letters, And for the Port of every Pacquet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things,	Single	0s. 3d.
	Double	0s. 6d.
	Treble	0s. 9d.
	per Ounce	1s. 0d.
Between Edinburgh and any Place in Scotland above 80 English Miles distant, (Ship-Letters excepted, as aforesaid) And proportionally to the said Rates for the Port of every Pacquet of Letters, And for the Port of every Pacquet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things,	Single	0s. 4d.
	Double	0s. 8d.
	Treble	1s. 0d.
	per Ounce	1s. 4d.
Between Donachadee in Ireland, and Port-Patrick in Scotland, for Port of all Letters and Pacquets, (over and above the Inland Rates) to be paid at the Place where such Letters or Pacquets are put in,	Single	0s. 2d.
	Double	0s. 4d.
	Treble	0s. 6d.
	per Ounce	0s. 8d.

IRELAND.

Between London and Dublin, (and not coming from, or directed on Board any Ship, And proportionally to the said Rates, for the Port of every Pacquet of Letters, And for the Port of every Pacquet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things,	Single	0s. 6d.
	Double	1s. 0d.
	Treble	1s. 6d.
	per Ounce	2s. 0d.
Between Dublin and any Place in Ireland, not exceeding 40 English Miles distant,	Single	0s. 2d.

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(Ship-Letters excepted, as aforesaid)	Double	0s. 4d.
And proportionally to the said Rates, for the Port of every Pacquet of Letters,	Treble	0s. 6d.
And for the Port of every Pacquet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things,	per Ounce	0s. 8d.
Between Dublin and any Place in Ireland above 40 English Miles distant, (Ship-Letters excepted, as aforesaid)	Single	0s. 4d.
And proportionally to the said Rates, for the Port of every Pacquet of Letters,	Double	0s. 8d.
And for the Port of every Pacquet of Writs, Deeds, and other Things,	Treble	1s. 0d.
	per Ounce	1s. 4d.

SHIP-LETTERS.

For the Port of all and every the Letters and Pacquets, directed to, or brought from on Board any Ship or Vessel, riding in any Port within His Majesty's Dominions, (over and above the Rates granted by this Act)	0s. 1d.
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CROSS STAGES.

For the Port of all By and Way-Letters and Pacquets, convey'd by Post in any Cross Stages whatsoever within His Majesty's Dominions, to pay the same Rates in proportion to the Distances of the Places to which they are directed, from the Places at which they are put in, as Letters convey'd and reconvey'd to and from London are rated to pay.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

From any Part of Holland, France, or Flanders, to London, and to or from London to Hamburg.	Single	0s. 10d.
	Double	1s. 8d.
	Treble	2s. 6d.
	Ounce	3s. 4d.
To, or from, London and any Part of Spain or Portugal through France, or by Pacquet-Boats.	Single	1s. 6d.
	Double	3s. 0d.
	Treble	4s. 6d.
	Ounce	6s. 0d.
To, or from, London and any Part of Italy, Sicily, Turkey, Switzerland, (except Geneva) Alsace, and Port-Mahon; and the Towns of Nancy, Barluduc and Luneville in Lorraine through France,	Single	1s. 3d.
	Double	2s. 6d.
	Treble	3s. 9d.
	Ounce	5s. 0d.
To, or from, London and any Part of Italy, Sicily, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, and all Parts of the North, through Holland or Flanders,	Single	1s. 0d.
	Double	2s. 0d.
	Treble	3s. 0d.
	Ounce	4s. 0d.

N. B. All Letters, &c. from any Part of Great Britain or Ireland for any of the aforementioned Places, are also to pay the Inland Port to London.

All Merchants Accounts, not exceeding one Sheet of Paper, and all Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of Lading, to or from any of the above foreign Parts or Places, and the Covers of Letters to or from Turkey, not exceeding one quarter of a Sheet of Paper, are to pass without Payment of the aforesaid Rates.

The Departure of the Foreign Mails from, and Arrival at London.

Depart to	Arrive, Wind permitting.
France, Mondays and Thursdays.	Mondays and Wednesdays.
Holland, Tuesdays and Fridays.	Mondays and Fridays.
Flanders, Tuesdays and Fridays.	Mondays and Fridays.
Portugal, every Tuesday.	Uncertain.
Spain, every other Tuesday.	Uncertain.

Directions to the DEPUTY-POSTMASTERS.

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YOU are to take notice, That no Letters ought to be received by you, directed unto any Parts beyond the Seas, unless the full Port of the same unto London be paid, and also the Port that must be paid from the Inland Post-Office to the ,foreign Post-Office, according to the Rates hereafter mentioned: viz.

or all Letters and Pacquets to any Part of Spain or Portugal,	Single	1s. 6d.
	Double	3s. 0d.
	Treble	4s. 6d.
	per Ounce	6s. 0d.
or all Letters and Pacquets to any Part of Italy, Sicily, Turkey, Switzerland, (except Geneva) Alsace, Port-Mahon, and the Towns of Nancy, Barluduc, and Luneville in Lorraine, through France,	Single	1s. 3d.
	Double	2s. 6d.
	Treble	3s. 9d.
	per Ounce	5s. 0d.
or all Letters and Pacquets to any Part of Italy, Sicily, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, and all Parts of the North, through Holland or Flanders,	Single	1s. 0d.
	Double	2s. 0d.
	Treble	3s. 0d.
	per Ounce	4s. 0d.
or all Letters and Pacquets to Hamburgh,	Single	0s. 10d.
	Double	1s. 8d.
	Treble	2s. 6d.
	per Ounce	3s. 4d.

But you are to take no Foreign Port for any Letters or Pacquets to France, Flanders or Holland, but only the full Inland Postage to London.

For every Letter and Pacquet directed to Persons on Board Ships in any Port or Harbour in Great Britain or Ireland, you are (over and above the Postage due for the same to London and forwards) to receive one Penny,	0s. 1d.
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THAT all Inland Letters and Pacquets shall pay the Rates abovementioned at the Place they are last deliver'd, unless the Party that puts them in desireth to pay it, and unless they are directed on Board any Ship (or are sent by the Penny-Post;) and unless they be Letters and Pacquets going out of Great Britain, which have usually paid the Rates in England.

That the Postmaster-General, and his Deputies, shall receive of every Person that they shall furnish with Horses and Furniture, or with Horses, Furniture and Guide, to ride Post in any of the Post-Roads of Great Britain or Ireland, Three-pence British Money, for each Horse-hire for every English Mile, and Four-pence for the Guide of every Stage; but shall not charge any Person riding Post for the carrying any Bundle or Parcel along with him, so as the same exceed not the Weight of eighty Pounds Averdupois, to be laid on the Horse rid by the Guide: And no Deputy is oblig'd to carry above that Weight for any Person riding Post.

That if any Deputy-Postmaster in any of His Majesty's Dominions doth not, or cannot furnish any Person riding Post with sufficient Horses, within the Space of half an Hour after Demand, such Person is left at liberty to provide himself as well as he can to the next Stage, and so at every Stage where he shall not be furnished. And the Person who shall furnish such Horses shall not be liable to any Penalty contained in the said Act, by Reason thereof.

But if through Default or Neglect of the Deputy-Postmaster, the Person riding Post shall fail of being furnished with sufficient Horses, after Demand as aforesaid, then the Deputy-Postmaster so offending shall in every such Case forfeit five Pounds, one Moiety to the King, and the other to the Person who shall sue for the same.

That for the Encouragement of Masters of Ships, and other Persons on board Ships, on their Arrival at any Port, to deliver to the Deputy-Postmaster at such Port-Town all such Letters and Pacquets as they have on Board, The Deputy-Postmaster shall pay to such Masters or other Persons, One Penny per Letter for every Letter delivered by them; They signing a Certificate of the Number of Letters, by what Ship brought, and of the Time when delivered, and giving a Receipt for the Number of Pence they receive of such Deputy: Which Certificate and Receipt, together with the Letters so delivered, shall by the next Post be return'd to the Postmaster-General, and the Deputy shall have Credit for the Money paid by him on that Account.

Egmont & Robert Hampden, Postmaster General.

17630219 – West Indies Mail Despatched by Princess Augusta

PUBLIC Notice is hereby given to the Deputy Post-Masters of Great Britain and Ireland, and to all Persons whom it may concern, That a Mail will be despatched from this Office on Saturday the 5th of March next, with Letters for Barbadoes, Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher', and Jamaica, by the Princess Augusta, Capt. Watson.

This Packet-boat being the last intended to sail for his Majesty's Islands in the West-Indies, all Persons, afterwards corresponding with the said Islands, are, as formerly, to pay only the full Inland Passage, from whence their Letters may be sent to London, and one Penny more, being the Money that must be paid for putting them on Ship-board.

Letters will also be forwarded, by the said Packet-boat, to Martinico and Guadaloupe, for the last Time.

This is likewise to give NOTICE,

That Letters, for the Continent of America, will be forwarded from hence, on Saturday the 12th of March next; and that a Mail will continue to be regularly dispatched from this Office, as well as from New-York, upon the Second Saturday of every Month, it being no longer necessary that the Packet-boats should be detained, on either Side, on Account of his Majesty's Service.

ANTH. TODD, Secretary.

17630501 – GB & Europe Postage Rates

A TABLE of POSTAGE, in British Pence.

ENGLAND.

Between London, and any Place not exceeding 80 English Miles distant, 3d.

Between London, and any Place above 80 Miles distant, within the Kingdom of England and Town of Berwick, upon Tweed, 4d.

SCOTLAND.

Between London and Edinburgh, Dumfries, or Cockburnspeth, 6d.

Between Edinburgh and any Place in Scotland, not exceeding 50 English Miles distant, 2d.

Between Edinburgh and any Place in Scotland above 50 English Miles distant, and not exceeding 80 Miles, 3d. Between Edinburgh and any Place in Scotland, above 80 Miles distant, 4d.

Between Donaghadee in Ireland, and Port-Patrick in Scotland, for Port of all Letters and Packets (over and above the Inland Rates) to be paid at the Place where such Letters or Packets are put in, 2d.

IRELAND.

Between London and Dublin, 6d.

Between Dublin and any Place in Ireland, not exceeding 40 English Miles distant, 2d. Between Dublin and any Place in Ireland, above 40 English Miles distant, 4d.

CONTINENT Of AMERICA.

Between London and New-York, 12d.

BYE and CROSS ROADS.

For the Port of all Bye and Cross Road Letters and Packets conveyed by Post within His Majesty's Dominions, the same Rates, in Proportion to the Distances, as the Letters to and from London, to and from Edinburgh, to and from Dublin, and to and from New-York, are rated to pay in each Country respectively.

SHIP LETTERS.

For the Port of every Letter or Packet of Letters, directed to, or coming from, on board of any Ship, One Penny, over and above the Rates before-mentioned.

The Deputy Postmasters in Great-Britain and Ireland, are directed to pay One Penny for every Letter or Packet that may be delivered to them from Parts beyond the Seas, upon a proper Receipt being given for the Money, expressing the Name of the Vessel, and Captain.

The full Inland Postage of all Letters and Packets, directed on board of Ships, or to His Majesty's Islands in the West-Indies, must be paid at the Post-Office where they are put in; together with One Penny, for every such Letter, or Packet, over and above the said Postage for putting the same on Ship-board.

PENNY-POST.

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For the Port of every Letter or Packet passing or repassing within the Cities of London or Westminster, the Borough of Southwark, and their Suburbs, One Penny, upon putting in the same; and a Second Penny, upon the Delivery of such as are directed to any Place beyond the said Cities, Borough and Suburbs, and within the District of the Penny-Post Delivery.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Letters from London to any Part of Holland, France, or Flanders (and to the Town of Geneva in Switzerland, through France) pay no Foreign Postage.

From any Part of Holland, France, or Flanders, to London, 10d.

To or from Hamburg, 10d.

To or from London to or from any Part of Spain or Portugal thro' France, or by the Lisbon Mail, 18d.

To or from London to or from any Part of Italy, Sicily, Germany, Switzerland, (except to Geneva) Alsace & Minorca, through France, 15d.

To or from London to or from any Part of Italy, Sicily, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, and all Parts of the North, through Holland or Flanders, 12d.

All Double, Treble, and other Letters whatever (except by the Penny Post) pay in proportion to the respective Rates of Single Letters before specified; as also Packets of Writs, Deeds, or other Things, chargeable by Weight, pay after the Rates of Four Single Letters for every Ounce Weight.

= > Letters and Packets from any Part of Great-Britain or Ireland, for any of the Places before-mentioned beyond the Seas, are besides the said Foreign Rates, to pay, upon putting in, also the full Inland Port to London, without which they cannot be forwarded.

All Merchants Accounts not exceeding One Sheet of Paper, and all Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of Lading to and from any Parts or Places, not within His Majesty's Dominions; and the Covers of Letters to or from Turkey, not exceeding One Quarter of a Sheet of Paper, are allowed to pass without Rate or Payment of the Foreign Postage; but must pay the full Inland Port to and from London.

Letters to all Parts of Europe are dispatched from London every Tuesday and Friday; except to Portugal by the Lisbon Mail, on Tuesdays only.

No Letters containing Money or Rings can be forwarded by the Post.

HYDE & ROBERT HAMPDEN, Post-master General.

17640107 – Three Packet-Boats, at Falmouth (for the West Indies) Established

His Majesty's Post-master General having been pleased to establish Three Packet-Boats, at Falmouth, of 140 Tons and 18 Hands each, for the Conveyance of Mails, Expresses and Passengers, to Barbadoes, Grenada, St. Christopher's, Jamaica, Pensacola, St. Augustine, Savanna, Charles-Town, and back to Falmouth.

The first Mail will be dispatched from this Office on the 23d of February next; the second on the 12th of April; the third on the 14th of June; and upon the Return of every Packet, Notice will be given, when the next Mail is to be dispatched from hence, which is calculated for once in two Months, or thereabout.

The Postage of all Letters and Packets sent from London, must be paid upon their Delivery into this Office; the Inland Postage to London, from all Places in Great Britain or Ireland, must also be paid, over and above the said Rates.

The Postage from London to His Majesty's Islands in the West-Indies, is at the Rate of 1s. 6d. for a single Letter; to the whole continent of America, including Florida, at 1s. per Letter, the double, treble and Ounce Letters and Packets in Proportion; the like Rates will be charged in Return, at this Office, upon the Letters and Packets coming from those Places respectively.

All Letters for any of His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, not herein mentioned, may be directed by the Way of Barbadoes, Grenada, or St. Christopher's; and if not so directed they will be left at St. Christopher's, to be forwarded from thence as Occasion may offer.

ANTH. TODD, Secretary.

17640608 – Hillsborough Packet Boat inaugural sailing to West Indies

PUBLIC Notice is hereby given, That the Mail, which was to have been made up at this Office, on Thursday next, for his Majesty's Islands in the West-Indies, Pensacola, St. Augustine, Savanna, and Charles-Town, will not be dispatched from hence until Thursday the 12th of July, as the Hillsborough Packet Boat, being a new Ship, cannot be compleated in Time to sail with a Mail of this Month.

ANTHONY TODD, Secretary.

17641009 – Grenville Packet Boat sailing to West Indies (with rates)

A Mail will be dispatched from this Office on Thursday the 8th of November next, being the second Thursday in the Month, for his Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, Pensacola, St. Augustine, Savanna, and Charles Town, by the Grenville Packet Boat, Capt. Purches, now at Falmouth.

The Passage from London to the West India Islands 1s. 6d. a Single Letter; to the whole Continent of America, including Florida, 1s. the Double, Treble, and Ounce Letters and Packets, in Proportion; which must be paid upon their Delivery into this Office; the Inland Postage to London, from all Places in Great Britain and Ireland, must also be paid over and above the said Rates.

ANTHONY TODD, Secretary.

17641127 – Suffolk Packet-Boat sailing to West Indies (with rates)

A Mail will be dispatched from this Office on Thursday the 10th of January next, being the second Thursday in the Month, for His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, Pensacola, St. Augustine, Savanna, and Charles-Town, by the Suffolk Packet-Boat, now at Falmouth.

The Postage from London to the West India Islands is 1s. 6d. a Single Letter; to the whole Continent of America, including Florida, is. the Double, Treble, and Ounce Letters and Packets in Proportion, which must be paid upon their Delivery into this Office; the Inland Postage to London, from all Places in Great Britain and Ireland, must be paid over and above the said Rates.

ANTH. TODD, Secretary.

17650000 – Act of George III

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17650212 – Hillsborough Packet-Boat sailing to West Indies (with rates)

A Mail will be dispatched from this Office on Thursday the 14th of March next, being the second Thursday in the Month, for His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, Pensacola, and Charles-Town, by the Hillsborough Packet-Boat, Captain Grove.

The Postage from London to the West India Islands is 1s. 6d. a Single Letter; to the whole Continent of America, including Florida, Is. the Double, Treble, and Ounce Letters and Packets in Proportion, which must be paid upon their Delivery into this Office; the Inland Postage to London, from all Places in Great Britain and Ireland, must also be paid over and above the said Rates.

ANTH. TODD, Secretary.

17650608 – West Indies and America Rates (to and between)

PUBLICK Notice is hereby given, That by an Act passed the last Session of Parliament, "For altering certain Rates of Postage, and for amending, explaining, and enlarging several Provisions in the Act of the Ninth of Queen Anne, and other Acts relating to the Post-Office;" It is, amongst other Things, Enacted,

That Letters between London and any Port within the British Dominions in America, (in which all His Majesty's West India Islands are included) shall pay Single One Shilling, Double Two Shillings, Treble Three Shillings, the Ounce Four Shillings.

That Letters, by Sea, from any one Port to any other Port within the said Dominions, shall pay Single Four Pence, Double Eight Pence, Treble One Shilling, the Ounce One Shilling and Four Pence.

That Letters, by Land, to or from any Chief Post-Office in America, from or to any other Part thereof not exceeding Sixty Miles from such Chief Post-Office, or from the Office where such Letters, not passing through a Chief Office, may be put in, shall pay Single Four Pence, Double Eight Pence, Treble One Shilling, the Ounce One Shilling and Four Pence. And being upwards of Sixty, and not exceeding One Hundred Miles within the said Dominions, shall pay Single Six Pence, Double One Shilling, Treble One Shilling and Six Pence, the Ounce Two Shillings. And being upwards of One Hundred, and not exceeding Two Hundred Miles within the said Dominions, shall pay Single Eight Pence, Double One Shilling and Four Pence, Treble Two Shillings, the Ounce Two Shillings and Eight Pence. And for every Distance not exceeding One Hundred Miles above such Two Hundred, and for every such further Distance within the said Dominions, shall pay Single Two Pence, Double Four Pence, Treble Six Pence, the Ounce Eight Pence.

That no Vessel shall be permitted to break Bulk, or make Entry in any Port within the British Dominions, where Posts are or may be established, until all Letters on board are delivered to the Postmaster of such Port (he paying the Bringer One Penny for each Letter) to be forwarded according to their respective Directions, except such as are excepted by the Act of the Ninth of Queen Anne; and such as may be brought by Vessels liable to Quarentine, which last are to be delivered to the Persons superintending the Quarentine, for proper Care, before they are forwarded by the Post. And that all Masters, Mariners, Passengers, &c. neglecting to deliver the Letters as aforesaid, shall, for every Neglect, forfeit Twenty Pounds.

That the Postmaster shall take for every Letter brought by such Vessel, for any Place within his Delivery, One Penny, above the Penny paid to the Master or other Person for the same.

That Letters conveyed in Great Britain and Ireland, not exceeding one Stage, shall pay Single One Penny, Double Two Pence, Treble Three Pence, the Ounce Four Pence. And in England, above one and not exceeding two Stages, Single Two Pence, Double Four Pence, Treble Six Pence, the Ounce Eight Pence; but these Rates are not to effect the Penny-Post.

That Letters passing between England and Ireland, through Carlisle, Dumfries, Port Patrick, and Donaghadee, shall pay the same Rates of English, Scotch, Irish, and Packet Postage, according to the Distance or Number of Stages they are conveyed in each Kingdom, as are settled by the Act of the Ninth of Queen Anne, or by this Act.

That no Packet exceeding the Weight of Four Ounces shall be sent by the Penny Post; unless coming from, or passing thereby to the General-Post.

That Letters passing between London and Hamburgh shall pay as Letters between London and all other Parts of Germany, viz. Single One Shilling, Double Two Shillings, Treble Three Shillings, the Ounce Four Shillings.

That any Officer of the Post-Office secreting or destroying any Letter, Bag or Mail of Letters, containing any Bank Note, Bill, or other Paper, Writing, or Order for the Payment of Money; or stealing out of any Letter any such Bank Note, Bill, &c. on Conviction, shall suffer Death as a Felon.

That any Person robbing a Mail, in any Place or in any Manner whatsoever, although it may not appear that any one was put in Fear by such Robbery, shall, on Conviction, suffer Death as a Felon.

That any Officer of the Post Office, entrusted to take in Letters, and receive the Postage thereof, embezzling the Money received, or destroying the Letters; or any Officer advancing the Rates on Letters, and not accounting for the advanced Postage, shall, on Conviction, be deemed guilty of Felony.

That any Post-Boy having a Mail or Bag of Letters under his Care, deserting the same before his Arrival at the next Stage; or suffering any other Person to ride on the Horse or Carriage along therewith; or loitering on the Road; or not, in all possible Cases, conveying the Mail after the Rate of Six measured Miles an Hour, shall, on Conviction, before one Justice of the Peace, be sent to the House of Correction for any Time not exceeding One Month, nor less than Fourteen Days.

That any Post-Boy, singly, or in Combination with others, unlawfully collecting, or conveying Letters, or causing the same to be unlawfully conveyed, shall, on Conviction, before one Justice of the Peace, forfeit Ten Shillings, to be paid to the Informer, for every Letter so unlawfully collected, conveyed, or delivered. And if the Forfeiture is not immediately paid, shall be sent to the House of Correction, for any Time not exceeding Two Months, nor less than One Month.

That all Rates of Letters, and all Forfeitures, mentioned in this Act, shall be paid in Sterling Money of Great Britain.

The Rates established by this Act for the Port of Letters between London and Hamburgh; and the Limitation of the Weight of Packets to be sent by the Penny-Post, commence from the Fifth of July next. All other Regulations, Rates of Postage, Pains, Penalties, and Forfeitures beforementioned, commence from the Tenth Day of October next.

ANTHONY TODD, Secretary.

(Note of the editor: in July, 1765, the same Notice was issued bearing the signature of Henry Potts, the new Secretary to the Post Office).

17650611 – Grenville Packet-Boat sailing to West Indies

A Mail will be dispatched from this Office on Thursday the 11th of July next, being the second Thursday in the Month, for His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, Pensacola, and Charles-Town, by the Grenville Packet-Boat, Captain Charles Edwards.

ANTH. TODD, Secretary.

17650903 – Grantham Packet-Boat sailing to West Indies

A Mail will be dispatched from this Office on Thursday the 12th Instant, being the second Thursday in the Month, for His Majesty's Islands in the West Indies, Pensacola, and Charles-Town, by the Grantham Packet-Boat, Captain John Jones.

HENRY POTTS, Secretary.

17651108 – Hillsborough Packet-Boat sailing to West Indies

A Mail for the West Indies, Florida, and South Carolina, will be dispatched from this Office on Thursday next the 14th Instant, being the second Thursday in the Month, by the Hillsborough Packet-Boat, Captain Leslie Grove.

HENRY POTTS, Secretary.

17660308 – Deployment of More Packet Boats for West Indies

His Majesty's Postmaster General having been pleased to establish Two additional Packet Boats of 170 Tons Burthen, to be navigated with 20 Men each, for the Conveyance of Mails, Expresses, and Passengers to Barbadoes, Grenada, Antigua, St. Christopher's, Jamaica, Pensacola, Charles-Town, and back to Falmouth; as also to establish three others of the same Tonnage, and the like Number of Men, instead of those at present employed in the Service;

Notice is hereby given, that a Mail will be made up and dispatched from this Office accordingly, on Thursday next the 13th Instant, being the second Thursday in the Month; and for the future a Mail is intended to be dispatched from hence the second Thursday in every Month.

HENRY POTTS, Secretary.

17680906 – Packet Boats Established for Monthly Service to West Indies

His Majesty's Postmaster General having been pleased to establish a sufficient Number of Packet-Boats to sail between Falmouth and New York, Charles Town, and the West-India Islands, to support a regular Monthly Correspondence to and from these Kingdoms and all Parts of his Majesty's extensive Dominions in America.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the several Mails for America, upon this New Arrangement, are to be made up at this Office on Wednesday the 5th of October next, and will continue to be dispatched from hence in the same Manner upon the first Wednesday in every Month.

The Mail for New York will contain the Letters for all the Provinces on the Continent of America, from Virginia Northwards. That for Charles Town will include the Letters for North and South Carolina, Georgia, and East and West Florida, except for Pensacola, the Letters for which Place will be forwarded from Jamaica by every Opportunity. And the Mail from the West Indies will contain the Letters for Barbadoes, all the Leeward Islands, and Jamaica, from whence the Packet-Boats are, instead of proceeding to Pensacola, to return immediately to Falmouth.

Upon the Arrival of these several Mails from hence at Falmouth, the Packet-Boats are to proceed with them to Sea immediately, Wind and Weather permitting; but if they should be unavoidably detained one or more Days, such Letters as come hither, or may be put into this Office, will be sent every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for Falmouth, for the Chance of the Packets under Sailing Orders, and if sailed, they will be forwarded by the next Boat in Turn.

Great Inconveniences having arisen to the Public by returning Letters for the Postage; Their Lordships, for the Accommodation of Correspondence, leave it now to the Option of the Writer to pay or not beforehand to any Part of His Majesty's Dominions either in Europe or America, except to Gibraltar or Port Mahon.

All Persons however are particularly to take Notice, that Letters and Packets from any Part of Great-Britain, Ireland, or America, for all Places beyond the Seas not in His Majesty's Dominions, are to pay at the Office they are put in, the full Port to London, besides the Foreign Rates they may be chargeable with, to prevent the Necessity of their being opened and returned for the Postage.

ANTH. TODD, Secretary.

A Table of the Rates of Postage, and a List of the Places to which there is an Every-Day Post, will be given to any Person who may apply for them to the Chamber-Keeper here.

17751213 – Grantham Packet Sailing to West Indies

THE Packet-boat for Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and East Florida, being detained for a Week; all Letters to any of these Provinces, put into this Office on or before Saturday the 23d Instant, will be forwarded by her.

At the same Time Letters for the Provinces North of Virginia will be forwarded by another Boat directly to New York. A Mail will likewise be made up the same Day for the West Indies, by the Grantham, Captain Jones, detained for that Purpose.

ANTH. TODD, Secretary.

17790728 - Thynn and Grantham Packet Sailing to West Indies

Two Packet-boats being found necessary to carry the Mails of Wednesday next, the 4th of August, to the West-Indies, the Thynne Packet-boat will be sent directly from Falmouth to Jamaica, and back, and the Grantham to Barbadoes and the Leeward Islands, and return immediately from St. Christopher's to Falmouth, without either of them calling this time at Madeira.

ANTH. TODD, Secretary.

17871027 - Temporary Packet Schedule to West Indies

A Mail will be made up at this Office on the First and Third Wednesday of every Month for the West Indies.

Their Course will be for Barbadoes, St. Vincent, Grenada, and from thence to St. Kitt's and Jamaica, where, instead of being detained to receive the answers to all their Letters from the internal Parts of the Island, they will stay but Forty-eight Hours, and return by the Windward Passage to England; and the next Packet will take up the answers to the Letters delivered by the first.

The Packets will leave at Barbadoes all Letters for the Leeward Islands, which will be conveyed by a Brig to Dominica, Antigua, and St. Kitts, where they will be delivered to the English Packets upon their Arrival from Grenada, and forwarded with the rest to Jamaica and England.

This is a temporary Plan, 'till another upon larger Scale can be carried into Effect.

ANTH. TODD, Sec.

17871117 - Temporary Packet Schedule to West Indies

A Mail will be made up at this Office for the West Indies on Wednesday next the 21st Instant, being the Third Wednesday in the Month.

The Course of the Packets will be for Barbadoes, St. Vincent's, Grenada, St. Kitt's and Jamaica, where, instead of being detained to receive Answers to the Letters from the internal Parts of the Island, they will stay but Forty-eight Hours, and then return by the Windward Passage to England, and the next Packet will take up the Answers to the Letters delivered by the First.

All Letters for the Leeward Islands will be conveyed from Barbadoes by a Brig to Dominica and Antigua, at each of which Island she will take up Letters for Great Britain and Ireland, as well as for Jamaica, and proceed to St. Kitt's, where she will deliver them to be forwarded by the English Packet, upon her Arrival from Grenada.

This is a temporary Plan, 'till another upon larger Scale can be carried into Effect.

ANTH. TODD, Sec.

17880314 - Revised Packet Schedule to West Indies

IN Compliance with the unanimous Request of a Meeting of West India Merchants in the City of London, the following Alterations will be made in the Plan which has been recently adopted for dispatching the Packets to the West Indies, and will be carried into Effect till further Notice.

A Mail will be made up at this Office on the first Wednesday of every Month for Jamaica, and also for the Leeward Islands, with which a Packet will be dispatched immediately from Falmouth to touch at Barbadoes on her Outward Bound Passage, and leave there the Letters for all the Leeward Islands, and then proceed directly to Jamaica, from whence she is to return, after staying Fourteen Days, and no more, by the Windward Passage to England.

Another Mail will be made up for the Leeward Islands on the Third Wednesday in every Month, with which a Packet

" will proceed, first to Barbadoes, and from thence to St. Vincent's, Grenada, Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitt's and Tortola, and, after having staid no longer than Forty-eight Hours at Barbadoes, St. Vincent's, Grenada, Dominica, Antigua and St. Kitt's, and Twenty-four Hours at each of the other Islands, she is to return directly to England with the Letters she may have collected for Great Britain and Ireland.

All Letters for the Leeward Islands, which may be sent by the Jamaica Packet on the first Wednesday in every Month, will be conveyed from Barbadoes, either by the Government Vessels of the respective Islands, or by a Brig to be specially employed for that Purpose, in order that the Answers may be prepared against the Arrival of the Leeward Island Packet from hence of the Third Wednesday in every Month.

ANTH. TODD, Sec.

17880329 – Revised Packet Schedule to West Indies

IN Compliance with the unanimous Request of a Meeting of West India Merchants in the City of London, the following Alteration will be made in the Plan which has been recently adopted for dispatching the Packets to the West Indies, and will be carried into Effect till further Notice.

A Mail will be made up at this Office on the first Wednesday of every Month for Jamaica, and also for the Leeward Islands, with which a Packet will be dispatched immediately from Falmouth to touch at Barbadoes on her Outward Bound Passage, and leave there the Letters for all the Leeward Islands, and then proceed directly to Jamaica, from whence she is to return, after staying Fourteen Days, and no more, by the Windward Passage to England.

Another Mail will be made up for the Leeward Islands on the Third Wednesday in every Month, with which a Packet will proceed, first to Barbadoes, and from thence to St. Vincent's, Grenada, Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitt's and Tortola, and, after having staid no longer than Forty-eight Hours at Barbadoes, St. Vincent's, Grenada, Dominica, Antigua and St. Kitt's, and Twenty-four Hours at each of the other Islands, she is to return directly to England with the Letters she may have collected for Great Britain and Ireland.

All Letters for the Leeward Islands, which may be sent by the Jamaica Packet on the first Wednesday in every Month, will be conveyed from Barbadoes, either by the Government Vessels of the respective Islands, or by a Brig to be specially employed for that Purpose, in order that the Answers may be prepared against the Arrival of the Leeward Island Packet from hence of the Third Wednesday in every Month.

From the First Wednesday in March to the First Wednesday in October inclusive, each Packet going to New York is to touch at Halifax, and stay there two Days and no longer, in her Way to New York; and each Packet coming from New York in the same Months is to touch at Halifax, and stay there two Days, and no longer, in her Way to England.

ANTH. TODD, Sec.

17920405 – Postage Rates

Postage of a Single Letters in British Pence

In ENGLAND.

From any Post-Office in England, to any Place not exceeding one Stage from such Office	2d.
From any Post-Office in England, to any Place above one, and not exceeding two Stages from such Office, and not passing through London	3d.
From any Post-Office in England, to any Place above two Stages, and not exceeding 80 Miles, and not passing through London	4d.
From any Post-Office in England, to any Place above 80, and not exceeding 150 Miles, and not passing through London	5d.
From any Post-Office in England, to any Place above 150 Miles, not passing through London	6d.

SCOTLAND.

Between London and Edinburgh, Dumfries, or Cockburnspeth	7d.
From any Post-Office in Scotland, to any Place not exceeding one Stage from such Office	2d.
From any Post-Office in Scotland, to any Place in the same Kingdom above one Stage, and not exceeding 50 Miles, and not passing through Edinburgh	3d.
From any Post-Office in Scotland, to any Place in the same Kingdom above 50, and not exceeding 80 Miles, and not passing through Edinburgh	4d.
From any Post-Office in Scotland, to any Place in the same Kingdom above 80, and not exceeding 150 Miles, and not passing through Edinburgh	5d.
From any Post-Office in Scotland, to any Place above 150 Miles, and not passing through Edinburgh	6d.
Between Port Patrick in Scotland, and Donaghadee in Ireland, by Packet-Boats, over and above all	2d.

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other Rates

Letters to and from any Part of England and any Part of Scotland, not passing through London, Edinburgh, Dumfries or Cockburnspeth, are not chargeable, if Single, higher than 7d.
Letters to and from Glasgow, or the intermediate Places by Carlisle, are not to pay an higher Rate of Postage, than if sent through Edinburgh.

IRELAND.

Between London and Dublin, by Way of Holyhead 6d.
Between London and Donaghadee, by Way of Carlisle and Port Patrick 12d.

ISLE OF MAN.

Between Great Britain, and the Isle of Man, by Packet-Boats, over and above all other Rates 2d.

PENNY-POST.

For the Port of every Letter or Packet, passing or re passing within the Cities of London or Westminster, the Borough of Southwark and their Suburbs, (which Letter or Packet is not to exceed the Weight of 4 Ounces, unless coming from or passing to the General-Post) One Penny upon putting in the same, as also a Penny upon the Delivery of such as are directed to any Place beyond the said Cities, Borough, or Suburbs, within the District of the Penny-Post Delivery.

SHIP LETTERS.

Postage of a Single Letter in British Pence

For the Port of every Letter or Packet of Letters in any Part of His Majesty's Dominions directed to, or coming from, on board of any Ship, over and above the Rates before-mentioned 1d.
For every Letter or Packet coming from on Ship-board for the Town where landed, or the Delivery thereof, One Penny, with the Penny paid to the Master, Mariner, or Passenger bringing the same, being for every such Letter or Packet 2d.
His Majesty's WEST-INDIA Islands, and NORTH-AMERICA. For Letters conveyed by Packet-Boats between London and any Port in His Majesty's West-India Islands, or North America 12d.
For Letters conveyed by Packet-Boats from any Port in the West-India Islands, or His Majesty's Dominions in North America, to any other Port thereof 4d.
For the Inland Conveyance of Letters in the said Dominions between any Office and any Place, not exceeding 60 English Miles 4d.
For any Distance above 60 English Miles, and not exceeding 100 Miles 6d.
For any Distance above 100, and not exceeding 200 English Miles 8d.
And so in Proportion, the Postage increasing Two Pence a Single Letter for any Distance above every 100 Miles.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Letters from London to any Part of Holland, France, or Flanders, pay no Foreign Postage. From any Part of Holland, France, or Flanders, to London 10d.
Between London and any Part of Spain or Portugal through France, or by Lisbon 18d.
Between London and any Part of Italy, Sicily, Turkey and Switzerland, through France 15d.
Between London and any Part of Italy, Sicily, Turkey, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, and all Parts of the North, through Holland and Flanders 12d.

Letters and Packets from any Part of Great Britain or Ireland, for any of the Places under the Title, FOREIGN LETTERS, before mentioned, and for North America, are, besides, the said Foreign Rates and Packet Postage to North America, to pay at the Office where they are put in, the full Port to London, without which they cannot be forwarded; therefore, All Persons are to take particular Notice thereof to prevent the Necessity of their Letters being opened and returned for the Postage.

All Merchants Accounts not exceeding one Sheet of Paper, and all Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of Lading, to or from any of the Foreign Parts or Places before mentioned, and the Covers of Letters to or from Turkey, not exceeding one Quarter of a Sheet of Paper, are allowed to pass without Payment of the Foreign Postage, but are to pay the full Inland Port to and from London.

All Double, Treble, and other Letters and Packets whatever (except by the Penny-Post) pay in proportion to the respective Rates of Single Letters before specified; but no Letter or Packet to and from Places within the Kingdom of Great-Britain, together with the Contents thereof, shall be charged more than as a Treble Letter, unless the same shall weigh an Ounce, when it is to be rated as Four Single Letters, and so in proportion for every Quarter of an Ounce above that Weight, reckoning each Quarter as a Single Letter.

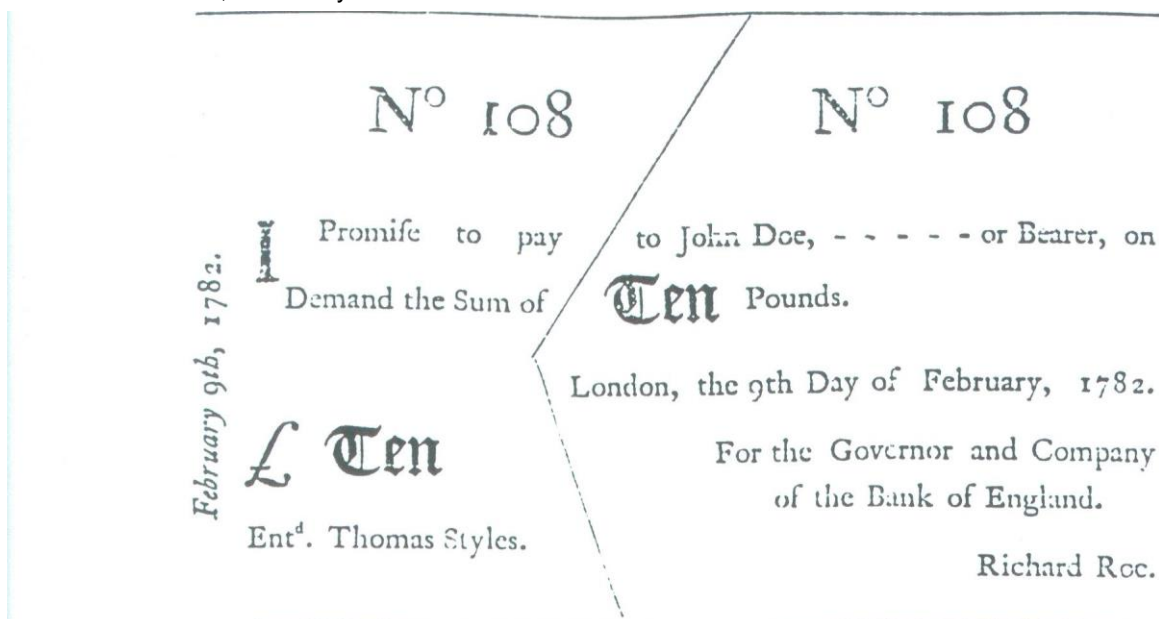
Letters to all Parts of Europe are dispatched from London every Tuesday and Friday; and to Portugal by the Packet Boats to Lisbon every Wednesday: Also Letters to the Leeward Islands are dispatched from London the First and Third Wednesday in every Month; to Jamaica, and all Parts of North America on the First Wednesday in every Month only.

17920922 - Money Orders Cut in Half

To prevent the Loss of entire Notes or Drafts payable to Bearer in Letters put into any Post-Office or Receiving House, the Postmaster-General repeat the Recommendation so often inserted in the London Gazettes, and circulated by Hand-Bills throughout the Kingdom; namely, To cut all such Notes or Drafts in half in the following Form, to send them at two different Times, and to wait for the Return of the Post till the Receipt of one Half is acknowledged before the other is sent.

And, when any Cash, in Gold or Silver, or when any Rings, or Locketts, &c. are sent per Post from London, particular Care should be taken to deliver the same to the Clerk at the Window, or to the Clerk of the Money-Book, at the General Post-Office; and, when any such Letter is to be sent from a Country Post-Office it should be delivered into the Hands of the Postmaster.

ANTHONY TODD, Secretary.



N. B. The Note is to be cut exactly where it is marked with a black Line, first writing the Date and Year at one End of the Note, and the Number at the other End, by which Means each Part will contain a sufficient Specification of the Whole.

This Specimen will be put up at every Post-Office in the Kingdom.

17920924 - Money Orders Cut in Half

To all Postmasters.

I Have the Commands of the Postmaster General, to desire you to copy the Directions of all Letters containing Cash in Gold or Silver, Rings, or Locketts, &c. that may be brought to your Office, on the Front of your Letter Bill, and tie them up with it, that they may be observed when the Bag is opened, and the same Mode will be attended to with all Letters of a like Description which may be put into this Office for your District.

You will observe by the enclosed, that the Public are recommended to deliver these Letters into the Hands of the Postmaster, by way of giving additional Security to their Conveyance, you must therefore discontinue the Practice of dissuading Persons from sending Cash by the Post, as you were directed to do by printed Letter of the 27th of February, 1779.

I am, Your obedient humble Servant,

FRANCIS FREELING.

17921001 - Money Order Office

MONEY LETTER OFFICE.

THE Clerks of the Roads having, by Permission of His Majesty's Postmaster General, established an Office for the Transmission of any Sum of Money, not exceeding Five Guineas, by the Post, from London to any

Part of England; also to Edinburgh and Dublin, and visae versa, and to and from all Places within England; I beg Leave to acquaint you, as well for your own Information, as for the Information of those Persons who may chose to avail themselves of this Mode of Conveyance, instead of transmitting Money in Letters by Post, that it is proposed for the Clerks of the respective Roads to receive any Sum of Money, not exceeding Five Guineas, and to give an Order on the Deputy Postmaster of the Town, to which the Money is intended to be remitted, for the Amount, which the Deputy Postmaster will immediately pay.

Where any Sum of Money is desired to be remitted to London, the Deputy Postmaster of the Town is to receive the same, and give an Order at Sight on the Clerk of the Road. - And

Where any Sum of Money is intended to be remitted from one Part of the Kingdom to another, the Deputy Postmaster is to receive the same, and give an Order, payable at Sight, on the Deputy of that Town, where the same is to be paid.

We send herewith a printed Form of the Order and Letter of Advice, which will only require to be filled up, with the Name of the Person who pays the Money, the Name of the Person for whose Use it is intended, the Sum and Date, and to be signed by yourself. The Order must be wrote on such a Stamp as is by Law required on Bills of Exchange, and Notes of the same Amount, for which the Party must pay you.

When you give an Order on any Deputy, you will not only advise him of the same, but likewise the Clerk of your Road, with whom you are always to account, and not with each other.

I am also to acquaint you, that a Balance of the Money Letter Account, between yourself and the Clerk of your Road, is to be struck quarterly, or oftener, if necessary; if it is in your Favor, it will be remitted you by the Clerk of the Road, or paid you as you may direct; if it is against you, you will of Course remit the same.

This being a private Account between you and the Clerk of your Road, it must not be incorporated with any other.

As a Recompence for the Trouble which you will have, you are to receive of the Party sending any Remittance, Three Pence in the Pound, besides the Stamp Duty; and of the Party to whom you pay any Money the like Sum in the Pound; and the Clerk of the Road will, in like Manner for his Trouble, receive the same Poundage, for which he will guarantee the safe Conveyance of the Money.

As the great Object of this Plan is to prevent the Embezzlement of Letters, containing Money sent by Post, the Postmaster General wish to recommend it to your Attention, and hope you will give every Assistance in your Power.

I am, Sir, Your very obedient humble Servant,
Charles Evans and Thomas Salter.

You are particularly requested to be careful of the printed Orders and Letters of Advice, as their falling into improper Hands may be attended with serious Consequences.

17921103 - Leeward Islands Schooners

A Plan having been strongly recommended by the Governors and other Persons of Consideration residing in the Leeward Islands, as well as by the West India Merchants and Planters residing in London, for the Improvement of their Correspondence by employing Two Schooners to convey the Mails through those Islands, instead of One as at present, the Post-Master General have consented to make a Trial of it for Six Months:

Notice is therefore hereby given, that when the Jamaica Packet, with the Mails from hence of the First Wednesday in the Month, arrives at Barbadoes, One of the Schooners will proceed from thence, with the Leeward Island Mails as at present, for St. Vincent's, Grenada, Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis, and St. Kitt's, where she will leave the Mail for Tortola to wait the Arrival of the Leeward Island Packet with the Mails of the Third Wednesday in the Month from England.

When the Second, or Leeward Island Packet, arrives at Barbadoes, the other Schooner will take the Mails for Dominica, Antigua, Montserrat, Nevis and St. Kitt's, and, after staying Forty-eight Hours for Answers at each Island (excepting at Nevis and St. Kitt's) will return to Barbadoes, whilst the Packet will proceed to St. Vincent's and Grenada, and, instead of calling at Dominica, Antigua and Montserrat, as at present, will go directly to Nevis and St. Kitt's, and from thence to Tortola, and then return to Falmouth.

It is calculated that, by the Packet and Schooner each taking a different Course during the same Time till they meet at Nevis, instead of the Packet performing the whole Voyage, will save Thirteen Days in every Voyage.

ANTH. TODD, Sec.

17930101 - Money-Letter Office.

To prevent the loss frequently sustained by the Public, of Letters containing Money put into the Post Office, the Clerks of the Roads, in the General Post Office, by Permission of His Majesty's Postmaster General,

Give this Public Notice.

That a Clerk will attend Daily at their Office, in the General Post Office, from Nine in the Morning until Seven in the Evening, who will receive from those Persons, who may chuse to avail themselves of this Mode of Conveyance, instead of transmitting Money in Letters by the Post, any Sum of Money, not exceeding Five Guineas, and will give an Order, payable at Sight, on the Deputy Post Master of the Town where the Remittance is required to be paid, if in England; if in Dublin, on Mr. WILLIAM ARMIT, of the General Post Office, Dublin; and if in Edinburgh, on Mr. MARTIN MOWBRAY, of the General Post Office, Edinburgh: The Deputy Post Masters in the Country, Mr. ARMIT and Mr. MOWBRAY, will, in like Manner, receive any Money, and give an Order at Sight on the Clerk of their respective Roads in London.

And the Deputy Post Master of each Post Town in England will receive any Sum of Money, not exceeding Five Guineas, and give an Order on the Post Master of any other Town within England, where the remittance is required to be paid.

As a Recompence to the several Persons employed in this Undertaking, it is proposed, that the Remitter of any Money shall pay Four-pence in the Pound, if the Order be issued from or payable at London, but if passing between Country Towns, Six-pence is to be paid in like Manner for every Pound; and for this Recompence the Clerks of the Roads undertake to guarantee the safe Conveyance of the Remittance.

EDMUND BARNES, ISAAC HENRY CABANES, CHARLES COLTSON, WILLIAM OGILVY, SAMUEL ARDRON,
CHARLES EVANS.

179302 NEWS (General Post-Office, March 15, 1793)

17940614 – MAILS for the Islands of St. Lucia, Martinique, and Guadaloupe

MAILS for the Islands of St. Lucia, Martinique, and Guadaloupe, will be made up regularly at this Office, the 1st and 3rd Wednesday in every month, and sent by the Packet Boats, in the same manner that Mails are made up and dispatched by the Packets for the other Leeward Islands belonging to the Crown of Great Britain in the West Indies.

ANTHONY TODD, Sec.

17950506 – Forces Rates

By an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for further regulating the sending and receiving Letters, free from the Duty of Postage, for allowing Non-commissioned Officers, Seamen, and Private Men, in the Navy and Army, whilst on Service, to send and receive Letters, at a low Rate of Postage, and for permitting pattern and Samples of Goods, to be transmitted by the Post, at an easier Rate than is now allowed by Law."

No Letter or Packet whatsoever, sent by the Post within Great Britain, directed by or to any Member of either House of Parliament of Great Britain, shall from and after the 5th Instant, be exempted from the Duty of Postage, if such Letter or Packet shall exceed one ounce in weight.

No Letter or Packet directed by any such Member, shall be exempted from Postage, unless the Member whose name shall be indorsed thereon, shall actually be in the Post-Town, into the Post Office of which every such Letter or Packet shall be put, or within the limits of the delivery of Letters for such Post Town, or within 20 miles of such Post Town, on the day, or on the day before the day on which such Letter or Packet shall be put into the Post-Office.

No such Member shall be entitled or allowed to send by the Post, free from Postage, superscribed or directed by him, more than 10 Letters in any one day, nor shall be entitled or allowed to receive by the Post, free from Postage, more than 15 Letters directed to him in any one day.

Provided that whenever the number of Letters or Packets, not weighing more than one ounce each, sent or received by any such Member in any one day, shall exceed the number exempted by the said Act from Postage, and the rate of Postage upon any of them shall differ, then such of the said Letters or Packets as would be chargeable with a higher rate of Postage than the remainder, shall be included in the number so exempted, in preference to any which would be chargeable with a lower rate of Postage, and the remainder shall be chargeable with the several rates of Postage respectively to which such Letters would now by law be chargeable, if sent or received by any persons not entitled to send or receive Letters or Packets free from Postage.

The several persons who by law are authorised, in right of their Offices and Employments to send and receive Letters free from Postage, and their successors in such Offices and Employments, may during their

continuance in such Offices and Employments, send and receive Letters and Packets, free from Postage, as they now send and receive the same.

No printed Votes or Proceedings in Parliament, or printed Newspapers sent without covers, or in covers open at the sides, which shall be signed on the outside thereof by the hand of any Member of Parliament as heretofore practised, or which shall be directed to any such Member at any place whereof he shall have given notice in writing to the Postmaster General, or his Deputy, shall be charged with Postage.

No single Letter sent by the Post from any Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private employed in His Majesty's Navy, Army, Militia, Fencible Regiments, Artillery or Marines, shall, whilst such Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman or Private shall be employed on his Majesty's service, and not otherwise, be charged with an higher rate of Postage than the sum of one Penny for the conveyance of each such Letter, such Postage to be paid at the time of putting the same into the Post-Office of the town or place from whence such Letter is intended to be sent by the Post.

Provided, That no such Letter shall be exempted from Postage, unless there shall be written thereon, in the handwriting of and signed by the Commanding Officer for the time being of the ship or vessel, or of the corps, regiment, or detachment, to which such non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private shall belong, the name of such Commanding Officer, and of the ship, vessel, corps, regiment, or detachment commanded by him.

No single Letter, directed to any such non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private, upon his own private concerns, only whilst such non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private shall be employed on his Majesty's service, and not otherwise, shall be charged with an higher rate of Postage than one penny for each such Letter, which penny shall be paid at the time of the delivery thereof.

Provided, that no such Letter shall be exempted from the Rates of Postage chargeable upon Letters, unless any such Letter shall be directed to such Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private, specifying the Ship, Vessel, Regiment, Troop, Corps, Company, or Detachment to which he may belong: And provided also that it shall not be lawful for the Deputy-Postmaster of the town or place to which such Letter shall be sent to be delivered, to deliver such Letter to any person, except to the Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private to whom such Letter shall be directed, or to any person appointed to receive the same by the Commanding Officer of the Ship, &c. to which the Non-commissioned Officer, Seaman, or Private to whom such Letter shall be directed shall belong.

Every Packet or Cover containing therein, or having affixed thereto, one or more paper or papers, with patterns, or one or more pattern or patterns of cloth, Silk, Stuff, or other Goods, or one or more Sample or Samples of any other sort of thing, not exceeding together one ounce in Weight, shall be charged with no higher rate of Postage than as a single Letter, so as every such Packet or Cover shall be sent open at the sides, and without any letter or writing in, upon, or with such Packet or Cover, other than the name or names of the person or persons sending the same, and the place or places of his or their abode, and the prices of the Articles contained therein, or affixed thereto, The Act may be seen at every Post Office.

ANTHONY TODD, Secretary.

17961231 - Forces Rates

By an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, entitled, "An Act for altering certain Rates of Postage for conveyance of Letters in England and Scotland respectively, and of Packets to and from Great Britain, from and to Portugal, and the British Colonies in America respectively; and for setting apart at the Receipt of the Exchequer, for a certain Period, out of the Revenues of the Post Office, the annual Sum of £20,000 towards defraying the encreased Charge occasioned by any Loan raised, or Stock created, by any Act or Acts passed in the 35th Year of the Reign of his present Majesty." (Cap. 18.)

The Rates of Postage upon Letters to and from all places within that part of Great Britain called England, the Dominion of Wales, and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, granted by any former Acts, are, from and after the 5th of January, 1797, to be repealed, and the following Rates are from thenceforth to take place, viz.

POSTAGE OF A SINGLE LETTER IN BRITISH PENCE:

From any Post-office within that part of Great Britain aforesaid, to any place within the same, not exceeding 15 miles from such office	3d.
Above 15 miles, and not exceeding 30 miles	4d.
Above 30, and not exceeding 60 miles	5d.
Above 60, and not exceeding 100 miles	6d.
Above 100, and not exceeding 150 miles	7d.
And 150 miles and upwards	8d.

And by the same Act, One Penny for every single Letter, and so in proportion, is after the said 5th of January to be paid for Letters and Packets sent by the Post within Scotland, in addition to the Rates of Postage now payable for such Letters.

By the same Act, the present Rates of Postage upon Letters from and to London, to and from Portugal, and the British Colonies in America, are from and after the said 5th of January, 1797, to be repealed, and the following Rates are from thenceforth to take place, viz.

POSTAGE OF A SINGLE LETTER IN BRITISH PENCE:

From any part of Great Britain to Portugal, and from thence unto Great Britain, a Packet Postage of	12d.
From any part of Great Britain to any part within the British Dominions in America, and from thence unto Great Britain, a Packet Postage of	12d.

And over and above these Rates, all Letters to and from Portugal, and the said Dominions in America, from or to Great Britain, are to pay the full Inland Rate of Postage, according to the distance, such Letters are conveyed within England, Wales, and Berwick upon Tweed, and with the Rate of Postage now payable, together with the additional Rate of Postage, according to the distance such Letters are conveyed within Scotland.

No Letter or Packet, together with the Contents thereof, is to be charged more than as a treble letter, unless the same weighs an ounce, when it is to be rated as four single letters, and so in proportion for every quarter of an ounce above that weight, reckoning each quarter as a single letter.

Single Letters sent from, and directed to Non-commissioned Officers, Seamen, and Privates, employed in his Majesty's Navy, Army, Militia, Fencible Regiments, Artillery, and Marines, upon their own private concerns only, whilst such persons

are employed in his Majesty's Service, and not otherwise, are to be charged with a rate of postage of one penny only as heretofore. The Act may be seen at every Post-Office.

N. B. All Letters from any Part of Great Britain or Ireland, for Portugal or America (except his Majesty's West India Islands) are, besides the Packet Postage, to pay at the Office where they are put in, the full Port to Falmouth, without which they cannot be forwarded, therefore all Persons, are desired to take particular Notice thereof, to prevent their letters being opened and returned.

ANTHONY TODD, Secretary.

17971124 - Money Letters

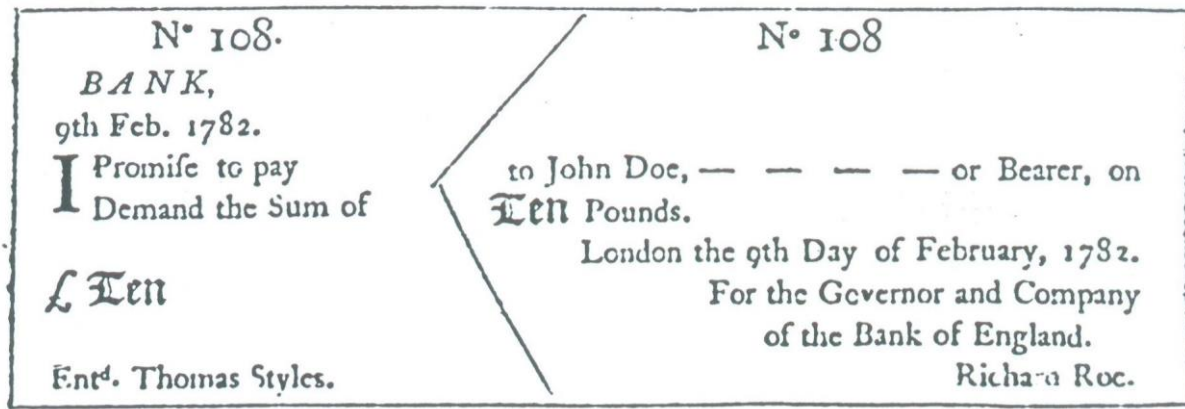
To prevent the Loss of entire Notes or Drafts payable to Bearer, in Letters sent by Post, the Postmaster General repeat their Recommendation to the Public so often inserted in the London Gazette, and circulated by Hand-Bills throughout the

Kingdom; namely, to cut all such Notes or Drafts in Half in the following Form, to send them at two different Times, and to wait for the Return of the Post till the Receipt of one Half is acknowledged before the other is sent.

Persons who do not approve of this Mode of remitting Notes or Drafts, payable to Bearer, on Account of the increased Postage, are advised to send Bills of Exchange or Bank Post Bills, made payable to the Person to whom they are sent, or specially indorsed to such Person or Order.

When Money, or Rings, or Lockets, &c. are sent by Post from London, particular care should be taken to deliver the same to the Clerk at the Window, at the General Post-Office; and when any such Letter is to be sent from the Country it should be delivered into the Hands of the Postmaster; but it is to be observed that this Office does not engage to insure the Party from Loss.

ANTHONY TODD, FRANCIS FREELING, Joint Sec".



N. B. The note is to be cut in Half where the above is marked with a black Line.

17971124 - Money-Order Office,

To prevent the Loss frequently sustained by the Public, of Letters containing Money put into the Post-Office, for which the Office is not answerable, the CLERKS OF THE ROADS, in the General Post-Office, with the Approbation of His Majesty's Postmaster General,

GIVE NOTICE,

That a Clerk will attend daily at their Office, in the General Post-Office, from Nine in the Morning until Seven in the Evening, who will receive from those Persons, who may chuse to avail themselves of this Mode of Conveyance, any Sum of Money not exceeding Five Guineas, and will give an Order, payable at Sight, on the Deputy Postmaster of the Town where the Remittance is required to be paid, if in England; if in Dublin, on Mr. William Armitt, of the General Post-Office, Dublin; and if in Edinburgh, on Mr. Martin Mowbray, of the General Post-Office, Edinburgh.

The Deputy Postmasters in the Country, Mr. Armitt, in Dublin, and Mr. Mowbray, at Edinburgh, will, in like Manner, receive any Money, and give an Order at Sight on the Clerk of their respective Roads in London.

And the Deputy Postmaster of each Post Town in England, will receive any Sum of Money, not exceeding Five Guineas, and give an Order on the Postmaster of any other Town within England, to which the Remittance is required to be made.

As a Recompence to the several Persons employed in this Undertaking, it is proposed, that the Remitter of any Money shall pay Sixpence in the Pound, if the Order be issued from or payable at London; and for this Recompence the Clerks of the Roads undertake to guarantee the safe Conveyance of the Remittance.

Edmund Barnes,

William Ogilvy,

Clerks of the Roads

Isaac Henry Cabanes, Charles Coltson,

Samuel Ardron, Charles Evans.

17980317 - Extra Mail to Jamaica from Plymouth

NOTICE is hereby given, That an EXTRA MATL for JAMATCA will be made up at this Office on Wednesday next, the 21st instant, to be dispatched from Plymouth by one of his Majesty's Armed Cutters.

ANTHONY TODD, FRANCIS FREELING, Joint Secretaries.

17980330 - Packet to Demerary, Essequibo, and Berbice

A Bag will be made up at this Office, on Wednesday next, the 4th of April, with the Letters for Demerary, Essequibo, and Berbice, to be forwarded from Falmouth by the Packet Boat destined for the West Indies, and Letters for those Settlements will in future be regularly sent from hence, the 1st and 3d Wednesday in every Month, with the West India Mails.

ANTHONY TODD, FRANCIS FREELING, Joint Secretaries.

17980721 - Forces Rates

To all POSTMASTERS.

SOME Circumstances having made it necessary to take into Consideration the Claims of different Descriptions of Persons in the Army and Navy, to be included in the Benefit of the Act of Parliament authorizing single Letters to pass at the reduced Rate of One Penny: I am to inform you that, in future,

Great Britain Post Office Notices

Serjeant-Majors in the Army are not, (as stated in my circular Letter of the 16th April last) to be excluded from the Privileges of the Act, but are to have the full Benefit of it, the same as the Private Men in the Regiments.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

18000000 – Extract from "The Royal Kalendar: or, complete and correct Annual Register for England, Scotland, Ireland and America for the year 1800," pages 231-233

General Post Office
Rates of Postage of Single Letters.

in ENGLAND.

From any Post-Office in England to any Place not exceeding 15 Miles from such Office,	3d.
For any Distance above 15 and not exceeding 30 Miles,	4d.
For any Distance above 30 and not exceeding 60 Miles,	5d.
For any Distance above 60 and not exceeding 100 Miles,	6d.
For any Distance above 100 and not exceeding 150 Miles,	7d.
For any Distance above 150 Miles,	8d.

SCOTLAND.

Between London and Edinburgh, Dumfries, or Cockburnspeth,	8d.
From any Post-Office in Scotland to any Place not exceeding one Stage from such Office,	3d.
From any Post-Office in Scotland to any Place in the same Kingdom above one Stage, and not exceeding 50 Miles, and not passing through Edinburgh,	4d.
From any Post-Office in Scotland to any Place in the same Kingdom above 50 and not exceeding 80 Miles, and not passing From any Post-Office in Scotland through Edinburgh,	5d.
to any Place in the same Kingdom above 80 and not exceeding 150 Miles, and not passing through Edinburgh,	6d.
From any Post-Office in Scotland to any Place above 150 Miles, and not passing through Edinburgh,	7d.
Between Port Patric in Scotland and Donaghadee in Ireland, by Packet- Boats, over and above all other Rates,	2d.
Letters to and from any Part of England and any Part of Scotland not passing through London, Edinburgh, Dumfries, or Cockburnspeth, are not chargeable, if single, higher than Letters to and from Glasgow, or the intermediate Places by Carlisle, are not to pay a higher rate of Postage than if sent through Edinburgh.	8d.

IRELAND.

Between London and Dublin, by Way of Holyhead,	8d.
Between London and Donaghadee, by Way of Carlisle and Port Patric,	13d.
Between London and Waterford, by Milford Haven,	8d.

ISLE OF MAN.

Between Great- Britain and the Isle of Man, by Packet- Boats, over and above all other Rates,	2d
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GUERNSEY AND JERSEY.

Between Great Britain and the Islands of Guernsey and Jersey, over and above all other Rates,	2d
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SHIP-LETTERS.

For the Port of every Letter or Packet of Letters, in any Port of His Majesty's Dominions, directed to, or coming from, on board any Ship, over and above the Rates before mentioned,	1d
For every Letter or Packet coming from on Ship- board for the Town where landed, or the Delivery thereof, One Penny, with the Penny paid to the Master, Mariner, or Passenger, bringing the same, being, for every such Letter or Packet,	2d.

His Majesty's WEST-INDIA ISLANDS, and NORTH-AMERICA.

Postage of single Letters in British Pence.

For Letters conveyed by Packet-Boats between Great-Britain and any Port in His Majesty 's West-India Islands, or North America, over and above all other Rates,	12d.
In addition to which these Letters are chargeable with the internal Rates of Postage according to the Distance to and from Falmouth.	
For Letters conveyed by Packet-Boats from any Port in the West-India Islands, or His Majesty's Dominions in North America, to any other Port thereof,	4d.
For the Inland Conveyance of Letters in the said Dominions between any Office and any Place, not exceeding 60 English Miles,	4d.
For any Distance above 60 English Miles, and not exceeding 100 Miles,	6d.
For any Distance above 100 and not exceeding 200 English Miles,	8d.
And so in Proportion, the Postage increasing Two Pence a single Letter for every Distance above every 100 Miles.	

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Letters from London to any Part of Holland, France, or Flanders, pay no foreign Postage.	
From any Part of Holland, France, or Flanders, to London,	10d.
Between London and any Part of Italy, Sicily, Turkey, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, and all Parts of the North, through Holland or Flanders,	12d.
Between London and any Part of Italy, Sicily, Turkey, Switzerland, through France,	15d.
Between London and any Part of Spain or Portugal , through France,	18d.
N .B . The Ports of Calais, Ostend, and Helvoetsluys, being shut up by the Enemy, all Letters to and from the Continent (except Spain and Portugal) are sent by Way of Bremen and Hamburg, and the Foreign Postage each Way is One Shilling instead of the above Rates.	
Between Great Britain and Portugal, by Packet-Boats to and from Lisbon, over and above all Rates,	12d .
In Addition to which these Letters are chargeable with the internal Rates of Postage according to the Distance to and from Falmouth.	

All double, treble, and other, Letters and Packets whatever (except by the Penny-Post), pay in Proportion to the respective Rates of Single Letters before specified; but no Letter or Packet to and from Places within the Kingdom of Great Britain, together with the Contents thereof, shall be charged more than as a treble Letter unless the same shall weigh an Ounce, when it is to be rated as Four Single Letters, and so in Proportion for every Quarter of an Ounce above that Weight, reckoning each Quarter as a single Letter.

Single Letters to Soldiers and Sailors under certain Restrictions by the Act of the 35th of his present Majesty, cap. 53, are chargeable with One Penny only.

All Letters for North America, are, besides the Packet-Postage, to pay, at the Office where they are put in, the internal Postage to Falmouth, without which they cannot be forwarded.

Letters to the Leeward Islands are dispatched from London the First and Third Wednesday in every Month; to Jamaica, and all Parts of North America, on the First Wednesday in every Month only.

Letters and Packets, for any of the Places, under the Title, FOREIGN LETTERS, before-mentioned, are, besides the said Foreign rates, to pay, at the Office where they are put in, the full Postage up to London, except that those for Portugal must pay the Internal Postage, according to the Distance from Falmouth , without which they cannot be forwarded; therefore, All Persons are to take particular Notice thereof to prevent the Necessity of their Letters being opened and returned for the Postage.

All Merchants Accompts not exceeding one Sheet of Paper, and all Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of Lading, to or from any of the Foreign Parts or Places before-mentioned, and the Covers of Letters to or from Turkey, not exceeding one Quarter of a Sheet of Paper, are allowed to pass without Payment of the Foreign Postage, but are to pay the full Inland Port to and from London.

Letters to all Parts of Europe are dispatched from London every Tuesday and Friday, except to Portugal (by the Packet-Boats to Lisbon) on Tuesday only.

18000331 – Packet Schedule: Barbados; Trinidad, Tobago, St Kitts etc

NOTICE is hereby given, That a Schooner will be employed to depart from Barbadoes immediately after the Arrival of first Packet in each Month from Europe, to convey the Mails which are henceforward to be made up for the Settlements Surinam, Berbice, Demarara, and Essequibo; and to proceed from thence to St. Kitt's with the Answers, to meet the ??? Packet of the Month, on her return to England.

The Letters for Trinidad, by the first Packet in each Month, will likewise be conveyed by a proper Vessel to be deployed from Tobago for that purpose, and will return to Grenada with the Answers, to meet a Schooner in her way to St. Kitts.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18000523 – Armed Cutter Packet for Jamaica and the Leeward Islands

THE Mails of the 4th of next Month for Jamaica and the Leeward Islands will be carried out by an Armed Cutter, which shall be in readiness at Falmouth to sail on the 8th, Wind and Weather permitting; and a Second Mail for Jamaica and the Leeward Islands will be made up here on Wednesday the 11th of June, to be forwarded by a Packet Boat. A Mail will also be made up for the Leeward Islands on the 3d Wednesday as usual.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18010406 – Postage Rates GB & Overseas

A TABLE OF THE RATES OF POSTAGE.
in GREAT BRITAIN.

Postage of a Single Letter in British Pence.

From any Post-Office in England or Wales, to any Place not exceeding 15 Miles from such Office	3d.
For any Distance above 15 Miles and not exceeding 30 Miles	4d.
For any Distance above 30 Miles and not exceeding 50 Miles	5d.
For any Distance above 50 Miles and not exceeding 80 Miles	6d.
For any Distance above 80 Miles and not exceeding 120 Miles	7d.
For any Distance above 120 Miles and not exceeding 170 Miles	8d.
For any Distance above 170 Miles and not exceeding 230 Miles	9d.
For any Distance above 230 Miles and not exceeding 300 Miles	10d.
For any Distance above 300 Miles and not exceeding 400 Miles	11d.
For any Distance above 400 Miles and not exceeding 500 Miles	12d.

And so in Proportion; the Postage increasing progressively One Penny for a Single Letter for every like Excess of distance of 100 Miles.

IRELAND.

Between Ireland, Holyhead, and Milford, by Packet-Boats, over and above all other Rates	2d.
Between Port Patrick in Scotland, and Donnaghadee in Ireland, by Packet-Boats, over and above all other Rates	2d.

ISLE OF MAN.

Between Great-Britain and the Isle of Man, by Packet-Boats, over and above all other Rates	2d.
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GUERNSEY AND JERSEY.

Between Great-Britain and the Islands of Guernsey and Jersey, over and above all other Rates	2d.
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SHIP-LETTERS.

For the Port of every Letter or Packet of Letters in any Part of His Majesty's Dominions directed to, or coming from, on board of any Ship, over and above the Rates before-mentioned, except such as are conveyed in sealed Bags under the Act of 39 Geo. III. Cap. 76	1d.
For every Letter or Packet coming from on Ship-board for the Town where landed, or the Delivery thereof, One Penny, with the Penny paid to the Master, Mariner, or Passenger bringing the same; being for every such Letter or Packet, except as before excepted	2d.
Letters or Packets conveyed Outwards in sealed Bags, under the Act of 39 Geo. III. Cap. 76. are chargeable with half a Rate of Packet Postage.	
Ditto Inwards, in addition to the Inland Postage	4d.

TWO- PENNY- POST.

For every Letter or Packet passing from any Part of the Cities of London or Westminster, the Borough of Southwark, and their Suburbs, to any other Part of the said Cities, or Borough, &c. or to any other Part within the Districts of the Post, formerly called the Penny Post, such Letters or Packets not passing	2d.
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to or from the General Post.

For the above Case the Postage may be paid either at putting in, or on Delivery, at the Option of the Writers.

For every Letter or Packet put into the Penny Post, to be forwarded to the General Post-Office, and from thence to be conveyed by that Post 2d.

For every Letter or Packet, first passing by the General Post, and then passing by the Two-penny Post (over and above the General Postage) 2d.

NB No Letters or Packets, exceeding Four Ounces in Weight, can be sent by the Two-penny Post, unless such Letters or Packets shall first have passed by, or shall be intended to pass by the General Post.

His Majesty's WEST-INDIA ISLANDS, and NORTH-AMERICA.

Postage of a Single Letter in British Pence.

For Letters conveyed by Packet-Boats between Great Britain and any Port in His Majesty's West-India Islands, or North America, over and above all other Rates 12d.

In addition to which these Letters are chargeable with the Internal Rates of Postage, according to the Distance to and from Falmouth.

For Letters conveyed by Packet-Boats from any Port in the West-India Islands, or His Majesty's Dominions in North America, to any other Port thereof 4d.

For the Inland Conveyance of Letters in the said Dominions between any Office and any Place, not exceeding 60 English Miles 4d.

For any Distance above 60 English Miles, and not exceeding 100 Miles 6d.

For any Distance above 100, and not exceeding 200 English Miles 8d.

And so in Proportion, the Postage increasing Two-pence a Single Letter for every Distance above every 100 Miles.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Letters from London to any Part of Holland, France, or Flanders, pay no Foreign Postage.

From any Part of Holland, France, or Flanders, to London 14d.

Between London and any Part of Italy, Sicily, Turkey, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, and all Parts of the North, through Holland or Flanders 16d.

Between London and any Part of Italy, Sicily, Turkey and Switzerland, through France 19d.

Between London and any Part of Spain or Portugal, through France 22d.

N.B. The Ports of Calais, Ostend, and Helvoetsluys being shut up by the Enemy, all Letters to and from the Continent (except Spain and Portugal) are sent by Way of Bremen and Hamburg, and the Foreign Postage each Way is One Shilling and Fourpence, instead of the above Rates.

Between Great-Britain and Portugal, by Packet Boats to and from Lisbon, over and above all other Rates 16d.

In Addition to which these Letters are chargeable with the internal Rates of Postage according to the Distance to and from Falmouth.

All Double, Treble, and other, Letters and Packets whatever (except by the Two-penny-Post), pay in Proportion to the respective Rates of Single Letters before specified; but no Letter or Packet to and from Places within the Kingdom of Great Britain, together with the Contents thereof, shall be charged more than as a treble Letter unless the same shall weigh an Ounce, when it is to be rated as Four Single Letters, and so in Proportion for every Quarter of an Ounce above that Weight, reckoning each Quarter as a single Letter.

Single Letters to Soldiers and Sailors under certain restrictions by the Act of the 35th of his present Majesty, cap. 53, are chargeable with One Penny only.

All Letters for North America, are, besides the Packet-Postage, to pay, at the Office where they are put in, the internal Postage to Falmouth, without which they cannot be forwarded.

Letters to the Leeward Islands are dispatched from London the First and Third Wednesday in every Month; to Jamaica, and all Parts of North America, on the First Wednesday in every Month only.

Letters and Packets, for any of the Places, under the Title, FOREIGN LETTERS, before-mentioned, are, besides the said Foreign rates, to pay, at the Office where they are put in, the full Postage up to London, except that those for Portugal must pay the Internal Postage, according to the Distance from Falmouth,

without which they cannot be forwarded; therefore, All Persons are to take particular Notice thereof to prevent the Necessity of their Letters being opened and returned for the Postage.

All Merchants Accompts not exceeding one Sheet of Paper, and all Bills of Exchange, Invoices, and Bills of Lading, to or from any of the Foreign Parts or Places before-mentioned, and the Covers of Letters to or from Turkey, not exceeding one Quarter of a Sheet of Paper, are allowed to pass without Payment of the Foreign Postage, but are to pay the full inland Port to and from London.

Letters to all Parts of Europe are dispatched from London every Tuesday and Friday, except to Portugal (by the Packet-Boats to Lisbon) on Tuesday only.

18020825 – Bahama Islands by Jamaica Packet touching at Crooked Island

NOTICE is hereby given, That a MAIL will be made up at this Office on the first Wednesday in every Month, with the Letters for the BAHAMA ISLANDS, to be forwarded by the Jamaica Packet, which on her return to Europe will touch at Crooked Island, and receive from thence the Mail for England.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18120709 – Postage Rates Correction incl Forces

N.B. July 15. There having been some inaccuracy in the Circular Paper of the 9th Inst. that is to be cancelled and this substituted for it.

To all Postmasters.

I AM commanded by His Majesty's Postmaster General to inform you, that by an Act of Parliament, passed this Day, the following additional Rates of Postage, for Letters by the General Post, take place.

Inland Letters.

For every Single Letter sent by the General Post within Great Britain excepting Letters conveyed a distance not exceeding 20 Miles, ONE PENNY, and so on in Proportion for Double, Treble and Ounce Letters.

Scale.

For any Distance		not exceeding	15 Miles	4d.
Ditto above	15 Miles,	and not exceeding	20 Miles	5d.
Ditto	20	Ditto	30	6d.
Ditto	30	Ditto	50	7d.
Ditto	50	Ditto	80	8d.
Ditto	80	Ditto	120	9d.
Ditto	120	Ditto	170	10d.
Ditto	170	Ditto	230	11d.
Ditto	230	Ditto	300	12d.

And One Penny in addition on each Single Letter for every 100 Miles beyond 300.

Letters to and from Ireland.

Letters from Great Britain to Ireland, and from Ireland to Great Britain, are chargeable with the same additional Postage of One Penny.

Foreign and Packet Letters.

For every single Letter from and to any Place within Great Britain, to and from Parts beyond the Seas, within or not within His Majesty's Dominions Two Pence, and so on in proportion for Double, Treble, and Ounce Letters.

You will therefore immediately upon the Receipt of this charge all Letters sent from your Office with the additional rates, except those of Soldiers and Sailors, which are to be conveyed under the usual Restrictions for One Penny each.

The Surveyor of your District will prepare a correct List of Rates for your Information, as soon as may be; but in the mean time I assure myself you cannot possibly mistake the object and meaning of the Act of Parliament as thus explained, and more fully as to Foreign Letters in No. 1, reprinted and sent herewith.

I am, Your assured Friend,

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18120710 – Additional Rates

The following additional Rates of Postage took place on or from this day, viz. -

For every single Letter sent by the Post, within Great Britain, above the distance of 20 miles from the office, where the Letter may be put in, One penny; double, Two-pence; treble, Three-pence; an ounce, Four-pence; and so in proportion.

For every single Letter sent by the Post, to and from Ireland, One penny; and so in proportion for every single Letter sent by the Post, to and from his Majesty's Dominions and Plantations in America, Two-pence, and so in proportion.

For every single Letter sent by Post, to and from parts beyond the Seas, whether within or not within his Majesty's Dominions, Two pence; and so in proportion.

For every Letter, Packet, or Cover, containing patterns, or samples of Cloth, Silk or other Goods, not exceeding an ounce in weight, (if the Letter, Packet, or Cover, shall be closed, or not open at the sides,) a rate of Two-pence.

For every Letter, or Cover, containing patterns, or samples of Cloth, Silk, Stuff, or other Goods, enclosed therein, or fixed thereto, if the same do not weigh an ounce, (so as such Letter, or Cover, shall be sent open at the sides,) a rate of One-Penny.

The Rates upon single Letters sent by or to Seamen, or Privates employed in his Majesty's Army, Navy, &c. are not increased.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18120700 – Packet & Ship Letter Rates

ON PACKET AND SHIP LETTER RATES.

To all Postmasters.

THE following Statement of the Packet and Ship Letter Rates of Postage, it is hoped will be sufficiently intelligible to prevent all Mistakes, and, therefore, in any Case of Doubt, you are particularly enjoined to refer to it. If any Letters for Foreign Places should be sent from your Office with less Postage marked on them than ought to have been taken, the Deficiency will be placed to the Debit of your Account.

The Postmasters who have Instructions to send Letters to Falmouth by the Cross Posts are to be particularly careful, so to send the Letters for those Foreign Places which are conveyed by the Packet Boats on the Falmouth Station, and on no Occasion to put them into the London Bag. And further, it is to be particularly observed, that no Letters are to be taken in as Ship Letters, which can be sent by Packets, unless at the particular Desire of the Writers. Letters for the Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales, and Places, to which there are no Packets, must always be received as Ship Letters; but Letters for the East Indies usually go by the Ships of the Company, and therefore the Postage to London only is to be taken.

I am, Your assured Friend,

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

FOREIGN OFFICE.

Packet Rates, Single Letter.

From London to

Gottenburg, to Heligoland and to all Places the Letters for which are sent by those Routes 1s. 8d.

From Falmouth to

Portugal	1s. 7d.	Gibraltar	1s. 11d.	Sicily	2s. 3d.	America	1s. 3d.
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Madeira	1s. 8d.	Malta	2s. 3d.	Sardinia	2s. 3d.	* Spain	2s. 2d.
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Brazils	2s. 7d.	Turkey	2s. 3d.	West Indies	1s. 3d.
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* And no Inland Postage is to be taken for Spain, which is an Exception from the Rule below.

The POSTMASTERS are to add to the 1s. 8d. on Letters sent for the Foreign Mails made up in LONDON, a Sum Two-pence less than the new Inland Rate from their Offices: For Instance - the present Inland Rate from Bristol to London is become 10d. therefore 8d. and 1s. 8d. is the Postage of a Letter from Bristol to Heligoland, viz. 2s. 4d.

But, on the Letters sent to Falmouth, the Postmasters are to add to the Packet Rates as above stated, a Sum One-penny less than the new Inland Charge from their Offices to Falmouth, viz. from York to Falmouth, the Inland Postage is now, 1s. 2d. therefore a Letter from York to Malta, is 1s. 1d. and 2s. 3d. in all 3s. 4d.

The Mails are made up in London as follows:

Gottenburg and Heligoland	Every Tuesday and Friday
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Jamaica and America	First Wednesday, Monthly
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Leeward Islands	First and third Wednesday, Monthly
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Great Britain Post Office Notices

Madeira and Brazils	First Tuesday, Monthly
Portugal	Weekly (Tuesdays)
Spain	Every second Tuesday
Gibraltar, Malta, and Mediterranean	Every third Tuesday

The Postage must be paid on all Letters for Places except the West Indian Colonies, the payment of which is optional with the Writers.

18120700 – Ship Letter Rates

SHIP-LETTER OFFICE, SHIP LETTER RATES,

Are, One-half the full Charge payable on any Letter sent by Packet Boats, observing that where there are no Packet Boats, such as to the Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales, &c. the Packets Rates are estimated. The following Table, calculated from the City of Bristol, will serve to shew any Postmaster how the Rule applies in his own Case.

		Packet Letter.	Ship Letter.
Bristol to	Gottenburg	2s. 4d.	1s. 2d.
	Malta	3s. 1d.	1s. 6½d.
	America	2s. 1d.	1s. 0½d.
	Madeira	2s. 6d.	1s. 3d.
	Brazils	3s. 5d.	1s. 8½d.

This Estimate is made up of 2s. 7d. the highest legal Packet Rate, and 9d. old Inland Postage from Bristol to London.

Estimated Charge of a Packet Letter *

Cape of Good Hope	3s. 4d.	1s. 8d.
New South Wales	3s. 4d.	1s. 8d.

The Postage of all Letters sent through the Ship Letter Office must be paid, and they are all to be sent in the London bag.

No Letters are to be sent to London for Private Ships, directed to any Parts of the World to which they can be sent by Packets unless the Writers particularly desire it.

The above Rates for Ship Letters apply only to those sent Outwards; Ship Letters Inwards, are chargeable with 4d. the single Letter, 8d. Double, &c. in addition to the new Inland Rates from the Port where landed, Vide No. 17.

Letters to and from Seamen and Soldiers, when conveyed as Ship Letters, are liable to the full Rates, the Exemptions applying in this Department.

N.B. No.1 having been corrected according to the new Rates, that took place on the 9th July, 1812, the old No. 1, dated in ??? 1811, is to be cancelled and this used instead.

18141000 – Ship Letter Rate

To the Postmaster of

IN Article 2 of your Special Instruction on Ship Letters, and in Article 1 of the General Instruction, No. 17, it is stated that all LETTERS FROM ABROAD, after the 10th Inst. made up in Sealed Bags or Parcels, with proper Certificates, will be liable to a Ship Letter Rate of 6d. single, 1s. double, and so on in addition to the Inland Postage.

But it must be recollected that the Act requires time to operate in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, and until it has been known Abroad, none of the Certificates mentioned in Sections 5 and 6 (see Advertisement) can be received, of course no Letters can be liable to the 6d. Rate, till such Certificates do come in the Bags or Parcels, and you cannot pay the 2d. gratuity for them.

The former Act of the 39 Geo. III. Cap. 76, will remain in Force, as to Ship Letters in Bags or Parcels actually dispatched by the Postmaster General's Deputies or Agents Abroad, before the 10th October, though arriving afterwards. For such Letters the 2d. must be paid as usual, and the 4d. Ship Letter Rate must be charged. That Rate can apply to no Letter sent from Abroad after the 10th. All Ship Letters subsequently sent will come either under the new Act of 54 Geo. III. Cap. 169, for which some considerable time will be required at distant Countries, or under the old Act of the 9th Queen Anne, and the 2d. or 1d. per Letter must be paid, and the Postage be charged according to the actual Circumstances.

You will distribute the Advertisement to Masters of Vessels and others interested, advising that on their next homeward Voyages they get their Letters properly made up in Sealed Bags or Parcels, with Certificates, it being totally out of your Power to pay the 2d. per Letter when the Law has not been complied with. But it is equally required of them to deliver all and every Letter up to you, and after the 10th no Ship can break Bulk till the Printed Declaration has been signed in your Presence by the Commander.

I am, Your assured Friend,
FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18141006 – Ship Letter Rate

To all Postmasters,

As it will require some time before the New Act of 54 Geo. 3rd, Cap. 169, can take effect in Foreign Countries, it must be recollected that certain Bags of Letters under the 39th Geo. 3rd, Cap. 76, will arrive in this Country made up and dispatched by the Postmaster General's Deputies Abroad before the 10th October, and on such the Postmasters at the Out Ports will still charge the 4d. not the 6d. Ship Letter Rate.

I am, Your assured Friend,
FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18161200 – Ship Letters Must be Handed In

MERCHANTS and Others having complained to this Office of the irregular, partial, and tardy manner, in which many Commanders of Ships arriving from abroad have delivered their Letters to the several Post Offices; the Postmaster General desires to call the attention of all Commanders and Masters of Ships, to the 39th and 46th Sections of the 55 GEORGE III, Chapter 153; by the first of which they are enjoined to send all Letters on board their Vessels to the Post Office of the first port at which such Vessels may touch, the second Clause enacts, that if, after any Letters have been sent on shore, any should be retained on board in the Possession of the Master, Crew, or Passengers or in their Baggage, the Parties will be liable to a penalty of £5 each Letter.

The Postmaster General, desirous that the just Expectations of the Public, to have their Letters delivered as immediately as possible, should not be disappointed, think it necessary to give this Notice, that they will be under the necessity of putting the Law in force against Persons who may offend hereafter.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18170100 – Foreign & Packet Rates

ON PACKET LETTER RATES,

To all Postmasters,

THE following Statement of the Packet Letter Rates of Postage, it is hoped will be sufficiently intelligible to prevent all Mistakes, and, therefore, in any Case of Doubt, you are particularly enjoined to refer to it. If any Letters for Foreign Places should be sent from your Office with less Postage marked on them than ought to have been taken, the Deficiency will be charged upon you.

The Postmasters who have Instructions to send Letters to Falmouth by the Cross Posts are to be particularly careful, so to send the Letters for those Foreign Places which are conveyed by the Packet Boats on the Falmouth Station, and on no Occasion to put them into the London Bag.

FOREIGN and PACKET RATES.

From London to	Single Letter	From Falmouth to	Single Letter
France	1s. 2d.	Portugal	1s. 7d.
Italy through France	1s. 11d.	Madeira	1s. 8d.
Switzerland through France	1s. 11d.	Brazils	2s. 7d.
Turkey through France	1s. 11d.	* Gibraltar	1s. 11d.
Spain through France	2s. 2d.	Malta	2s. 3d.
Holland	1s. 4d.	Mediterranean	2s. 3d.
Netherlands	1s. 4d.	West Indies	1s. 3d.
Germany through Hamburg	1s. 8d.	America	1s. 3d.
Russia through Hamburg	1s. 8d.		
Prussia through Hamburg	1s. 8d.	* - If Persons wish to send Letters	
Denmark through Hamburg	1s. 8d.	for Gibraltar through France, they	

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From London to	Single Letter	From Falmouth to	Single Letter
Sweden	1s. 8d.	must be sent to London instead of Falmouth, and the Postage will be the same as to Spain.	
Norway	1s. 8d.		

The POSTMASTERS are to add to the Rates on Letters for the Foreign Mails made up in LONDON, a Sum Two-pence less than the Inland Rate from their Offices: For Instance - the Inland Rate from Bristol to London is 10d. therefore 8d. and 1s. 2d. is the Postage of a Letter from Bristol to France, viz. 1s. 10d. and in the same manner for all the other Countries.

But, on the Letters sent to FALMOUTH, the Postmasters are to add to the Packet Rates as above stated, a Sum One Penny less than the Inland Charge from their Offices to Falmouth, viz. from York to Falmouth, the Inland Postage is 1s. 2d. therefore a Letter from York to Malta, is 1s. 1d. and 2s. 3d. in all 3s. 4d.

The Mails are made up in London as follows,

France	Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
Holland & Netherlands	Every Tuesday and Friday
Hamburgh	Every Tuesday and Friday
Sweden	Every Friday
Jamaica and America	First Wednesday, Monthly
Leeward Islands	First and Third Wednesday, Monthly
Madeira and Brazils	First Tuesday, Monthly
Portugal	Weekly (Tuesdays)
Gibraltar, Malta, and Mediterranean	Every third Tuesday

The Postage must be paid on Letters for all the above Places except the West Indian Colonies, and British America, (principal places, Halifax, and Quebec,) the Payment of which is optional with the Writers.

East Indies.

Packets with regular Mails are dispatched from time to time of which Public Notice is given, to the Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius, Ceylon, and the East Indies. The Packet Postage is 3s. 6d. single from London, but is not to be received in Great-Britain. It is to be paid on delivery in India, and the Postmasters are to stamp such Letters very plainly, charge them the Inland rate to London only, and send them in the London Bag.

N.B. No. 1 having required Alteration, particularly in respect to allowing Letters to British America to go unpaid, the last

No. 1, dated in July, 1815, is to be cancelled and this used instead.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18190100 – Foreign & Packet Rates

ON PACKET LETTER RATES,

To all Postmasters.

THE following Statement of the Packet Letter Rates of Postage, it is hoped, will be sufficiently intelligible to prevent all Mistakes, and therefore, in any case of Doubt, you are particularly enjoined to refer to it. If any Letters for Foreign Places should be sent from your Office with less Postage marked on them than ought to have been taken, the Deficiency will be charged upon you.

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FOREIGN and PACKET RATES.

From London to	Single Letter	From Falmouth to	Single Letter
France	1s. 2d.	Portugal	1s. 7d.
The Netherlands	1s. 4d.	Madeira	1s. 8d.
Germany	1s. 8d.	Brazils	2s. 7d.
Switzerland	1s. 8d.	* Gibraltar	1s. 11d.

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Turkey	1s. 8d.	Malta	2s. 3d.
Russia	1s. 8d.	Mediterranean	2s. 3d.
Prussia	1s. 8d.	West Indies	1s. 3d.
Denmark	1s. 8d.	America	1s. 3d.
Sweden	1s. 8d.		
Norway	1s. 8d.	* - If Persons wish to send Letters for Gibraltar through France, they must be sent to London instead of Falmouth, and the Postage will be the same as to Spain.	
Italy through France	1s. 11d.		
Turkey through France	1s. 11d.		
Spain through France	2s. 2d.		

The POSTMASTERS are to add to the Rates on Letters for the Foreign Mails made up in LONDON, a Sum Two-pence less than the Inland Rate from their Offices: For Instance - the Inland Rate from Bristol to London is 10d. therefore 8d. and 1s. 2d. is the postage of a Letter from Bristol to France, viz. 1s. 10d. and in the same manner for all the other Countries.

But, on the Letters sent to FALMOUTH, the Postmasters are to add to the Packet Rates as above stated, a Sum One Penny less than the Inland Charge from their Offices to Falmouth, viz. from York to Falmouth the Inland Postage is 1s. 2d. Therefore a Letter from York to Malta, is 1s. 1d. and 2s. 3d. in all 3s. 4d.

Mails made up in London as follows,

France	Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
Holland & Netherlands	Every Tuesday and Friday
Germany & the North of Europe	Every Tuesday and Friday
Sweden	Every Friday
Jamaica and America	First Wednesday, Monthly
Leeward Islands	First and Third Wednesday, Monthly
Madeira and Brazils	First Tuesday, Monthly
Portugal	Weekly (Tuesdays)
Gibraltar, Malta, and Mediterranean	Every third Tuesday

The Postage must be paid on Letters for all the above places except the West Indian Colonies, and British America, principal places, Halifax and Quebec,) the Payment of which is optional with the Writers.

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Packets with regular Mails are dispatched from time to time, of which Public Notice is given, to the Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius, Ceylon, and the East Indies. The Packet Postage is 3s. 6d. single from London, but is not to be received in Great-Britain. It is to be paid on delivery in India, and the Postmasters are to stamp such Letters very plainly, charge them the Inland rate to London only, and send them in the London Bag.

N.B. No. 1 having required Alteration, particularly in respect to Letters to Foreign Parts, the last No. 1 dated in January 1817, is to be cancelled and this used instead.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18190700 – Packet Letter Rates

ON PACKET LETTER RATES, To all Postmasters.

THE following Statement of the Packet Letter Rates of Postage, it is hoped, will be sufficiently intelligible to prevent all Mistakes, and therefore, in any case of Doubt, you are particularly enjoined to refer to it. If any Letters for Foreign places should be sent from your Office with less Postage marked on them than ought to have been taken, the Deficiency will be charged upon you.

The Postmasters who have Instructions to send Letters to Falmouth by the Cross Posts are to be particularly careful, ??? to send the Letters for those Foreign Places which are conveyed by the Packet Boats on the Falmouth Station, and on no occasion to put them into the London Bag.

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From London to	Single Letter	From Falmouth to	Single Letter
France	1s. 2d.	Portugal	1s. 7d.
The Netherlands	1s. 4d.	Madeira	1s. 8d.
Germany	1s. 8d.	Brazils	2s. 7d.
Switzerland	1s. 8d.	* Gibraltar	1s. 11d.
Turkey	1s. 8d.	Malta, Corfu	2s. 3d.
Russia	1s. 8d.	Mediterranean	2s. 3d.
Prussia	1s. 8d.	West Indies	1s. 3d.
Denmark	1s. &d.	America	1s. 3d.
Sweden	1s. 8d.		
Norway	1s. 8d.	* - If Persons wish to send Letters for Gibraltar through France, they must be sent to London instead of Falmouth, and the Postage will be the same as to Spain.	
Italy through France	1s. 11d.		
Turkey through France	1s. 11d.		
Spain through France	2s. 2d.		

The POSTMASTERS are to add to the Rates on Letters for the Foreign Mails made up in LONDON, a Sum Two-pence less than the Inland Rate from their Offices: For Instance - the Inland Rate from Bristol to London is 10d. therefore 8d. and 1s. 2d. is the Postage of a Letter from Bristol to France, viz. 1s. 10d. and in the same manner for all the other countries.

But, on the Letters sent to FALMOUTH, the Postmasters are to add to the Packet Rates as above stated, a Sum One Penny less than the Inland Charge from their Offices to Falmouth, viz. from York to Falmouth the Inland Postage is 1s. 2d. therefore a Letter from York to Malta is 1s. 1d. and 2s. 3d. in all 3s. 4d.

Mails made up in London as follows,

France	Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
Holland & Netherlands	Every Tuesday and Friday
Germany & the North of Europe	Every Tuesday and Friday
Sweden	Every Friday
Jamaica and America	First Wednesday, Monthly
Leeward Islands	First & Third Wednesday, Monthly
Madeira and Brazils	First Tuesday, Monthly
Portugal	Weekly (Tuesdays)
Gibraltar, Malta, Corfu, and Mediterranean	First Tuesday, Monthly

The Postage must be paid on Letters for all the above places except the West Indian Colonies, and British America, (principal places, Halifax and Quebec,) the Payment of which is optional with the Writers.

East Indies.

The late Act relative to Packet Mails is repealed - Sec No. 17, for new Instructions.

N.B. No. 1 having required Alteration, in respect to Letters to the East Indies, &c. the last No. 1 dated in January 1819, is to be cancelled and this used instead.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18210210 - Jamaica Ship - Duke of Manchester

Mr. FREELING requests the Postmaster to make Enquiries of the Master of any Ship arriving from JAMAICA, into the State of the DUKE of MANCHESTER's HEALTH, and inform him of the result by the first Post.

18230101 - Money Letters

To all Postmasters.

ON REMITTING BANK NOTES, &c. AND MONEY BY POST.

AN Advertisement respecting Bank Notes, or Drafts payable to Bearer, and Money remitted by Post, is sent herewith, which you will put up in such part of your Office as may best answer the purpose of general information.

The Postmaster General have ordered this Advertisement to be reprinted, with a view to guard as much as possible against the loss of Letters put into the Post-Office, containing Money in Gold or Silver, or Rings, or Trinkets, &c. from any neglect of the official rule in that respect.

You are therefore enjoined to be particularly attentive when any Letter containing, or supposed to contain, such Articles comes to your hands, to enter the Address at the foot of your Letter Bill, and tie up the Letter with it, that the same may be observed when the bag is opened; or you will be called upon to make good the loss, for neglecting this essential part of your duty.

And, as several instances have occurred, where Postmasters enter as Money Letters, Letters containing valuable Paper only, you are hereby desired not to write on your Bill the direction of any Letter that does not actually contain Cash, and the articles before-mentioned, unless in the instance of your Remittances to this Office.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

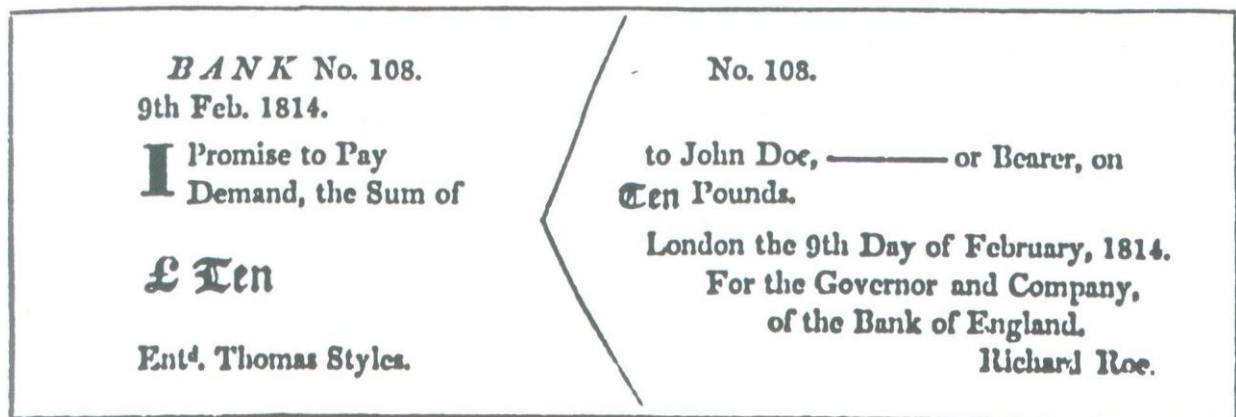
To prevent the entire Loss of Notes or Drafts payable to Bearer, when sent in Letters by Post, the Postmaster-General repeat their Recommendation to the Public so often inserted in the London Gazette, and circulated by Hand Bills throughout the Kingdom; namely, to cut such Notes or Drafts in Halves according to the following Form, to send them at two different times, waiting till the Receipt of one Half is acknowledged before the other is sent. Where this mode cannot, on immediate and pressing occasions, be followed, it is recommended, that the Day of the Month, and the Place from whence sent, and the Name and Place of Abode of the Person to whom sent, shall be written across the face of such whole Notes or drafts, as follows;

Sent by Post from Lincoln, 2d Dec. 1822; to B. King, Esq. 10, Strand, London

Persons who do not approve of the above Mode of remitting Notes or Drafts, payable to Bearer, on Account of the decreased Postage, are advised to send Bills of Exchange or Bank Post Bills made payable to the Person to whom they are sent, especially endorsed to such Person or Order.

When Money (in Gold or Silver), or Rings, or Trinkets, &c. are sent by Post from London, particular Care should be taken to deliver the same to the Clerk at the Window, at the General Post Office; and when any such Letter is to be sent from the Country it should be delivered into the Hands of the Post-master, stating that the same contains Cash or Value; but it is to be observed that this Office does not engage to insure the Party from Loss.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.



18240200 – Money Letters

To all Postmasters.

AS there is reason to believe that all Postmasters are not in possession of the Printed Order, No. 20, on "MONEY LETTERS," or that such Order is imperfectly understood by some, they are now directed, with a view to secure the object of that, and the other numbered Instructions from 1 to 20, (being printed on paper of the same size) to put them into the form of a Book, affixing a Table of Contents for easy reference to each. This Circular is therefore sent for the special purpose of being so affixed; and if any Deputy should not be in possession of all the Numbers, he will immediately apply to his Surveyor, who will supply the deficiency, and record his acknowledgment of the receipt of the whole series.

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The Postmaster-General cannot admit, hereafter, of any excuse for neglect by a Postmaster, on the pretence of his having lost or mislaid any of his Printed Instructions.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

No. 1. On Packet Letter Rates.

2. List of Places in the Delivery of the London Twopenny Post.
3. Persons who frank by virtue of their Offices.
4. Peers who send and receive Letters free by privilege of Parliament.
5. Alphabetical List of the House of Commons.
6. On Newspapers, Printed Votes, and Proceedings in Parliament.
7. Overcharged Letters - referring to 7th Article of No. 15.
8. On Expresses. - [No. 9 cancelled]
10. Oath of Office - Leave of Absence - Hours of Delivery - Hours of shutting Boxes - Letter-Carriers - Letters not to be returned.
11. Persons under 16 Years of Age, &c.
12. A. on Remittances, &c. Fortnight Instalments.
- B. Ditto, Monthly Instalments.
13. On the Exemption granted to Seamen and Soldiers, 8c.
- Appendix to No. 13. - Ditto, while serving in the East Indies.
14. Bye-Letter Accounts.
15. Dead-Letter Instructions.
16. On Franks - referring to No. 3. 4. 5.
17. On Ship-Letters.
18. Rates of Postage fromto Countries beyond Seas.
19. To report all remarkable Occurrences, 8c.
20. On remitting Bank-Notes, &c. and Money by Post.

18240900 - Packets to South America

To all Postmasters.

MAILS will be made up in LONDON, on the first Wednesday in each Month, for CARTHAGENA, in COLUMBIA; - and for VERA CRUZ, in MEXICO, to be taken out by the Jamaica Packet from Falmouth.

And on the third Wednesday in every Month, a Mail will be made up in LONDON, for LA GUAYRA, in COLUMBIA, to go from Falmouth by the Leeward Island Packet.

The Postage upon Letters by these Mails will be at the rate of 2s. 1d. single from Falmouth, and so in proportion for double, treble, and ounce Letters, to which must be added the Inland Postage to Falmouth, deducting one penny, single, &c. and this rate must be paid at the time the Letters are put into the Post-Office.

It is very desirable that Persons wishing to have Letters forwarded by these Mails, should indicate the route they prefer on their Letters.

These arrangements will commence in the Month of October next.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18250200 - Sovereigns by Post

Caution respecting SOVEREIGNS transmitted by the Post.

THOSE Persons who may have occasion to send SOVEREIGNS or HALF SOVEREIGNS, by the Post, are particularly recommended to deliver the Letters containing the same into the hands of the Postmaster, or Receiver of their Town or District, as a preferable mode of ensuring their safe delivery, to that of dropping them into the Letter Box.

N.B. The Postmaster General strictly enjoin that every Deputy shall affix this Caution to his OFFICE WINDOW.

N^o. 1.**ON PACKET LETTER RATES,****TO ALL POSTMASTERS.****GENERAL POST-OFFICE,**
February, 1825.

THE following Statement of the Packet Letter Rates of Postage, it is hoped, will be sufficiently intelligible to prevent Mistakes, and therefore, in any case of Doubt, you are particularly enjoined to refer to it. If any Letters for Foreign Places should be sent from your Office with less Postage marked on them than ought to have been taken, the Deficiency will be charged upon you.

The Postmasters who have Instructions to send Letters to Falmouth by the *Cross Posts* are to be particularly careful so to send the Letters for those Foreign Places which are conveyed by the Packet Boats on the Falmouth Station, and on no Occasion to put them into the London Bag.

FOREIGN and PACKET RATES.

From <i>London</i> to	Single Letter.	From <i>Falmouth</i> to	Single Letter.
France - - - - -	1 2	Portugal - - - - -	1 7
The Netherlands - - - - -	1 4	Madeira - - - - -	1 8
Germany		Azores } - - - - -	1 8
Switzerland		Canaries } - - - - -	2 7
Turkey		Brazils - - - - -	2 7
Russia		Buenos Ayres } - - - - -	2 7
Prussia		Chili } - - - - -	2 7
Denmark		Peru } - - - - -	1 11
Sweden		* Gibraltar - - - - -	1 11
Norway		Malta, Corfu, and } - - - - -	2 3
Italy		Mediterranean } - - - - -	1 3
Ionian Isles } - - - - -	1 11	West Indies - - - - -	1 3
Turkey		America - - - - -	1 3
Spain through France - - - - -	2 2	Carthagera } - - - - -	2 1
		Vera Cruz } - - - - -	2 1
		La Guayra }	

*—If Persons wish to send Letters for Gibraltar through France, they must be sent to London instead of Falmouth, and the Postage will be the same as to Spain.

The POSTMASTERS are to add to the Rates on Letters for the Foreign Mails made up in LONDON, a Sum *Two-pence less* than the Inland Rate from their Offices; For Instance—the Inland Rate from Bristol to London is 10d.; therefore 8d. and 1s. 2d. is the Postage of a Letter from Bristol to France, viz. 1s. 10d. and in the same manner for all the other Countries.

But on the Letters sent to FALMOUTH, the Postmasters are to add to the Packet Rates as above stated, a sum *One Penny less* than the Inland Charge from their Offices to Falmouth, viz. from York to Falmouth the Inland Postage is 1s. 2d. therefore a Letter from York to Malta is 1s. 1d. and 2s. 2d. in all 3s. 4d.

Mails made up in London as follows,

France,	{ Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.	Carthagera }	First Wednesday
		Vera Cruz }	Monthly.
Holland & Netherlands	{ Every Tuesday and Friday.	La Guayra, }	Third Wednesday
Germany & the North of Europe			Monthly.
Sweden	Every Friday.	Madeira and Brazils }	First Tuesday, Monthly.
Jamaica and	{ First Wednesday	Buenos Ayres }	Third Tuesday, Monthly.
America	{ Monthly.	Portugal	Weekly (Tuesdays)
Leeward Islands	{ First & Third Wed- nesday, Monthly.	Gibraltar, Malta, and	First Tuesday,
		Mediterranean }	Monthly.

The Postage must be paid on Letters for all the above places except the West Indian Colonies, and British America, (principal places, Halifax and Quebec,) the Payment to which is optional with the Writers

EAST INDIES.

The Act relative to Packet Mails is repealed—See No. 17, for New Instructions.

N.B. No. 1 dated in July, 1819, having required some Additions, is to be cancelled, and this used instead.

FRANCIS FREELING,*Secretary.*

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ON PACKET LETTER RATES,

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FOREIGN and PACKET RATES.

From London to	Single Letter	From London to	Single Letter
France	1s 2d	Denmark	1s. 8d.
The Netherlands	1s 4d	Sweden	1s. 8d.
Germany	1s 8d	Norway	1s. 8d.
Switzerland	1s 8d	Italy	1s. 11d.
Turkey	1s 8d	Ionian Isles	1s. 11d
Russia	1s 8d	Turkey	1s. 11d.
Prussia	1s 8d	Spain through France	2s. 2d.
From Falmouth to	Single Letter	From Falmouth to	Single Letter
Portugal	1s. 7d.	* Gibraltar	1s. 11d.
Madeira	1s. 8d.	Malta, Corfu, and Mediterranean	2s. 3d.
Azores	1s. 8d.	West Indies	1s. 3d.
Canaries	1s. 8d.	America	1s. 3d.
Brazils	2s. 7d.	Carthagenia	2s. 1d.
Buenos Ayres	2s. 7d.	Vera Cruz	2s. 1d.
Chili	2s. 7d.	La Guayra	2s. 1d.
Peru	2s. 7d.		

* - If Persons wish to send Letters for Gibraltar through France, they must be sent to London instead of Falmouth, and the Postage will be the same as to Spain.

The POSTMASTERS are to add to the Rates on Letters for the Foreign Mails made up in LONDON, a Sum Two-pence less than the Inland Rate from their Offices: For Instance - the Inland Rate from Bristol to London is 10d. therefore 8d. and 1s. 2d. is the Postage of a Letter from Bristol to France, viz. 1s. 10d. and in the same manner for all the other Countries.

But on the Letters sent to FALMOUTH, the Postmasters are to add to the Packet Rates as above stated, a Sum One Penny less than the Inland Charge from their Offices to Falmouth, viz. from York to Falmouth the Inland Postage is 1s. 2d. therefore a Letter from York to Malta is 1s. 1d. and 2s. 3d. in all 3s. 4d.

Mails made up in London as follows,

France	Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.
Holland & Netherlands	Every Tuesday and Friday.
Germany & the North of Europe	Every Tuesday and Friday.
Sweden	Every Friday.
Jamaica and America	First Wednesday, Monthly.
Leeward Islands	First & Third Wednesday, Monthly.
Carthagenia, Vera Cruz	First Wednesday, Monthly.
La Guayra	Third Wednesday, Monthly.
Madeira and Brazils	First Tuesday, Monthly.
Buenos Ayres	Third Tuesday, Monthly.
Portugal	Weekly (Tuesdays).
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Great Britain Post Office Notices

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EAST INDIES.

The Act relative to Packet Mails is repealed - See No. 17, for New Instructions.

N.B. No. 1 dated in July, 1819, having required some Additions, is to be cancelled, and this used instead.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18250900 – Printed Paper / Newspaper Rate to / from the Colonies

To all Postmasters.

You are carefully to attend to the following Instructions: -

By the Act 6, Geo. IV. Cap. 68, passed in the last Session of Parliament, from and after the 10th of October next, printed Newspapers, and other printed Publications, liable to the Stamp Duties, and printed Votes and Proceedings in Parliament may be sent to any of His Majesty's Colonies or Possessions beyond Seas, by the Packet Boats, upon the Payment of One-penny-halfpenny for every such Paper, such Payment to be made at the time the Paper is put into the Post-Office, provided the same be sent in Covers open at the sides, and be put into the Post-Office in any Town of Great Britain or Ireland, on the day on which the same shall be published, such day to be ascertained by the date of the Paper.

Newspapers published on Sunday may be forwarded as above, if they are put into the Post on the following day.

You will carefully examine the Newspapers brought to your Office to be forwarded under this Act, and will charge those which are not put into the Post on the day of their date (with the exception as aforesaid) with the full Rate of Postage of a Single Letter to the Place to which such Newspaper may be addressed.

And if any other Paper or thing whatsoever be enclosed or concealed in such printed Papers, or there shall be any writing other than the Superscription upon such Papers or their Covers, you will Charge the same with treble the Postage of a Letter.

If any Papers sent from Great Britain and Ireland which are liable to the Stamp Duties are not duly Stamped, such Papers are to be Stopped, and sent to me, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Commissioners of Stamps.

Newspapers printed in the British Colonies and brought to Great Britain and Ireland by the Packets, in covers open at the Sides, will be charged with a Postage of three pence upon each Paper, but you will observe that this does not apply to Newspapers brought by private Ships bearing the Ship Letter Stamp.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18250929 – Printed Paper Rate

Instructions to Receivers.

PRINTED NEWSPAPERS or other PRINTED PAPERS liable to the Stamp Duties, PRINTED VOTES and PROCEEDINGS in PARLIAMENT, from and after the 10th October, 1825, may be sent to the British Colonies on Payment of One Penny Halfpenny each, provided the same be brought to the Receiving Houses, on the Days on which the same shall appear by the Date to have been published, otherwise they will be liable to be charged with the Single Rate of a Letter to the Place where directed.

LIST OF ISLANDS, &C.

To be sent up in the Inland PAID BAG.

Antigua	Grenada	St. Kitt's
Bahama	Halifax	St. Lucia
Barbadoes	Jamaica	St. Vincent
Berbice	Montserrat	Quebec
Bermuda	Nevis	Tobago
Demerara	New Brunswick	Tortola
Dominica	Newfoundland	Trinidad

To be sent up in the Foreign PAID BAG.

Gibraltar, Malta, Corfu, Ionian Islands.

D. STOW.

18261009 – Extra Packet for Jamaica and Other Places

To all Postmasters.

FOR the future an additional Mail for JAMAICA will be made up in London, on the third Wednesday in every Month, to be conveyed by Packet from Falmouth, which will also take out the Mail for MEXICO, which has hitherto gone by the Jamaica Mail of the first Wednesday in every Month. Letters for ST. DOMINGO (HAYTI), and for CUBA (HAVANNAH), will be forwarded by this Packet - those for ST. DOMINGO to be charged as Letters for JAMAICA, and those for CUBA as Letters or MEXICO.

The Postage upon such Letters must be paid in this Country.

No Letters for the other British West India Islands, or for Columbia, can be forwarded by this Mail.

The first Mail under this regulation will be made up on Wednesday the 18th Instant.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18270423 – Packet Schedule

To all Postmasters.

The Mail for LA GUAYRA, in COLUMBIA, will be made up in LONDON on the first, instead of third, Wednesday in every Month, and taken out by the JAMAICA Packet from FALMOUTH.

This Regulation will commence with the Mail of 2d May next.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18270600 – Newspapers to the Colonies

Cancel No. 21, dated September, 1825, and use this instead, taking especial care to attend to the Alterations.

To all Postmasters.

Newspapers to the Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas.

Printed Newspapers and other Printed Publications liable to the Stamp Duties may be sent to any of His Majesty's Colonies or Possessions beyond Seas by the Packet Boats, upon the Payment of One Penny Half-penny for every such Paper, such Payment to be made at the time the Paper is put into the Post-Office, provided the same be sent in Covers open at the sides, and be put into the Post-Office in any Town of Great Britain or Ireland, on any day within seven days of the day on which the same shall be Published, such day to be ascertained by the Date of the Paper.

You will carefully examine the Newspapers brought to your Office to be so forwarded, and will charge those which are not put into the Post within seven days after their date, with the full Rate of Postage of a single Letter to the Place to which such Newspaper may be addressed.

If any Papers intended to be sent from Great Britain and Ireland, which are liable to the Stamp Duties are not duly Stamped, such Papers are to be stopped and sent to me, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Commissioners of Stamps.

Newspapers printed in the British Colonies and brought to Great Britain and Ireland by Packets or by Private Ships in covers open at the sides, will be charged with a Postage of three pence upon each Paper.

And if any other Paper or thing whatsoever be enclosed or concealed in such Printed Papers, or there shall be any Writing other than the Superscription upon such Papers or their Covers, you will charge the same with treble the Postage of a Letter.

The above Regulations to be acted upon immediately.

Printed Votes and Proceedings in Parliament.

From and after the 5th July next, Printed Votes and Proceedings in Parliament may be sent to any of His Majesty's Colonies or Possessions beyond Seas, upon the payment of one penny-halfpenny per Ounce, and so in proportion above that Weight, such Payment to be made at the time they are put into the Post-Office.

Printed Votes, Proceedings and Public Papers printed by Order of the Legislative Assemblies of any of His Majesty's Colonies, and brought to this Country by Packets, are to be charged at the rate of one penny half-penny per Ounce, and so in proportion above that Weight, to be paid on delivery.

The above must be sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the sides, and if any other Paper or thing whatever be enclosed or concealed therein, or there shall be writing other than the Superscription upon them or their Covers, you will charge such Packets with the same Rates of Postage as a Letter.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

No. 17. ON SHIP LETTERS.

General Post-Office,
August, 1827.

1. ALL LETTERS arriving from *Abroad*, except from the *EAST-INDIES*, &c. in Vessels not Packet Boats, are liable to a Sea Postage of 8d. single—1s. 4d. double—and so on, over and above all Inland Rates whatever.

2. These Letters will bear the Impression of a *Strail Stamp*, distinguishing the Port where they were landed.

3. All Letters brought into Great Britain by Ships and Vessels from the *CAPE OF GOOD HOPE*, the *MAURITIUS*, *CEYLON*, and the *EAST INDIES*, are liable to a Sea Postage of *Fourpence* each, if not exceeding Three Ounces, and *One Shilling* per Ounce above that Weight, in Addition to the Inland Rates.

4. Sealed Bags, for Foreign Parts, will be made up, from time to time, at London and at the Out Ports, for which you may receive Letters when tendered for that purpose, and you are to take (except for the East Indies, &c.) *One Half* the Postage that would be charged for such Letters if they were sent from your Office to be conveyed by His Majesty's Packet Boats, all such Letters must, however, be sent in the London Bag unless the Parties specify a Ship at any particular Port, which in that case must be marked in the Direction, and the Letter be forwarded accordingly.

5. All Letters to the *CAPE OF GOOD HOPE*, the *MAURITIUS*, *CEYLON*, and the *EAST INDIES*, which may be sent through the Post Office, are liable to a Sea Postage of *Twopence* each, under the Weight of Three Ounces, and *One Shilling* per Ounce if above that Weight, in Addition to the Inland Rates to London, to be paid at the time of putting in the Letter, excepting that if a Person desires you to send a Letter to any Port where he knows or believes a Ship to be, and the route to such Port from your Office is by the *Cross Posts*, in that case you are so to send it, and charge the full Inland rate to that Port.

6. Newspapers, Printed Prices Current, and Printed Papers liable to the Stamp Duties, and duly *Stamped*, may be conveyed to the *CAPE OF GOOD HOPE*, the *MAURITIUS*, *CEYLON*, and the *EAST INDIES*, for *One Penny* each Packet, not exceeding One Ounce, and *One Penny* per Ounce above that Weight, provided the same be sent in Covers open at the sides.

7. You are instructed by No. 1, and No. 18, what the Packet Rates are, and can take one half accordingly. Where there are none they must be estimated. Letters for China, New South Wales, South America, Sierra Leone, Cape Coast Castle, Goree, and Senegal, must be reckoned like Letters to the Brazils. You have only therefore to ascertain, from your present Instructions, the full Postage of a Letter to the Brazils, and take one half the Amount to the Countries above named.

8. The Franking Privilege of Members of both Houses of Parliament does not extend to Ship Letters.

9. Nor can the Letters of Soldiers and Seamen be sent for a Penny each in the Ship Letter Bags, but if so sent, must be charged as other Letters.

10. The Postage of all such Letters, Packets, and Printed Papers, must be paid at the Time they are put into the Post Office.

11. The Act allows Letters and Newspapers to be sent to the *CAPE OF GOOD HOPE*, *CEYLON*, the *MAURITIUS*, and the *EAST INDIES*, "*otherwise than through the Post Office.*"

By Command,

FRANCIS FREELING,
Secretary.

Printed by J. Martzell, Wine-office-court, Fleet-street, for His Majesty's Stationery-office.

ON SHIP LETTERS.

1. ALL LETTERS arriving from Abroad, except from the EAST-INDIES, &c. in Vessels not Packet Boats, are liable to a Sea Postage of 8d. single - 1s. 4d. double - and so on, over and above all Inland Rates whatever.
2. These Letters will bear the Impression of a Strait Stamp, distinguishing the Port where they were landed.
3. All Letters brought into Great Britain by Ships and Vessels from the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, the MAURITIUS, CEYLON, and the EAST INDIES, are liable to a Sea Postage of Fourpence each, if not exceeding Three Ounces, and One Shilling per Ounce above that Weight, in Addition to the Inland Rates.
4. Sealed Bags, for Foreign Parts, will be made up, from time to time, at London and at the Out Ports, for which you may receive Letters when tendered for that purpose, and you are to take (except for the East Indies, &c). One Half the Postage that would be charged for such Letters if they were sent from your Office to be conveyed by His Majesty's Packet Boats, all such Letters must, however, be sent in the London Bag, unless the Parties specify a Ship at any particular Port, which in that case must be marked in the Direction, and the Letter be forwarded accordingly.
5. All Letters to the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, the MAURITIUS, CEYLON, and the EAST INDIES, which may be sent through the Post Office, are liable to a Sea Postage of Twopence each, under the Weight of Three Ounces, and One Shilling) per Ounce if above that Weight, in Addition to the Inland Rates to London, to be paid at the time of putting in the Letter, excepting that if a Person desires you to send a Letter to any Port where he knows or believes a Ship to be, and the route to such Port from your Office is by the Cross Posts, in that case you are so to send it, and charge the full Inland rate to that Port.
6. Newspapers, Printed Prices Current, and Printed Papers liable to the Stamp Duties, and duly Stamped, may be conveyed to the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, the MAURITIUS, CEYLON, and the EAST INDIES, for One Penny each Packet, not exceeding One Ounce, and One Penny per Ounce above that Weight, provided the same be sent in Covers open at the sides.
7. You are instructed by No. 1, and No. 18, what the Packet Rates are, and can take one half accordingly. Where there are none they must be estimated. Letters for China, New South Wales, South America, Sierra Leone, Cape Coast Castle, Goree, and Senegal, must be reckoned like Letters to the Brazils. You have only therefore to ascertain, from your present Instructions, the full Postage of a Letter to the Brazils, and take one half the Amount to the Countries above named.
8. The Franking Privilege of Members of both Houses of Parliament does not extend to Ship Letters.
9. Nor can the Letters of Soldiers and Seamen be sent for a Penny each in the Ship Letter Bags, but if so sent, must be charged as other Letters.
10. The Postage of all such Letters, Packets, and Printed Papers, must be paid at the Time they are put into the Post Office.
11. The Act allows Letters and Newspapers to be sent to the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, CEYLON, the MAURITIUS, and the EAST INDIES, "otherwise than through the Post Office."

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18280216 - Forces Rates

To all Postmasters.

With reference to your Instructions, No. 13, which confine the privilege granted to Soldiers and Seamen serving in His Majesty's Dominions beyond Seas, to the Places to and from which there are regular Mails, and to the East Indies; I am to acquaint you that in future the Letters addressed to Soldiers and Seamen at Places Abroad to which there is not any regular communication by Packets, may be transmitted upon the previous payment of Three pence for each Letter; and the Letters from Soldiers and Seamen at such Places may be delivered in this Country for the Sum of Three-pence each, or if they are brought to any Post-Office Free of Expence to the Revenue, they are to be charged One Penny only, in the same manner as those received from the East Indies.

The Regulations and Restrictions pointed out in the Instructions must be punctually observed with respect to all Letters so sent and received.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18280200 - Dead Letters

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

THAT in future Letters and Newspapers which cannot be delivered, will be transmitted, on the 8th, 15th, 22nd, and last day of every Month, to the Office appointed by His Majesty's Postmaster General for that purpose, in order to be opened, and returned, for the Writer's information as immediately as possible; such Letters and Newspapers having on either of those days, remained where directed the three following distinct periods, according to the different reasons assigned for their non-delivery, viz.:

Great Britain Post Office Notices

1st. ONE WEEK, if "Refused," or for Persons "Deceased," or "Gone away not known where."

2nd. THREE WEEKS, when for Persons "Not to be found."

3rd. ONE MONTH, when directed to be left at the Post Office, and "Not called for."

It is therefore earnestly recommended to all Persons frequenting Watering Places, travelling, or removing from their usual Place of Residence, To leave with the Postmasters or Letter Carriers their Address, that their Letters and Newspapers may be forwarded accordingly.

It is also requisite to notice, that all Letters for the CONTINENT OF EUROPE, AND ALL OTHER PLACES ABROAD, must be post paid on putting them into the Post Office, excepting Letters to such of the Colonies in the WEST INDIES and AMERICA as are within His Majesty's Dominions, the payment on those being optional.

If Letters requiring payment as above are put in without being paid for, they must be unavoidably opened and returned to the Writers for Postage.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18281100 – Newspapers to the Colonies

To all Postmasters.

As the Instructions relating to Newspapers addressed to the Colonies, &c. appear to be very imperfectly acted upon, a Copy of those Instructions is herewith transmitted to all Postmasters, and they will be held responsible for due attention to every point of them in future.

The following is a List of the principal Places to which Newspapers can be forwarded under the Regulations laid down in the Instructions.

Acapulco	Dominica	New Brunswick	St. Jago de Guayaquil
Alvarado	Durango	Newfoundland	St. Kitts
Altamera	Gibraltar	Nova Scotia	St. Lucia
Antigua	Grenada	Odzaca	St. Luis de Potosi
Antioquico	Guadaloupe	Panama	St. Martin's
Augustura	Guatamalo	Papayan	St. Thomas
Bahama	Guayaquil	Porto Bello	St. Thomas, (Colombia)
Baranquillo	Guinaxuato	Porto Cabello	St. Vincent
Barbadoes	Halifax	Puebla delos Angelas	Sta Fe de Bogota
Berbice	Heligoland	Quebec	Tampico
Bermuda	Honduras	Queratano	Tepic
Bogota	Ionian Islands	Quito	Tobago
Canada	Jamaica	San Blas Guadalaxa	Tortola
Carracas	La Guayra	Santa Fe	Trinidad
Carthagenia	Malta	Santa Martha	Truxillo
Cephalonia	Maraquito	Santa Maura	Valladolist, (Mexico)
Cerigo	Martinique	Savanella	Vera Cruz
Chagres	Mediterranean	Sombrereta	Xalapa, (Julapa)
Choco Lima	Mompox	St. Antonio	Yacatecas
Corfu	Montserrat	St. Bias	Zacatecas
Cumana	Nevis	St. Croix	Zante
Demerara			

All Postmasters are further enjoined to be very careful in marking the Postage upon Newspapers addressed to the above Places, plainly in Red Ink, and stamping them with a clear impression of their Official Stamp.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18330700 – Ship Letters Must be Handed Over

SHIP LETTERS.

By the 7th and 8th Geo. IV. Cap. 21, for the more effectually preventing the detention of Letters on board Ships and vessels, and the injury and inconvenience resulting to Merchants and others therefrom, it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for any person, thereunto duly authorized and appointed by the POSTMASTER GENERAL, to demand and receive from the Master, Commander, or other person having the charge of any Ship or Vessel, all such Letters and Packets on board the same, as are not exempted by Law, and the Master, or Commander, or other person having the charge of any such Ship or Vessel is required forthwith to deliver such Letters and Packets to the person authorized to demand and receive the same, under the Penalty of FIVE POUNDS for every Letter found on board, or in the possession of the Master, or Commander, or if any of his Passengers or Crew, at any time after the Letters shall have been so demanded.

18330806 – Ship Letter ‘parts beyond seas’ Rate Instructions

SHIP LETTERS.

To all Post-Masters.

As the Instruction, No. 17 "Ship Letters," Article 4, does not seem to have been duly acted upon, it is necessary that very Postmaster should distinctly understand that when a Letter is addressed to "parts beyond seas," via any particular Port, such Letter is to be at once forwarded to that Port, one half of the Postage Rate that would have been payable if the Letter was sent by Packet, being paid by the Sender.

P.S. Of course this cannot apply to the Port of Falmouth where His Majesty's Packets are stationed.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18330800 – Packet Letter Rates

ON PACKET LETTER RATES.

To all Postmasters.

The following Statement of the Packet Letter Rates of Postage, it is hoped, will be sufficiently intelligible to prevent Mistakes, and therefore, in any case of Doubt, you are particularly enjoined to refer to it. If any Letters for Foreign Places should be sent from your Office with less Postage marked on them than ought to have been taken, the Deficiency will be charged upon you.

The Postmasters who have Instructions to send Letters to Falmouth by the Cross Posts are to be particularly careful so to send the Letters for those Foreign Places which are conveyed by the Packet Boats on the Falmouth Station, and on no Occasion to put them into the London Bag.

Foreign and Packet Rates.

From London to	Single Letter	From Falmouth to	Single Letter
France	1s. 2d.	Portugal	1s. 7d.

Great Britain Post Office Notices

Holland and the Netherlands	1s. 4d.	Madeira	1s. 8d.
Germany	1s. 8d.	Azores	1s. 8d.
Switzerland	1s. 8d.	Canaries	1s. 8d.
Russia	1s. 8d.	Brazils	2s. 7d.
Prussia	1s. 8d.	Buenos Ayres	2s. 7d.
Denmark	1s. 8d.	Chili	2s. 7d.
Sweden	1s. 8d.	Peru	2s. 7d.
Norway	1s. 8d.	* Gibraltar	1s. 11d.
Italy	1s. 11d.	Malta, Corfu, and Mediterranean	2s. 3d.
Ionian Isles	1s. 11d.	West Indies	1s. 3d.
Turkey	1s. 11d.	America	1s. 3d.
Spain	2s. 2d.	St. Domingo	1s. 3d.
Carthagera	2s. 1d.		
Mexico	2s. 1d.		
La Guayra	2s. 1d.		
Honduras	2s. 1d.		

* - If Persons wish to send Letters for Gibraltar through France, they must be sent to London instead of Falmouth, and the Postage will be the same as to Spain.

The POSTMASTERS are to add to the Rates on Letters for the Foreign Mails made up in LONDON, a Sum Two-pence less than the Inland Rate from their Offices: For instance - the Inland Rate from Bristol to London is 10d., therefore 8d. and 1s. 2d. is the Postage of a Letter from Bristol to France, viz. 1s. 10d., and in the same manner for all the other Countries.

But on the Letters sent to FALMOUTH, the Postmasters are to add to the Packet Rates as above stated, a Sum One Penny less than the Inland charge from their Offices to Falmouth, viz. from York to Falmouth the Inland Postage is 1s. 2d., therefore a Letter from York to Malta is 1s. 1d. and 2s. 3d., in all 3s. 4d

Mails made up in London as follows:

France	Every Day, SUNDAY EXCEPTED
Holland, Belgium	Every Tuesday and Friday
Germany & the North of Europe	Every Tuesday and Friday
Sweden	Every Friday
Portugal	Every Tuesday
Jamaica and Leeward Islands	First & Third Wednesday, Monthly
America	First Wednesday, Monthly
La Guayra	First Wednesday, Monthly
Carthagera	Third Wednesday, Monthly
Mexico	Third Wednesday, Monthly
Honduras	Third Wednesday, Monthly
Havannah	Third Wednesday, Monthly
St. Domingo	Third Wednesday, Monthly
Madeira	First Tuesday, Monthly
Brazil	First Tuesday, Monthly
Buenos Ayres	First Tuesday, Monthly
Gibraltar, Malta, and Cadiz	First Day of every Month

The Postage must be paid on Letters for all the above places except the West Indian Colonies, and British America, (principal places, HALIFAX and QUEBEC,) the Payment to which is optional with the Writers.

N.B. No. 1, dated April 1831, having required some Additions, is to be cancelled and this used instead.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18340900 – Newspapers to and from the British Colonies

To all Postmasters.

Newspapers to and from the British Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas.

From and after the 1st October next, Printed Newspapers liable to the Stamp Duties and duly Stamped, may be sent by PACKET BOATS to any of His Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas free of the Duty of Postage, provided the same be sent without a Cover, or in Covers open at the sides, and be put into any General Post Office in the United Kingdom, on any day within seven days next after the day on which the same shall be published, such day to be ascertained by the Date of the Paper.

You will carefully examine the Newspapers brought to your Office to be so forwarded, and will charge those which are not put into the Post within seven days after their date, with the full Duty of Letter Postage, according to the Rates established by Law.

If any Papers intended to be sent from Great Britain and Ireland, which are liable to the Stamp Duties, are not duly stamped, such Papers are to be stopped and sent to me, for the purpose of being transmitted to the Commissioners of Stamps.

Newspapers printed in the British Colonies and Possessions beyond the Seas, and brought to Great Britain and Ireland by Packet Boats without Covers, or in Covers open at the sides, are to be delivered to their first Address by the General Post, within the United Kingdom, free of the Duty of Postage. If the Person to whom any such Paper is directed shall have removed from or quitted the place to which such Newspaper shall be addressed prior to the delivery thereof at such place, any such Newspaper on arriving or delivery at the place of its address may (provided it has not been opened or used, but not otherwise) be redirected and forwarded to such Person at any other place within the United Kingdom, free of any Charge for such extra Conveyance; but if any such Newspaper shall have been opened or used, the same is, on redirection to be charged with the Rate of a Single Letter from the place at which it shall be redirected or reposted to the place where delivered.

Newspapers printed within the British Colonies and Possessions beyond the Seas, and brought by PRIVATE SHIPS into the United Kingdom without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides, and delivered at any Post Office with the Ship's Letters, must be charged and forwarded with a Postage of Threepence upon each Paper, as heretofore.

If any other Paper or thing whatsoever be enclosed or concealed in any such Printed Newspapers, or there shall be any Words or Communication found to have been printed on any such Paper after it was published, or any Writing or Mark upon any such Printed Paper or the Cover thereof, other than the Name and Address of the Person to whom it is sent, you will charge the same with treble the Duty of Letter Postage, stating the Cause of such Charge upon the Cover, which you will fasten to the Paper by affixing your Official Seal thereto.

The Instructions in No. 17, relating to Newspapers to the East Indies, Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales, &c. remain in force.

Printed Votes and Proceedings in Parliament.

Printed Votes and Proceedings in Parliament, may be sent to any of His Majesty's Colonies or Possessions beyond Seas, upon the payment of one penny half-penny per Ounce, and so in Proportion above that Weight, such payment to be made at the time they are put into the Post Office.

Printed Votes, Proceedings and Public Papers printed by order of the Legislative Assemblies of any of His Majesty's Colonies, and brought to this Country by Packets, are to be charged at the Rate of one penny half-penny per Ounce, and so in proportion above that Weight, to be paid on delivery.

They must be sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the sides, and if any other Paper or thing whatever be enclosed or concealed therein, or there shall be writing other than the superscription upon them or their Covers, you will charge such Packets with the full rates of Postage as Letters.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18340900 – Newspapers to Colonies- Free by Packet

List of British Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas to which Newspapers can be forwarded by Packet Boats Free of the Duty of Postage, under the Regulations laid down in the Instructions, No. 21.

Antigua	Dominica	Malta	St. Kitts
Bahamas	Gibraltar	Monteserrat	St. Lucia
Barbadoes	Grenada	Nevis	St. Vincent
Berbice	Halifax	New Brunswick	Tobago
Bermuda	Heligoland	Newfoundland	Tortola

Canada Honduras Nova Scotia Trinidad
Demerara Jamaica Quebec

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18340900 - Newspapers to and from Foreign Parts.

FROM and after the 1st of October next, Printed Newspapers liable to the Stamp Duties and duly Stamped may be received at any General Post Office in the United Kingdom for conveyance by PACKET BOATS to FOREIGN PARTS, on payment of Twopence for every such Paper, such payment to be made at the time when the Paper is put into the Post Office, - provided every such Paper be put into a Post Office within Seven Days next after the Day on which the same shall be published, such day to be ascertained by the date of the Paper.

Newspapers printed in any Kingdom or State beyond Sea, other than His Majesty's Colonies and Possessions, and brought into the United Kingdom by PACKET BOATS, (if printed in the language of the Foreign Kingdom or State from which the same shall be forwarded, but not otherwise,) are to be charged with a rate of Twopence each on Delivery by the General Post in any part of Great Britain and Ireland, at the place of their first Address, in addition to any Postage charged thereon by any Foreign Post-Office.

No Newspaper is to be considered within the aforesaid privilege, unless the same be sent without a Cover, or in a Cover open at the sides.

If the Person to whom any such Paper is directed shall have removed from or quitted the Place to which such Newspaper shall be addressed, prior to the delivery thereof at such Place, any such Newspaper on arriving or delivery at the Place of its Address, may (provided it has not been opened or used, but not otherwise,) be re-directed and forwarded to such Person at any other Place within the United Kingdom free of any additional Charge for such extra conveyance; but if any such Newspaper shall have been opened or used, the same is, on re-direction, to be charged with the rate of a Single Letter from the Place at which it shall be re-directed or re-posted, to the Place where delivered.

You will carefully examine all Newspapers brought to your Office to be forwarded to Foreign Parts, and any which you may discover to have been put into the Post Office after the expiration of Seven days from the date of publication, or to contain any Enclosures, Writing or Mark upon the Paper or its Cover, other than the Address, you will forward in a separate Cover to the Inspector of Dead Letters, by the first Post.

Any Newspapers for Foreign Parts brought to your Office which are liable to the Stamp Duties, but are not duly Stamped, are to be sent to me for the purpose of being transmitted to the Commissioners of Stamps.

If any Newspaper brought into the United Kingdom from any Foreign Kingdom or State other than His Majesty's Colonies or Possessions beyond Seas, shall not be printed and published in the language of the Kingdom or State from which the same shall have been forwarded, or if there be any other Paper or thing whatsoever enclosed or concealed in any Newspaper so brought into the United Kingdom, or there shall be any words or communication, found to have been printed on any such Paper after it was published, or any Writing or Mark found on such printed Paper, or the Cover thereof, other than the Name and Address of the Person to whom it is sent, you will charge the same with treble the duty of Letter postage, according to the Rates now established by Law, stating the Cause of such Charge upon the Cover, which you will fasten to the Paper by affixing your Official Seal thereto.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18340900 - Newspapers to Colonies

Newspapers to Foreign Parts.

FROM and after the 1st of October next, Printed Newspapers liable to the Stamp Duties and duly Stamped, may be received at any General Post Office in the United Kingdom for conveyance by PACKET BOATS to FOREIGN PARTS, on payment of Twopence for every such Paper, such payment to be made at the time when the Paper is put into the Post Office, - provided every such Paper be put into a Post Office without a Cover, or in Covers open at the sides, and within Seven Days next after the Day on which the same shall be published, such day to be ascertained by the date of the Paper. No Twopenny Post Rate to be charged.

Newspapers to the British Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas.

From and after the 1st October next, Printed Newspapers liable to the Stamp Duties and duly Stamped, may be sent by PACKET BOATS to any of His Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas free of the Duty of Postage, provided the same be sent without a Cover, or in Covers open at the sides, and be put into any General Post Office in the United Kingdom, on any day within seven days next after the day on which the same shall be published, such day to be ascertained by the Date of the Paper.

The Instructions in the List of Foreign Rates, &c. relating to Newspapers to the East Indies, Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales, &c. remain in force; but those under the head of "Newspapers to the British Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas" are not to be acted upon.

List of British Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas to which Newspapers can be forwarded by Packet Boats Free of the Duty of Postage, under the above Regulation:

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Antigua	Dominica	Malta	St. Kitts
Bahamas	Gibraltar	Montserrat	St. Lucia
Barbadoes	Grenada	Nevis	St. Vincent
Berbice	Halifax	New Brunswick	Tobago
Bermuda	Heligoland	Newfoundland	Tortola
Canada	Honduras	Nova Scotia	Trinidad
Demerara	Jamaica	Quebec	

R. SMITH, Superintending President.

18340900 – Newspapers to & from Colonies

NOTICE.

Newspapers to and from the British Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas.

FROM and after the 1st of OCTOBER next, Printed Newspapers liable to the Stamp Duties, and duly Stamped, may be sent by PACKET BOATS to any of His Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas free of the Duty of Postage, provided the same be sent without a Cover, or in Covers open at the sides, and be put into any General Post-Office in the United Kingdom, on any day within Seven Days next after the day on which the same shall be published, such day to be ascertained by the date of the Paper.

Newspapers printed in the British Colonies and Possessions beyond the Seas, and brought to Great Britain and Ireland by PACKET BOATS, without Covers, or in Covers open at the Sides, will be delivered by the General Post, within the United Kingdom, free of the duty of Postage.

Newspapers printed within the British Colonies and Possessions beyond the Seas, and brought by PRIVATE SHIPS into the United Kingdom, without Covers, or in Covers open at the sides, and delivered at any Post-Office with the Ship's Letters, are liable to a Postage of Threepence as heretofore.

If any other Paper or thing whatsoever be enclosed or concealed in any such Printed Newspaper, or there shall be any words or Communication found to have been printed on any such Paper, after it was published, or any Writing or Mark upon which Printed Paper or the Cover thereof, other than the Name and Address of the Person to whom it is sent, it will be charged with Treble the Duty of Letter Postage.

Newspapers to and from Foreign Parts.

From and after the 1st of OCTOBER next, Printed Newspapers liable to the Stamp Duties, and duly Stamped, may be Received at any General Post-Office in the United Kingdom, for conveyance by PACKET BOATS to Foreign Parts, for the payment of Twopence each, to be made at the time when the Paper is put into the Post-Office, provided such Paper be put into a Post-Office within Seven Days next after the day on which the same shall be published, such day to be ascertained by to date of the Paper.

Newspapers printed in any Kingdom or State beyond Sea, other than His Majesty's Colonies and Possessions, and brought into the United Kingdom by PACKET BOATS, (if printed in the language of the Foreign Kingdom or State from which the same shall be forwarded, but not otherwise,) are to be charged with a rate of Twopence each, on delivery by the General Post, in any part of Great Britain and Ireland, at the place of their first Address, in addition to any Postage charged thereon by any Foreign Post-Office.

No Newspaper is to be considered within the aforesaid Privilege, unless it be sent without a Cover, or in a Cover open on all the sides.

If any Newspaper brought into the United Kingdom, by PACKET BOATS, from any Foreign Kingdom or State, other than His Majesty's Colonies or Possessions beyond Seas, shall not be printed and published in the Language of the Kingdom State from which the same shall have been forwarded, or if there be any other Paper or thing whatsoever enclosed or concealed in any Newspaper so brought into the United Kingdom, or there shall be any Words or Communication found to have been printed on any such Paper after it was published, or any Writing or Mark found on such printed Paper, or the over thereof, other than the Name and Address of the Person to whom it is sent, it will be charged with Treble the Duty of Letter Postage, according to the Rates now established by Law.

Newspapers for the Colonies and Foreign Parts must be put into the General Post-Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, before Six o'Clock P.M., and at the Branch Offices and Receiving-Houses, before Five o'Clock P.M.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18341011 – Invitation to tender for West Indies Mail Boat Service

His Majesty's Postmaster-General will receive TENDERS for the performance of the MAIL BOAT SERVICE in the WEST INDIES, by Schooners or Sloops, of from 45 to 60 tons burthen, with a Crew of not less than Seven Men, Officers included. The Contract to commence from the 5th of April, 1835, determinable on six months' notice on either side. Information as to the particulars of the service and the conditions of the Contract may be obtained on application at the Secretary's Office.

Great Britain Post Office Notices

The Tenders must be delivered at the Secretary's Office in a sealed envelope, marked "Tender for Mail Boats," on or before Saturday, the 29th of November next, after which no Tender will be received.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18341218 - Packet Schedule Jamaica & Leewards

THE Mails for the LEEWARD ISLANDS and JAMAICA will in future be made up at this Office on the first and fifteenth Day of every Month, and will be dispatched the same Evening to FALMOUTH; if either of those dates should fall on a Sunday, the Mails will be made up on the Day following.

The JAMAICA Mails will be conveyed from Barbadoes to Jamaica by Steam Vessels, which will bring the Return Mails to ST. THOMAS to meet the homeward bound Packet.

This arrangement will commence on Thursday the 1st January, 1835.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18350200 - Packet Letter Rates

ON PACKET LETTER RATES.

To all Postmasters.

The following Statement of the Packet Letter Rates of Postage, it is hoped, will be sufficiently intelligible to prevent Mistakes, and therefore, in any case of Doubt, you are particularly enjoined to refer to it. If any Letters for Foreign Places should be sent from your Office with less Postage marked on them than ought to have been taken, the Deficiency will be charged upon you.

The Postmasters who have Instructions to send Letters to Falmouth by the Cross Posts, are to be particularly careful 1 so to send the Letters for those Foreign Places which are conveyed by the Packet Boats on the Falmouth Station, and on no Occasion to put them into the London Bag.

FOREIGN AND PACKET RATES.

From London to	Single Letter	From Falmouth to	Single Letter
France	1s. 2d.	Portugal	1s. 7d.
Holland and Belgium	1s. 4d.	Madeira	1s. 8d.
Germany	1s 8d	Azores	1s. 8d.
Switzerland	1s 8d	Canaries	1s. 8d.
Russia	1s 8d	Brazils	2s. 7d.
Prussia	1s 8d	Buenos Ayres	2s. 7d.
Denmark	1s 8d	Chili	2s. 7d.
Sweden	1s 8d	Peru	2s. 7d.
Norway	1s 8d	* Gibraltar	1s. 11d.
Italy	1s 11d.	Malta, Corfu, Greece, Egypt, India	2s. 3d.
Ionian Isles	1s 11d.	West Indies	1s. 3d.
Turkey via France	1s 11d.	America	1s. 3d.
Spain	2s. 2d.	St. Domingo	1s. 3d.
		Carthagen	2s. 1d.
		Mexico	2s. 1d.
		La Guayra	2s. 1d.
		Honduras	2s. 1d.

* - If Persons wish to send Letters for Gibraltar through France, they must be sent to London instead of Falmouth, and the Postage will be the same as to Spain.

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The POSTMASTERS are to add to the above Rates on Letters for the Foreign Mails made up in LONDON, a Sum Twopence less than the Inland Rate from their Offices; for instance - the Inland Rate from Bristol to London is 10d., therefore 8d. and 1s. 2d. is the Postage of a Letter from Bristol to France, viz. 1s. 10d. and in the same manner for all the other Countries.

But on the Letters sent to FALMOUTH, the Postmasters are to add to the Packet Rates as above stated, a Sum One Penny less than the Inland charge from their Offices to Falmouth, viz. from York to Falmouth the Inland Postage is 1s. 2d., therefore a Letter from York to Malta is 1s. 1d. and 2s. 3d., in all 3s. 4d.

Packet Mails made up in London as follows;

France	Every Day, Sunday excepted
Holland, Sweden	Every Tuesday and Friday
Germany, and the North of Europe	Every Tuesday and Friday
Belgium	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Portugal	Every Tuesday
Jamaica, St. Domingo, and Leeward Islands	First & Fifteenth of every Month
America	First Wednesday, Monthly
Bahamas	Fifteenth of every Month
Mexico	Fifteenth of every Month
Honduras	Fifteenth of every Month
Havannah	Fifteenth of every Month
La Guayra	First Day of every Month
Carthagen	Fifteenth of every Month
Madeira	First Tuesday, Monthly
Brazil	First Tuesday, Monthly
Buenos Ayres	First Tuesday, Monthly
Cadiz, Gibraltar, Malta, Greece, Corfu,	
Egypt, and India	First Day of every Month

The Postage must be paid on Letters for all the above places except the West Indian Colonies, and British America, (principal places, HALIFAX and QUEBEC,) the Payment to which is optional with the Writers.

N.B. No. 1, dated August, 1833, having required some Additions, is to be cancelled, and this used instead.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18350328 - Newspapers to South America by Jamaica Packet

To all Postmasters.

NEWSPAPERS to and from COLUMBIA, including LA GUAYRA, CARACCAS, CARTHAGENA, BOGOTA, &c. may be forwarded by the JAMAICA PACKET, free of any Charge for Postage.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18350800 - Newspapers By Private Ships Rate.

To all Postmasters.

NEWSPAPERS BY PRIVATE SHIPS.

British Colonies and Possessions.

THE Postage on Newspapers brought by Private Ships from the British Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas is .reduced from Three Pence to One Penny.

Newspapers may be forwarded to the Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas by Private Ships, under all the .Regulations contained in the Instruction No. 21, (A.), for a Postage of One Penny each, to be paid at the time of putting in.

Newspapers to the Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius, Ceylon, the East Indies, Batavia, New South Wales, Van Dieman's Land, and Swan River, are chargeable, under a separate Act of Parliament, with One Penny each Packet not exceeding One Ounce, and One Penny per Ounce above that Weight.

Foreign Parts.

Newspapers brought by Private Ships from Foreign Parts, not being British Colonies or Possessions, are to be charged two Pence each; and Newspapers may be forwarded by Private Ships to Foreign Parts, not being British Colonies or Possessions, for a Postage of Two Pence each, to be paid at the time of putting in. You will specially attend to the Instructions No. 21, (B.), as to the careful examination of all such Newspapers sent and received at your Office, that you may see whether all the Regulations as to enclosures, writing, marks, date, &c., are duly observed; and if not, you will charge them with Postage according to your general Instructions.

Exception.

You will particularly observe that Newspapers to and from the following places by Private Ships are to be charged One Penny only, on delivery or putting into the Post, as the case may be.

Buenos Ayres,	Caraccas,	Greece,	Hamburgh,
Columbia,	Carthagenia,	Corfu,	Bremen,
La Guayra,	Bogota,	Ionian Islands,	Cuxhaven.

The former Instructions as to Foreign Newspapers redirected are to be particularly attended to.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18350800 – Ship Letter Rates

CIRCULAR TO THE OUTPORTS.

SIR,

AN Act has received the Royal Assent, making alterations with respect to Ship Letters and Newspapers to and from Foreign Parts.

The present Rates on Ship Letters Outwards are repealed, and in lieu thereof a Rate is imposed of Eightpence single from the Port, and One Shilling from the Interior, except Ireland and the East Indies, and the Postage must be paid at the time of putting in.

The Postage on Letters and Newspapers to the East Indies remains the same as at present.

If any Letters should be brought to your Office to be forwarded by Passage Vessels, &c., to or by way of any other Port in Great Britain, you will tax the same at the Rate of Eightpence single, Sea Postage, in addition to any Inland Rates, payment at the time of putting in being optional, and enclose them with a Letter Bill under a sealed Cover to the Postmaster of the Port to which they may be addressed, delivering the same to the Master of the Vessel, and taking his Receipt.

A separate Monthly Account of such Letters, between places in Great Britain, showing the number and amount sent and received, must be regularly forwarded to the Ship Letter Office, and if there should not have been any Letters of this description pass through your Office in the course of the Month, you will notwithstanding transmit the Return with the word "Nil."

The Gratuities to the Masters are the same as under the General Ship Letter Law, viz. Twopence each Letter, which are to be paid on the delivery of the Letters by the Postmaster to whom the Packet is addressed.

The Rates of Postage on Newspapers by Private Ships, to and from the BRITISH COLONIES AND POSSESSIONS, are repealed, and instead thereof, each such Newspapers is to be charged One Penny only, to be paid at the time of putting in, upon those Outwards.

Newspapers to and from Foreign Parts, by Private Ships, are to be charged Twopence, except to and from Countries with which an Agreement has been made, as you have been apprised by Printed Instructions. Newspapers to and from those particular Countries, by Private Ships, are now to be charged One Penny only, and you will from time to time be apprised of such Foreign Countries as may hereafter enter into a similar Agreement.

Such Newspapers are subject to all the existing Regulations, as to language, date, writing, &c.

No alteration is made in respect of Newspapers to India, New South Wales, &c., but those from India come under the general Provisions of the New Act, and are consequently liable to a charge of One Penny.

The Gratuities to the Commanders, on Newspapers to and from both the Colonies and Foreign Parts, by Private Ships, are One Penny instead of Twopence each; but no Gratuity is payable either on Letters or Newspapers Outwards to the East Indies.

I am, Your assured Friend,

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18350800 – Ship Letters

To all Postmasters.

The Instructions, No. 17, at present in use must be cancelled, and the following substituted. See alterations as to Ship Letters Outwards, in Paragraph 4.

ON SHIP LETTERS.

1. ALL LETTERS arriving from Abroad, except from the EAST-INDIES, &c. in Vessels not Packet Boats, are liable to a Sea Postage of 8d. single - 1s. 4d. double - and so on, over and above all Inland Rates whatever.
2. These Letters will bear the Impression of a Straight Stamp, distinguishing the Port where they were landed.
3. All Letters brought into Great Britain by Ships and Vessels from the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, the MAURITIUS, CEYLON, the EAST-INDIES, BATAVIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, VAN DIEMAN'S LAND, and SWAN RIVER, are liable to a Sea Postage of Fourpence each, if not exceeding Three Ounces, and One Shilling per Ounce above that Weight, in Addition to the Inland Rates.
4. Sealed Bags for Foreign Parts will be made up from time to time at London and the Out Ports, for which you will receive Letters specially directed to go by Private Ship, and you will take (except for IRELAND and the EAST INDIES, &c.) a Postage of One Shilling, single, - Two Shillings, double - and so on in proportion. If the party desires that his Letter shall be sent to any particular Port, you will so forward it; but in the absence of any such direction, you will send it in the London Bag.
5. All Letters to the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, the MAURITIUS, CEYLON, the EAST INDIES, BATAVIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, VAN DIEMAN'S LAND, and SWAN RIVER, which may be sent through the Post Office, are liable to a Sea Postage of Twopence each, under the Weight of Three Ounces, and One Shilling per Ounce if above that Weight, in Addition to the Inland Rates to London, to be paid at the time of putting in the Letter, excepting that if a Person desires you to send a letter to any Port where he knows or believes a Ship to be, and the Route to such Port from your Office, is by the Cross posts, in that case you are so to send it, and charge the Inland rate to that Port in addition to the Sea Postage.
6. The Franking Privilege of Members of both Houses of Parliament does not extend to Ship Letters.
7. Letters addressed to Soldiers and Seamen at ST. HELENA, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, the EAST INDIES, NEW SOUTH WALES, VAN DIEMAN'S LAND, and SWAN RIVER, are forwarded on the payment of One Penny each; and to ASCENSION, ST. MARY'S, SIERRA LEONE, and the COAST OF AFRICA, on the payment of Threepence: Soldier's and Seamen's Letters from such places are delivered in this Country for Three pence each.
8. The Postage of all such Ship Letters must be paid at the Time they are put into the Post Office.

IRELAND.

9. Letters may be sent to and from IRELAND by Private Ships other than Packets, and any Letters put into your Office, for IRELAND specially marked "Ship Letter" or by "Private Ship", you will charge with a Sea Postage of Eightpence single, and so on in proportion, in Addition to the Inland rate to the Sea Port. If any particular Port is named on the Address you will send the Letter to that Port; if not, you will forward it to the nearest Sea Port to your Office, from which there are frequent Communications with Ireland, such as Bristol, Liverpool, Glasgow, &c., as the Case may be.
10. It is optional with the Public to pay the Postage on such Letters at the time of putting them in or not, as they may think proper.
11. You will particularly understand that all Letters for Ireland not specially directed as "Ship Letter" or by "Private Ship" must be forwarded by the ordinary Mails, and at the same Rate of Postage as at present.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18350800 - Newspaper Rate

BY an Act passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled "An Act to extend the accommodation by the Post to and from Foreign Parts, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office," it is enacted -

After an agreement shall have been made with the Post Office of any Foreign Kingdom or State, it shall be optional with persons sending Letters by Post to such Foreign Kingdom, to pay both the British and Foreign Postage thereof, at the time of sending the same, or to send the same without payment of any part of the Postage, or to pay the British Postage only, as heretofore.

Persons residing in such Foreign Kingdoms will have the same option with regard to Letters addressed to the United Kingdom.

No Letters liable to any Foreign Rates of Postage can be sent or received free from the Duties of Postage, save and except the Public Despatches of His Majesty's Secretaries of State to and from the British Embassies and Legations abroad, being bona fide on the Public Service.

The Postmaster-General is empowered at any time hereafter, at his discretion, to register Letters and Packets sent by the Post, on payment of certain additional Rates; but such registration will not render the Postmaster-General, or the Post Office Revenue, liable for the loss of any such Letters, or the contents thereof.

Great Britain Post Office Notices

The above Instructions will not take effect until after the necessary arrangements have been made with the Post Offices of Foreign Countries of which due notice will be given to the Public.

The following Enactments come into immediate operation.

The Postage on Letters between DOVER and CALAIS, which was heretofore the same as between LONDON and CALAIS, is reduced to Sixpence ???.

Letters by Private Ships.

The present Rates of Ship Letter Postage from the United Kingdom for Places beyond the Seas are repealed, and in lieu thereof, Letters posted at the Port from which the Ship shall sail, are made liable to the reduced Rate of Eightpence - single; if posted at any other part of the United Kingdom, One Shilling - single; and so on in proportion, to be paid at the time of posting the same.

Letters may be sent from any Port, by any Ship or Vessel, to any Place out of the United Kingdom, otherwise than through the Post Office, except by Vessels carrying Mails; but this provision does not extend to the Inland conveyance of Letters otherwise than by Post, or to any Collection of Letters contrary to the Laws now in force.

Letters may be sent through the Post Office by Private Ship or Vessel, from any Port or Place in Great Britain or Ireland to any other Port or Place within the same or either of them, on payment of a Rate of Postage of Eightpence -single, in addition to any Rates for Inland conveyance. Persons desirous of availing themselves of this mode of conveyance, must specify the same on the direction of their Letters, or on delivering them to the Postmaster. The payment of Postage at the time is optional with the Sender.

Ship Letters - Ireland.

The Ship Letter Laws in Great Britain and Ireland are assimilated; and the provisions of the former Acts of Parliament for regulating the conveyance of Letters to and from the EAST INDIES, at a reduced Rate of Postage, are extended to Ireland.

Letters to and from GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND by Private Ships, are liable to a Sea Postage of Eightpence, over and above any Inland Rate, the previous payment of which is optional with the Sender.

There is no alteration in the Law with respect to Letters brought into GREAT BRITAIN by Private Ships, nor those sent to the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, the EAST INDIES, and NEW SOUTH WALES.

Newspapers.

The Rate of Postage of Threepence on each Newspaper brought by Private Ships into the United Kingdom from His Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas is repealed.

Newspapers to and from His Majesty's Colonies and Possessions by Private Ships, are liable to a Rate of Postage of One Penny each. The Postage on those from the United Kingdom is to be paid at the time of putting them into the Post.

Newspapers to and from His Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas by Packet, are not liable to any Postage. There is no alteration in the Postage upon Newspapers to the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, the EAST INDIES, and NEW SOUTH WALES.

Newspapers to or from Foreign Parts by Private Ships, if to and from those Countries which have agreed to circulate Newspapers to and from Great Britain free, are liable to a Postage of One Penny only, to be paid to the Master of the Vessel conveying the same. Newspapers to and from those Countries with which there is no such agreement, are liable to a Postage of Twopence each.

There is no alteration in the Law with regard to Newspapers conveyed to and from Foreign Parts by Packet.

Newspapers from Foreign Countries, to be conveyed at the Rates above mentioned, must be printed in the language of such Countries. No Newspaper must contain any Enclosure whatever, or any Writing or Marks on the Papers or the Covers other than the Address. Those from the United Kingdom must be put into the Post within Seven Days from the Date thereof.

FRANCIS FREELING, Secretary.

18351010 - Invitation to Tender for West Indies Mail Boats

HIS MAJESTY'S POSTMASTER GENERAL will receive Tenders, (sealed up,) for the Performance of the MAIL BOAT SERVICE, in the WEST INDIES, by Schooners or Sloops, of from Forty-five to Sixty Tons burthen, with a Crew of not less than Seven Men, Officers included.

The Contract to commence from the 10th of October, 1836, and to be for Seven Years, but determinable within that period, by Twelvemonth's Notice, to quit from the POSTMASTER GENERAL, upon certain Conditions.

Information as to the Particulars of the Service and the Conditions of the Contract, may be obtained on application to the respective Deputy Postmasters.

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Each Tender must specify the Amount in words at length, and be delivered to the Deputy Postmaster on or before the 15th February, 1836.

The Sealed Tenders must be addressed to the POSTMASTER GENERAL.

F. FREELING, Secretary.

18360000 – Postage Rates 1710 to 1836.

Appendix to Report from the Select Committee on Postage

Appendix (E.) No. 19 to Report from the Select Committee on Postage.

AS TO RATES OF POSTAGE.

A STATEMENT showing the different RATES of POSTAGE charged on Inland General Post Letters in England, Scotland and Ireland, from 1710 to 1836, specifying the Periods at which any Alterations in the Rates have taken place, and the Acts under which such Alterations have been made.

Inland Rates granted in the year 1710 by the 9 Queen Anne, c. 10.

ENGLAND:	Any distance not exceeding 80 miles	Single
	Above 80 miles	Three- pence
	London to and from Edinburgh	Four- pence
	London to and from Dublin	Sixpence
SCOTLAND	Any distance not exceeding 50 English miles	Sixpence
	Above 50 and not exceeding 80	Two- pence
	Above 80 miles	Three- pence
IRELAND	Not exceeding 40 English miles	Four- pence
	Above 40 miles	Two- pence
Double, &c.	in proportion.	Four- pence

These rates continued payable until the year 1765, when the 5 Geo. 3, c. 25, repealed the rates on letters sent by the General Post, not exceeding one post stage in Great Britain and Ireland, and not exceeding two post stages in England; and declared that after the 10th October 1765, the following rates should be payable.

Not exceeding one post stage within Great Britain and Ireland	One penny.
Above one post stage and not exceeding two post stages in England	Two- pence.

In the year 1784 the following additional rates were by the 24 Geo. 3, c. 37, imposed on letters sent by the Post in Great Britain; viz.

ENGLAND	Single. Not exceeding one post stage in Great Britain	One penny.
	Above one post stage and not exceeding two post stages	One penny
	Above two post stages and not exceeding 80 miles	One penny
	Above 80 miles and not exceeding 150 miles	One penny
	Above 150	Two- pence
SCOTLAND	London to and from Edinburgh	One penny
	Above one post stage and not exceeding 50 English miles	One penny
	Above 50 and not exceeding 80	One penny
	Above 80 and not exceeding 150	One penny
	Above 150	Two- pence

Double, treble, &c. in proportion.

N.B. No letter passing to or from Edinburgh, or any intermediate places in England and Scotland, north of London, was to be subject to a higher rate than 7d. for a single letter, and so in proportion.

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In the year 1796 the 37 Geo. 3, c. 18, was passed, by which so much of the 9 Queen Anne, c. 10, 5 Geo. 3, c. 25, and 24 Geo. 3, c. 37, as established rates of postage within England was repealed, and the following rates were imposed; viz.

Not exceeding 15 miles in England	Single
Above 15 and not exceeding 30	Three- pence
Above 30 and not exceeding 60	Four- pence
Above 60 and not exceeding 100	Five- pence
Above 100 and not exceeding 150	Six- pence
150 miles or upwards	Seven- pence
Double, treble, &c. in proportion.	Eight- pence

An additional rate of 1d. single, M. double, &c., was granted on Letters sent by Post in Scotland.

GREAT BRITAIN.

In the year 1801, the 41 Geo. 3, c. 7 was passed, by which the several Rates of Postage established within Great Britain by the 9 Queen Anne, c. 10; 5 Geo. 3, c. 25; 24 Geo. 3, c. 37; 37 Geo. 3, c. 18, were repealed; and the following rates imposed, viz.: -

Not exceeding 15 miles within Great Britain	Single.
Above 15 and not exceeding 30	Three- pence
Above 30 and not exceeding 50	Four- pence
Above 50 and not exceeding 80	Five- pence
Above 80 and not exceeding 120	Six- pence
Above 120 and not exceeding 170	Seven- pence
Above 170 and not exceeding 230	Eight- pence
Above 230 and not exceeding 300	Nine- pence
For every 100 miles above 300, a further sum of	Ten- pence
Where the distance above 300 miles should not amount to 100 miles, the like further sum of	One penny

Double, treble, &c. in proportion.

Where the distance above 300 miles exceed 100 miles, and so progressively for any like excess of distance of 100 miles, the like further sum of

One penny

In the year 1805, additional rates were by the 45 Geo. 3, c. 11, granted on letters sent by post within Great Britain of

One penny

In the year 1812, additional rates were granted by the 52 Geo. 3, c. 88, on Letters conveyed by post within Great Britain above the distance of 20 miles from the office where they might be posted, of

One penny

Double, treble, &c. in proportion.

By the 53 Geo. 3, c. 68, an additional rate of one half penny was granted on each letter and packet conveyed post by any mail-coach or carriage with more than two wheels, to or from any place in Scotland, or to or from places out of the same.

N.B. Letters or covers containing patterns or samples, if the same did not weigh an ounce, were by the 26 Geo. 2, c. 13, chargeable as a double letter. Packets or covers open at the sides, containing patterns or samples, not exceeding together an ounce in weight, were by the 35 Geo. 3, c. 53, chargeable with no higher rate than single letters.

IRELAND.

In the year 1784, a General Post-office was established in Ireland, independent of the Post-office of Great Britain; and by an Act of the Irish Parliament, (23 & 24 Geo. 3, c. 17,) the following rates of postage were granted, viz.: -

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For any distance not Exceeding 15 miles Irish measure	single,	Irish Currency. Two- pence.
Exceeding 15 and not Exceeding 30	"	Three- pence
Exceeding 30 miles	"	Four- pence.

The foregoing rates were, by annual Acts passed in the Irish Parliament, continued to the year 1797. By an Act of the Irish Parliament, 37 Geo. 3, c. 11, (passed in 1797) the following rates of postage were established in Ireland, viz.

For any distance not Exceeding 15 miles Irish measure,	single,	Irish Currency. Two- pence
Exceeding 15 and not Exceeding 30	"	Three- pence
Exceeding 30 and not Exceeding 50	"	Four- pence
Exceeding 50 and not Exceeding 80	"	Five- pence
Exceeding 80	"	Sixpence
Double, treble, &c. in proportion.		

Letters containing patterns, if the same did not exceed an ounce in weight, were to be chargeable as double letters.

The foregoing rates were, by annual Acts passed in the Irish Parliament, continued to the year 1800; and by Acts passed in the Imperial Parliament, the last of which was the 43 Geo. 3, c. 28, they were further continued to the year 1805.

In the year 1805, the 45 Geo. 3, c. 21, was passed, by which the General-post rates in Ireland, granted by the 43 Geo. 3, c. 21, were repealed, and the following rates imposed, viz.

For any distance not Exceeding 15 miles Irish measure,	single	Irish Currency. Three- pence
Exceeding 15 and not Exceeding 30		Four- pence
Exceeding 30 and not Exceeding 50		Five- pence
Exceeding 50 and not Exceeding 80		Sixpence
Exceeding 80		Seven-pence
Double, treble, &c. in proportion.		

In the year 1810, by the 50 Geo. 3, c. 74, additional rates were imposed on letters sent within Ireland, of	single	One penny
Double, treble, &c. in proportion.		

In the year 1813, the 53 Geo. 3, c. 58, was passed, by which the rates of postage, then payable on letters sent by post from Dublin to the several post towns in Ireland, and from the several post towns in Ireland to Dublin, were repealed, and the following rates imposed on such letters, viz.

Where the distance of the post town to or from which the letter be sent should not exceed 10 miles Irish measure from the post office in Dublin	single,	Irish Currency. Two- pence
Exceeding 10 and not Exceeding 20		Three- pence
Exceeding 20 and not Exceeding 30		Four- pence
Exceeding 30 and not Exceeding 40		Five- pence
Exceeding 40 and not Exceeding 50		Sixpence
Exceeding 50 and not Exceeding 60		Seven- pence
Exceeding 60 and not Exceeding 80		Eight- pence
Exceeding 80 and not Exceeding 100		Nine- pence
Exceeding 100		Ten- pence
Double, treble, &c. in proportion.		

In the year 1814, the 54 Geo. 3, c. 119, was passed, by which the rates granted by the 45 Geo. 3, c. 21, 50 Geo. 3, c. 74, and 53 Geo. 3, c. 58, were repealed, and the following rates imposed, viz.

Any distance in Ireland, not Exceeding seven miles	single	Irish Currency. Two-pence
Exceeding 7, and not Exceeding 15		Three- pence
Exceeding 15 and not Exceeding 25		Four- pence
Exceeding 25 and not Exceeding 35		Five- pence
Exceeding 35 and not Exceeding 45		Sixpence
Exceeding 45 and not Exceeding 55		Seven-pence
Exceeding 55 and not Exceeding 65		Eight-pence

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Exceeding 65 and not Exceeding 95	Ni ne- pence
Exceeding 95 and not Exceeding 120	Ten- pence
Exceeding 120 and not Exceeding 150	Eleven- pence
Exceeding 150 and not Exceeding 200	Twelve- pence
Exceeding 200 and not Exceeding 250	Thirteen- pence
Exceeding 250 and not Exceeding 300	Fourteen- pence
Every 100 miles above 300, a further sum of	One penny
Double, treble, &c. in proportion.	

By the 59 Geo. 3, c. 108, printed notices or letters, relating solely to the affairs of any charitable institution or society in Ireland, were to pass by the post at the reduced rate of 1d. for 12 or any lesser number; and, for every additional number of 12, or less than 12, the further sum of 1d. This enactment was, however, repealed by the 2 Will. 4, c. 15, and other regulations made for forwarding the letters of such charitable institutions in Ireland as the Postmaster-general should nominate, at the reduced rate of 2d. each.

In the year 1827, the 7 & 8 Geo. 4, c. 21, was passed, by which the rates granted by the 54 Geo. 3, c. 119, in Irish currency, were made payable in the same amounts in the currency of the United Kingdom.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Until 1827, letters sent by post between Great Britain and Ireland were liable to distinct and separate rates for the distance they were conveyed within Great Britain, in addition to rates according to the distance they were conveyed with in Ireland. But, by the 7 & 8 Geo. 4, c. 21, it was enacted, that such letters should be charged with the like rates, according to the distances, as would be payable on letters sent from place to place in Great Britain (in addition to the packet rates, and the rates payable under the Acts for building the Menai and Conway Bridges), according to the following scale, viz.

		British Currency.
Not Exceeding 15 miles British measure	single,	0s. 4d.
Exceeding 15, and not Exceeding 20		0s. 5d.
Exceeding 20 and not Exceeding 30		0s. 6d.
Exceeding 30 and not Exceeding 50		0s. 7d.
Exceeding 50 and not Exceeding 80		0s. 8d.
Exceeding 80 and not Exceeding 120		0s. 9d.
Exceeding 120 and not Exceeding 170		0s. 10d.
Exceeding 170 and not Exceeding 230		0s. 1 1 d.
Exceeding 230 and not Exceeding 300		1 s. 0d.
Exceeding 300 and not Exceeding 400		1 s. 1d.
Exceeding 400 and not Exceeding 500		1 s. 2d.
Exceeding 500 and not Exceeding 600		1 s. 3d.
Exceeding 600 and not Exceeding 700		1 s. 4d.
Exceeding 700		1s. 5d.

The Menai Bridge Act (59 Geo. 3, c. 48) imposed an additional rate of 1d. single, 2d. double, &c., on all letters conveyed by post between Great Britain and Ireland, by way of Dublin and Holyhead.

The Conway Bridge Act (1 & 2 Geo. 4, c. 35) imposed an additional rate of 1d. single, 2d. double, &c., on all letters conveyed by post between Great Britain and Ireland, by way of Conway and Chester.

The 6 Will. 4, c. 25, imposed an additional rate of one halfpenny single, 1d. double, &c., on all letters conveyed by post between Great Britain and Ireland, by way of Milford and Waterford.

Single letters to and from seamen in the navy, and soldiers whilst actually employed in His Majesty's service, were by the 46 Geo. 3, c. 92, authorized to be sent by the post at the reduced rate of 1d.

Bankers' parcels above six ounces in weight, and containing re-issuable cash notes only, were, by the 5 Geo. 4, c. 20, authorized to be sent from London at one-fourth part of the established rates of postage.

From the foregoing statement it appears that the Inland General Post Rates, payable in the different years from 1710 to 1836, were as follow:

From 1710 to 1765.

ENGLAND	Not exceeding 80 miles	Single
	Above 80 miles	Three- pence.
SCOTLAND	London to Edinburgh	Four - pence.
	Not exceeding 50 miles .	Sixpence.
		Two- pence.

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IRELAND	Above 50 , and not exceeding 80	Three- pence
	Above 80	Four - pence.
	London to Dublin	Sixpence.
	Not exceeding 40 English miles	Two-pence.
ENGLAND	Above 40	Four - pence.
	From 10th October 1765 to 31st August 1784.	
	Not exceeding one post -stage	One penny.
	Above one post -stage, and not exceeding two post -stages	Two- pence
SCOTLAND	Above two post - stages, and not exceeding 80 miles	Three- pence
	Above 80 miles	Four - pence.
	Not exceeding one post - stage	One penny
	Above one post - stage, and not exceeding 50 miles	Two- pence.
IRELAND	Above 50 , and not exceeding 80 .	Three- pence.
	Above 80	Four - pence.
	London to Edinburgh	Sixpence.
	Not exceeding one post -stage .	One penny
	Above one post - stage, and not exceeding 40 English miles	Two- pence.
	Above 40	Four - pence.
	London to Dublin	Sixpence.

IN GREAT BRITAIN.

ENGLAND	From 31st August 1784 to 5th January 1797.	
	Not exceeding one post - stage	Two- pence.
	Above one post - stage, and not exceeding two post - stages	Three- pence.
	Above two post - stages, and not exceeding 80 miles	Four - pence.
SCOTLAND	Above 80 miles, and not exceeding 150 miles	Five- pence.
	Above 150 miles	Sixpence.
	London to Edinburgh	Seven- pence.
	Not exceeding one post - stage	Two- pence.
	Above one post - stage, and not exceeding 50 miles	Three- pence.
	Above 50 , and not exceeding 80	Four - pence.
	Above 80 , and not exceeding 150	Five- pence
	Above 150	Sixpence.

IN GREAT BRITAIN.

ENGLAND	From 5th January 1797 to 5th April 1801.	
	Not Exceeding 15 miles	Three- pence.
	Above 15, and not Exceeding 30	Four- pence.
	30, and not Exceeding 60	Five- pence.
SCOTLAND	Above 60, and not Exceeding 100	Sixpence.
	Above 100, and not Exceeding 150	Seven- pence.
	Above 150	Eight- pence.
	Not Exceeding one post-stage	Three- pence
	Above one post-stage, and not Exceeding 50 miles	Four- pence.
	Above 50, and not Exceeding 80	Five- pence
	Above 80, and not Exceeding 150	Sixpence.
	Above 150	Seven- pence.

In GREAT BRITAIN, from 5th April 1801 to 1836.

	1801 to 1805	1805 to 1812	1812 to 1836
Not Exceeding 15 miles	0s. 3d.	0s. 4d.	4d
Above 15 and not Exceeding 30	0s. 4d	0s. 5d	
Above 15 and not exceeding 20 miles,			5d
Above 20 and not exceeding 30			6d
Above 30 and not exceeding 50	0s. 5d.	0s. 6d.	0s. 7d.
Above 50 and not exceeding 80	0s. 6d.	0s. 7d.	0s. 8d.

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Above 80 and not exceeding 120	0s. 7d	0s. 8d	0s. 9d.
Above 120 and not exceeding 170	0s. 8d.	0s. 9d.	0s. 10d.
Above 170 and not exceeding 230	0s. 9d.	0s. 10d.	0s. 11 d.
Above 230 and not exceeding 300	0s. 10d.	0s. 11 d.	1s. 0d.
For every 100 miles above 300 a further rate of	0s 1d	0s 1d	0s 1d
Where the distance above 300 amounts to 100 miles, the like further rate of	0s 1d	0s 1d	0s 1d
Where the distance above 300 miles exceeds 100 miles, and so progressively for any like excess of distance, the further rate of ...	0s 1d	0s 1d	0s 1d

From the year 1813, an additional rate of ½d. was paid on letters conveyed by a mail - coach with more than two wheels between places in Scotland, or between places in Scotland and places out of the same.

IN IRELAND, from 1784 to 1797

Not exceeding 15 Irish miles			Irish Currency 0s. 2d.
Exceeding 15, and not Exceeding 30			0s. 3d.
Exceeding 30			0s. 4d.
	1797 to 1805	1805 to 1810	1810 to 1813
Not Exceeding 15 miles Irish miles	0s. 2d.	0s. 3d.	0s. 4d.
Exceeding 15 and not Exceeding 30	0s. 3d.	0s. 4d.	0s. 5d.
Exceeding 30 and not Exceeding 50	0s. 4d.	0s. 5d.	0s. 6d.
Exceeding 50 and not Exceeding 80	0s. 5d.	0s. 6d.	0s. 7d.
Exceeding 80	0s. 6d.	0s. 7d.	0s. 8d.

From 1813 to 1814.

Not Exceeding 10 miles Irish	Irish Currency 0s. 2d.
Exceeding 10 and not Exceeding 20	0s. 3d.
Exceeding 20 and not Exceeding 30	0s. 4d.
Exceeding 30 and not Exceeding 40	0s. 5d.
Exceeding 40 and not Exceeding 50	0s. 6d .
Exceeding 50 and not Exceeding 60	0s. 7d.
Exceeding 60 and not Exceeding 80	0s. 8d.
Exceeding 80 and not Exceeding 100	0s. 9d.
Exceeding 100	0s. 10d.

From 1814 to 1836.

These rates continued payable in Irish currency until the year 1827, when they were made payable in the currency of the United Kingdom.

Not Exceeding 7 Irish miles	Two- pence
Exceeding 7 and not exceeding 15	Three- pence
Exceeding 15 and not exceeding 25	Four- pence
Exceeding 25 and not exceeding 35	Five- pence
Exceeding 35 and not exceeding 45	Sixpence
Exceeding 45 and not exceeding 55	Seven- pence
Exceeding 55 and not exceeding 65	Eight- pence
Exceeding 65 and not exceeding 95	Nine- pence
Exceeding 95 and not exceeding 120	Ten- pence
Exceeding 120 and not exceeding 150	Eleven- pence
Exceeding 150 and not exceeding 200	Twelve- pence
Exceeding 200 and not exceeding 250	Thirteen- pence
	Fourteen- pence
Exceeding 250 and not exceeding 300	One penny
Every 100 miles above 300 a further sum of	

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Appendix (E.) No. 20. of the Report from the Select Committee on Postage.

A RETURN of the RATES OF POSTAGE charged on Letters from Places Abroad, including the Colonies and other Dependencies of the United Kingdom, distinguishing the Rates by Water from those by Land; also, the Rates of the Packets from the Ship-Letter Rates; and quoting the Authorities for the same.

From	To	Charge	Authority
France	London	0s. 10d.	1 vict. c. 34. Registered Letters for France are, with the sanction of the Treasury, charged double postage in cases where the additional postage for registering is less than 2s. 6d.
Germany, by way of France		1s 3d	1 vict. c. 34.
Switzerland, by way of France		1s 2d	1 vict. c. 34.
Spain, by way of France		1s 7d	1 vict. c. 34.
Portugal and Gibraltar, by way of France		1s 7d	1 vict. c. 34.
The following Places, by way of France, viz.		1s 7d	1 vict. c. 34.
Italy, Sicily, Venetian Lombardy, Malta, the Ionian Islands, Greece, Turkey, the Levant, the Archipelago, Syria, or Egypt			
Holland		1s 4d	1 vict. c. 34.
Belgium		1s 4d	1 vict. c. 34.
Switzerland		1s 8d	1 vict. c. 34.
Germany		1s 8d	1 vict. c. 34.
Denmark		1s 8d	1 vict. c. 34.
Sweden and other parts of the North of Germany		1s 8d	1 vict. c. 34.
Spain, otherwise than by way of France		2s 2d	1 vict. c. 34.
The following Countries through Belgium, or Holland, or Germany; viz.		1s 8d	1 vict. c. 34.
Italy, Sicily, Venetian Lombardy, Malta, the Ionian Islands, Greece, Turkey, the Levant, the Archipelago, Syria, or Egypt			
N.B.- All Foreign letters so rated to London which are sent to any place in the United Kingdom without passing through London, are chargeable as if they had been sent to London, letters from France excepted.			
Calais to Dover		0s 3d	1 vict. c. 34.

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LETTERS forwarded to London from the following Countries and Places by Packet-Boats, via Falmouth, are charged as follows; viz.

FROM		Amount of Charge	Packet Rate	In and Rate	Authority
Portugal		2s. 6d	1s. 7d.	0s 11d	1 Vict. c. 34. In lieu of these rates a reduced rate of 2s. 6d. is now taken, under the authority of the Treasury. The rate on letters sent through France to and from the places in question vi a Marseilles is, by the same authority, reduced to 10d.
Gibraltar	(a)	2s. 10d.	1 s. 11 d.	0s. 11d.	1 Vict. c. 34.
Malta, the Ionian Islands,	(a)	3s. 2d.	2s. 3d.	0s. 11d.	1 Vict. c. 34.
Greece, Syria, or Egypt					
America and the West Indies		2s. 2d.	1s. 3d.	0s. 11d.	1 Vict. c. 34.
Madeira		2s. 7d.	1s 8d	0s. 11d.	1 Vict. c. 34.
Brazils		3s. 6d.	2s 7d	0s. 11d.	1 Vict. c. 34.
Buenos Ayres		3s. 5d.	2s 5d	1s 0d	1 Vict. c. 34.
Cuba, or Columbia or Mexico		3s. 1d.	2s 1d	1s 0d	1 Vict. c. 34.
St. Domingo		2s. 3d.	1s 3d	1s 0d	1 Vict. c. 34.
Letters forwarded to London from Guernsey, Jersey, and the Isle of Man, are charged as follows; viz.					
Guernsey and Jersey, via Weymouth		1s 1d.	0s 3d	0s 10d	1 Vict. c. 34.
Isle of Man, via Liverpool		1s 5d	0s 6d	0s 11d	1 Vict. c. 34.
N.B. - Letters from the East Indies by packet-boats, via Suez or Bassora and France, are charged, i n addition to the French rates, with a British rate of			1s 0d		1 Vict. c. 34.

SHIP- LETTER RATES.

From Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, or the Cape of Good Hope.	To the United Kingdom.	Four pence on every letter not Exceeding 3 oz., and 1s. an oz. for every l etter Exceeding that wei ght.	These rates are payable in addition to any inland postage for the conveyance within the United Kingdom.	1 Vict. c. 34
From any other Places within Her Majesty' s dominions, and any kingdoms and countries beyond the seas.	ditto	Eight pence	ditto	1 Vict. c. 34
Between Great Britain and Ireland, or any port or place in Great Britain or Ireland		Eight pence	ditto	

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N.B. - All the rates mentioned in this return (except from Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, and the Cape of Good Hope) are payable on single letters; double and treble letters pay in proportion.

The undermentioned Prices Current, &c., were formerly charged with the Letter Rates of Postage; but now with the following reduced Rates, viz: -

	Amount of Reduced Rates.	Authority.
Prices Current from China	One penny each	Treasury
Prices current to and from the Colonies by packet or private ship	One penny each	Treasury
Certain French Commercial Lists by packet	One penny each	Treasury
Prices Current by private ships from Foreign Countries	newspapers rate of 1d. or 2d. each as the case may be, in addition to a rate of 8d. for each cover, without respect to the number of Prices Current contained therein.	Treasury

The power to reduce any of the British rates of Postage is given to the Lords of the Treasury by the 1 Vict. c. 34, and 1 Vict. c. 76.

General Post-Office, (Examined,) M. B. Peacock ,
21 June 1838. Solicitor.

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Appendix (E.) No. 21. of the Appendix to Report from the Select Committee 011 Postage.

Sir,

General Post-office, 30 June 1838.

IN conformity with your teller of the 15th December last, I beg to enclose, for the information of the Select Committee on Postage, a Return, showing the Rates of Ship-letter and Packet Postage, inwards and outwards, which have been charged between Great Britain and the Colonies, and between Great Britain and Foreign Countries, from the year 1800 to the present time.

It will be seen by the Return, that the postage upon letters sent by private ships to the Cape of Good Hope was reduced in 1819 from 1s. 2d. the single letter to a charge of 2d. on all letters and packets not exceeding the weight of 3 oz., and above that weight 1s. per oz.

A reduction also of the postage upon letters sent through the Post-office outwards, by private ships, occurred in 1835; ship-letters to the colonies and foreign parts, (except the Cape of Good Hope, the East Indies, &c.) which up to that time were chargeable with half the rates they would have been subject to if conveyed by packet-boats, were then reduced to the uniform rate of 8d. on all such letters as are posted at the port from whence the vessel sails or touches, and 1s. if posted in any other part of the United Kingdom. The reasons for these reductions were, relief to the public, and an expected increase in the number of the letters.

It is not in the power of the Post-office to furnish any estimate of the number of letters sent out of the kingdom by private vessels in the year 1837; the number forwarded by such means through the Post-office from Great Britain and Ireland in that period was 255,732.

R. Wallace, Esq. M.P.

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A RETURN, showing the RATES of SHIP-LETTER and PACKET POSTAGE, Inwards and Outwards, which have been Charged between Great Britain and the Colonies, and between Great Britain and Foreign Countries, from the Year 1800 to the present time.

	Single Rate.	Years during which the Rates were Charged
SHIP- LETTER POSTAGE INWARDS:		
Letters from the Colonies and foreign countries	Four pence	1799 to 1814.
Letters from the Colonies and foreign countries	Sixpence	1814 to 1815.
Letters from the Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius, and the East Indies	Eight pence	1815 to 1819.
Letters from the Colonies and foreign countries (except the Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius, and the East Indies.)	Eight pence	1815 to the present time
Letters from Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, or the Cape of Good Hope.	Four pence not Exceeding 3 oz., and 1s. an oz. if above that weight.	1819 to the present time.
Single letters sent by soldiers and seamen from the East Indies, &c. 2d. sea postage, and 1d. inland postage, making together 3d.; but if the letters be delivered into one of the post- offices i n the United Kingdom free of expense to the revenue of the Post-office, the inland postage of 1d. only to be charged.		1823 to the pre- sent time.
SHIP-LETTER POSTAGE OUTWARDS:		
Letters to the Colonies and foreign countries	One half of the rates payable for such letters if they were conveyed by packet- boats.	1799 to 1835.

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	Single Rate.	Years during which the Rates were Charged
Letters to the Colonies and foreign parts brought to the Post- office to be stamped, and then returned to the bringers to be sent out by them.	One- third of the packet rates.	1814 to 1815.
Letters to the Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius, and the East Indies	1s. 2d	1815 to 1819.
Letters to Ceylon, the Mauritius, East Indies or Cape of Good Hope	Two pence not exceeding the weight of 3 oz., and Exceeding that weight 1s. per oz.	1819 to the present time.
Single letters sent to soldiers and seamen i n the East Indies, &c.	One penny	1823 to the present time.
Letters to the Colonies and foreign parts (except the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, the Mauritius, and the East Indies, but including China).	Eight pence i f posted at the port from which the vessel shall sail, or at which she may touch, and 1s. if posted at any other part of the United Kingdom.	1835 to the present time.
PACKET POSTAGE TO AND FROM THE COLONIES:		
Gibraltar	1s. 9d	1806 to 1812
	1s. 11d.	1812 to present time
Malta	2s. 1d	1806 to 1812
	2s. 3d.	1812 to present time
West Indies and North America	1s. 0d.	1796 to 1805
	1s. 1d.	1805 to 1812
	1s. 3d.	1812 to present time
Guernsey and Jersey	2d.	1794 to 1805
	3d.	1805 to present time
Isle of Man, to and from Whitehaven	2d.	1766 to 1805
	3d.	1805 to 1822
Isle of Man, to and from Liverpool	6d.	1822 to present time
Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius and the East Indies	3s. 6d.	1815 to 1819, when the East Indi a packet- boats were discontinued.
Colonies: Pamphlets, magazines, reviews, or other periodical publications, posted at Falmouth, and sent by packet- boats to the Colonies.	1s. for each publication not Exceeding six ounces and 3d. per ounce above that weight.	1827 to present time
Printed Votes and Proceedings in Parliament sent by packet- boat to the Colonies.	1½d. per ounce	1827 to present time
Colonial legislative proceedings sent by packet- boat to the United Kingdom.	1½d. per ounce	1827 to present time
PACKET POSTAGE TO AND FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES.		
France	10d	1710 to 1801
	1s. 2d.	1801 to 1802
	10d	1802 to 1805
	1s. 0d.	1805 to 1812

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	Single Rate.	Years during which the Rates were Charged
	1s. 2d. ...	1812 This 1s. 2d was charged until the year 1836, when it was reduced to the present rate of 10d.
Dover and Calais: Letters between these ports were, until the year 1835, charged with the full rate to France (1s. 2d.) In that year the rate was reduced to 6d., and it has since been further reduced to 3d.		
Holland and the Netherlands	10d.	1710 to 1801
	1s. 2d.	1801 to 1802
	1s. 0d.	1802 to 1805
	1s. 2d.	1805 to 1812
	1s. 4d.	1812 to present time
Switzerland	1s. 0d.	1710 to 1801
	1s. 4d.	1801 to 1805
	1s. 6d.	1805 to 1812
	1s. 8d.	1812 to present time This 1s. 8d. is now charged on letters to and from Switzerland, unless sent via France, in which case the rate is reduced to 1s. 2d.
Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and other parts of the North of Germany	1s. 0d.	1710 to 1801
	1s. 4d.	1801 to 1805
	1s. 6d.	1805 to 1812
	1s. 8d.	1812 to present time This rate, on such letters as are sent to and from Germany via France, has been reduced to 1s. 4d.
Spain	1s. 6d .	1710 to 1801
	1s. 10d.	1801 to 1805
	2s. 0d.	1805 to 1812
Italy, Greece, Turkey, &c. via France	2s. 2d.	1812 to present time This rate, on such letters as are sent via France, has been reduced to 1s. 7d.
	1s. 3d	1710 to 1801
	1s. 7d.	1801 to 1805
	1s. 9d. .	1805 to 1812
Italy, Greece, Turkey, &c. via Belgium, or Holland or Germany	1s. 11d.	1812 to present time. This rate has recently been reduced to 1s. 7d.
	1s. 0d.	1 710 to 1801
	1s. 4d.	1801 to 1805
	1s. 6d.	1805 to 1812
Portugal	1s. 8d.	1812 to present time
	1s. 0d.	1797 to 1801
	1s. 4d.	1801 to 1805
	1s. 5d.	1805 to 1812
Madeira: From 1808 (when the packet was established) to- 1812	1s. 7d.	1812 to present time
	1s. 6d.	1808 to 1812
Brazils: - From 1808 (when the packet was established) to 1812	1s. 8d.	1812 to present time
	2s. 5d.	1808 to 1812
	2s. 7d.	1812 to present time

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	Single Rate.	Years during which the Rates were Charged
Buenos Ayres: - From 1824 (when the packet was established) to 1836	2s. 7d.	1824 to 1836
Columbia and Mexico	2s. 5d.	1836 to present time
Cuba	2s. 1d.	1825 to present time
St. Domingo	2s. 1d.	1827 to present time
	1s. 3d.	1827 to present time
NEWSPAPERS		
Newspapers and printed prices current sent by private ships to the East Indies, Ceylon, Mauritius, and Cape of Good Hope.	1d. each packet not Exceeding one ounce, and 1d. per ounce if above that weight.	1819 to 1837, and then reduced to 1d. each, except printed prices current, which continue as before.
Printed Votes and Proceedings in Parliament, and printed newspapers sent by packet- boats to the colonies.	1½d. each	1825 to 1834, when the rate, so far as respects newspapers, was repealed.
Colonial newspapers brought by packet- boats to the United Kingdom	3d. each	1825 to 1834, when the rate, so far as respects newspapers, was repealed.
Newspapers printed in the colonies, and brought into the United Kingdom by private ships.	3d. each	1827 to 1835, when it was reduced to 1d.
Newspapers by packet- boats to and from foreign parts	2d. each,	until British newspapers be all owed to circulate free within such foreign parts.
Newspapers to and from foreign parts by private ships	2d. each	until British newspapers be allowed to circulate free within such foreign parts, and then the papers to be charged 1d. each.
Prices current brought by private ships from the British possessions and China.	One penny.	
Prices current brought by private ships from foreign parts	1d. or 2d. each	according to the country from which they come, in addition to a rate of 8d. upon the cover, without respect to the number of prices current contained therein.
General Post-Office, (Examined,) M. B. Peacock ,		
21 June 1838. Solicitor.		

Appendix lo Report from the Select Committee on Postage

Appendix (E.) No. 22 of the Appendix to Report from the Select Committee on Postage.

A STATEMENT of the RATE of POSTAGE charged on NEWSPAPERS and PRICES CURRENT received from the Colonies and from Foreign Countries by Packets and by Merchant Vessels; distinguishing any additional Postage charged on their Transmission beyond the Port where received.

BY PACKET.

Newspapers from the colonies and British possessions	nil.
Newspapers from France, and in transit through France, in addition to any foreign rate charged for them upon the British Post-office (except Spain, and on which no charge is made beyond the transit rate charged by France)	½d.
Newspapers from British colonies and possessions, or any foreign country, by French packet or private ship to France, in addition to any foreign rate charged on them	2d.

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Newspapers from foreign countries where British newspapers are not all owed to circulate free (except those in transit through France, which are charged one halfpenny British, and one halfpenny French, as stated above)	2d
Newspapers from foreign countries where British newspapers circulate free	nil.
Prices current from the colonies and China, in addition to any foreign charge	1d.
Prices current from foreign countries	Letter postage
Newspapers and prices current: additional postage on transmission beyond the port where received	nil.

BY MERCHANT VESSELS.

Newspapers from the colonies	1d.
Prices current from the colonies	1d.
Newspapers from China	2d.
Prices current from China	1d.
Newspapers from foreign countries where British newspapers are not all owed to circulate free	2d.
Newspapers from foreign countries where British newspapers circulate free	1d.
Prices current from foreign countries, 2d., with an additional charge of a ship rate of 8d. for the cover.	
Newspapers and prices current: additional postage on transmission beyond the port where received	nil.

General Post-Office, 13 July 1838. W L. Maberly, Secretary.

18360720 – Newspapers Rates To & From Hayti

To all Postmasters.

NEWSPAPERS to and from HAYTI may be forwarded by HIS MAJESTY'S PACKETS free of any Charge for Postage.

H. FREELING, Assistant Secretary.

18360800 – Newspaper Rates

NOTICE.

NEWSPAPERS.

United Kingdom.

Printed Newspapers liable to the Stamp Duty, and duly Stamped, which have passed, or which are to pass, by the General Post within the United Kingdom will be delivered free of all charge, being no longer subject to Penny or Two-penny Post Rates, as heretofore, -

Newspapers not having passed, or to pass through the General Post, but which are put into, and delivered through, the Penny or Two-penny Post of any City, Town, or Place, will be charged One Penny each on Delivery.

British Colonies and Possessions.

Printed Newspapers, duly Stamped, addressed to any of His Majesty's Colonies and Possessions beyond Seas, sent by His Majesty's Packets, will be forwarded free of Charge - if to be sent by Private Ships a Postage of One Penny each must be paid on putting them into a Post Office.

Newspapers sent to INDIA, the CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, NEW SOUTH WALES, &c. will no longer be charged by Weight, but One Penny each.

Newspapers printed in the British Colonies and Possessions, brought to the United Kingdom by His Majesty's Packets, will be delivered free of Charge - if brought by Private Ships, they will be charged One Penny each on delivery.

Newspapers may be sent from one British Colony to another, via the United Kingdom, by His Majesty's Packets, free of Postage.

Foreign Parts.

Printed Newspapers, duly Stamped, addressed to the undermentioned Countries and Places, may be forwarded by His

Majesty's Packets, free of Charge, viz. -

France.	Greece.	Caraccas.
Hamburgh.	Corfu and Ionian Islands.	Carthagera.
Bremen.	Buenos Ayres.	Bogota.
Denmark.	Columbia.	Hayti or St. Domingo.

If sent by Private Ships, One Penny each must be paid on putting them into a Post Office.

Newspapers published in any of the afore-named Countries and Places, and brought by His Majesty's Packets, will be delivered free of Charge, except those from France, which are liable to One Half-penny each on delivery: - If brought by Private Ships, they will be charged One Penny each.

Printed Newspapers, duly Stamped, and sent by His Majesty's Packets, or by Private Ships, to other Foreign Countries and Places, not enumerated in the preceding List, must be charged Two pence each, when put into the Post: - Newspapers from such Countries, brought into the United Kingdom by His Majesty's Packets, or by Private Ships, will be charged Twopence each upon Delivery.

Newspapers intended to be sent either to the British Colonies and Possessions, or to Foreign Parts, must be put into the Post within Seven Days after the Day on which they were published; - and Foreign Newspapers must be printed in the Language of the Country from which they have been forwarded. - On failure of either of these Provisions, they will be charged as Letters.

If the Person to whom a Newspaper from the British Colonies, or from Foreign Parts is directed shall have removed from the Place to which such Newspaper shall be addressed, prior to the delivery thereof at the Place of its Address, it may (provided it has not been opened or used but not otherwise,) be re-directed and forwarded to such Person at any other Place within the United Kingdom free of any additional Charge; but if it

shall have been opened or used, it will, on re-direction, be charged with the rate of a Single Letter from the place at which it shall have been re-directed or re-posted, to the Place where delivered.

General Regulations.

All Newspapers forwarded by Post must be sent without Covers, or in Covers open at the sides; they are otherwise chargeable with Postage as Letters.

Newspapers, British or Foreign, containing any Letter, Paper, or thing enclosed; or with any Writing, or Marks of reference or Information whatever upon them, or upon the Covers, other than the Address, will be charged with treble the duty of Letter Postage.

Postmasters are authorized and required to examine and search all Newspapers, to protect the Revenue from Fraud; and the Postmaster-General is empowered by the Act of Parliament, to proceed against Parties attempting any Frauds upon the Revenue through the medium of Newspapers.

HENRY FREELING, Assistant Secretary.

18361020 - Foreign Letter Rates

To all Postmasters.

WITH reference to the Instructions on the subject of charging Foreign Letters, I beg to explain that it was not intended to deprive the Public of any advantage they enjoyed from the mode of charge in this Country, and consequently a Letter consisting of one piece of Paper not exceeding an Ounce weight, is still chargeable as Single only; - a Letter with one enclosure not exceeding an Ounce weight, is chargeable as Double only; - and a Letter with more than one enclosure not exceeding an Ounce weight, is chargeable as Treble. This applies to British Rates only.

The British Rates on Foreign Letters are only to be charged by weight when it is advantageous to the Public at large; thus a Letter containing one or more enclosures, not exceeding a Quarter of an Ounce, is to be charged Single only; a Letter with more than one enclosure above a Quarter of an Ounce and not exceeding Half an Ounce, is to be charged Double only; - and (according to the former practice) a Letter with more than one enclosure exceeding Half an Ounce and not exceeding an Ounce, is to be charged Treble.

There is a difference between the British and French mode of calculating the Fractions of the Weight. According to the English practice, a Letter does not become chargeable with a higher rate of Postage unless it exceeds the weight specified, by turning the Scale; whereas, according to the French system, if it reaches the weight named, it instantly becomes liable to the increased rate. - For instance, a Letter is not liable to Two British Rates unless it exceeds a Quarter of an Ounce, or to Three Rates unless it exceeds half an Ounce; or to Four Rates unless it exceeds an Ounce; but in charging the French Rates, if the Letter weighs the Quarter of an Ounce, although it does not exceed it, it must be charged with Two Rates; if it weighs Half an Ounce with Three Rates; if it weighs Three Quarters of an Ounce, with Four Rates; and if it weighs an Ounce, with Five Rates; and so on for every Quarter of an Ounce.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18370100 - Prices Current and Commercial Lists to British Colonies

NOTICE.

PRICES CURRENT and COMMERCIAL LISTS published regularly within the UNITED KINGDOM, may be forwarded to the BRITISH COLONIES by Packet, at the reduced Charge of One Penny each.

These Publications will be subjected to all the Regulations which apply to Newspapers, - they may be sent without a Cover, or be made up in Covers open at the ends, or sides; and they must have no other Writing, or Mark for reference, or of any other kind, than the Address of the Party for whom they are intended, either upon the Paper itself, or upon the Cover.

W. L. MABERLY,

18370100 - Packet Rates

On Packet Letter Rates.

To all Postmasters.

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The following Statement of the Packet Letter Rates of Postage, it is hoped, will be sufficiently intelligible to prevent Mistakes, and therefore, in any case of Doubt, you are particularly enjoined to refer to it. If any Letters for Foreign Places should be sent from your Office with less Postage marked on them than ought to have been taken, the Deficiency will be charged upon you.

The Postmasters who have Instructions to send Letters to Falmouth by the Cross Posts, are to be particularly careful so to send the Letters for those Foreign Places which are conveyed by the Packet Boats on the Falmouth Station, and on no Occasion to put them into the London Bag.

FOREIGN AND PACKET RATES.

From London to	Single Letter	From Falmouth to	Single Letter
France	Os. 10d.	Portugal	1s. 7d.
Switzerland	1s. 2d.	Madeira	1s. 8d.
Holland and Belgium	1s. 4d.	Azores	1s. 8d.
Germany via France	1s. 4d.	Canaries	1s. 8d.
Germany	1s. 8d.	Brazils	2s. 7d.
Russia	1s. 8d.	Buenos Ayres	2s. 5d.
Prussia	1s. 8d.	Chili	2s. 5d.
Denmark	1s. 8d.	Peru	2s. 5d.
Sweden	1s. 8d.	* Gibraltar	1s. 11d.
Norway	1s. 8d.	Malta, Corfu, Greece, Egypt, India	2s. 3d.
Spain	1s. 7d.	West Indies	1s. 3d.
Italy	1s. 7d.	America	1s. 3d.
Ionian Isles	1s. 7d.	St. Domingo	1s. 3d.
Turkey via France	1s. 7d.	Carthagena, La Guayra	2s. 1d.
Spain via Cadiz	2s. 2d.	Mexico, Honduras	2s. 1d.

* - If Persons wish to send Letters for Gibraltar through France, they must be sent to London instead of Falmouth, and the Postage will be the same as to Spain via France.

The POSTMASTERS are to add to the above Rates on Letters for the Foreign Mails made up in LONDON, a sum Twopence less than the Inland Rate from their Offices; for instance - the Inland Rate from Bristol to London is 10d., therefore 8d. and 10d. is the Postage of a Letter from Bristol to France, viz. 1s. 6d. and in the same manner for all the other Countries.

But on the Letters sent to FALMOUTH, the Postmasters are to add to the Packet Rates as above stated, a Sum One Penny less than the Inland charge from their Offices to Falmouth, viz. from York to Falmouth the Inland Postage is 1s. 2d., therefore a Letter from York to Malta is 1s. 1d. and 2s. 3d., in all 3s. 4d.

This Regulation is not to apply to Letters for BUENOS AYRES, CHILI, PERU, ST. DOMINGO, CARTHAGENA, LA GUAYRA, MEXICO, or HONDURAS, the full Inland Postage on which is to be taken, in addition to the Packet Rates as above.

Packet Mails made up in London as follows:

France	Every Day, Sunday excepted
Holland, Sweden	Every Tuesday and Friday
Germany, and the North of Europe	Every Tuesday and Friday
Belgium	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Portugal	Every Saturday
Jamaica, St. Domingo, and Leeward Islands	First & Fifteenth of every Month
America	First Wednesday, Monthly
Bahamas	Fifteenth of every Month
Mexico	Fifteenth of every Month
Honduras	Fifteenth of every Month
Havannah	Fifteenth of every Month
La Guayra	First Day of every Month
Carthagena	Fifteenth of every Month
Madeira	First Tuesday, Monthly

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Brazil First Tuesday, Monthly
 Buenos Ayres First Tuesday, Monthly
 Cadiz, Gibraltar, Malta, Greece, Corfu, Egypt, and India First Day of every Month

The Postage must be paid on Letters for all the above places except for France, the West Indian Colonies, and British America, (principal places, HALIFAX and QUEBEC,) the Payment to which is optional with the Writers.

N.B. No. 1, dated February, 1835, having required some Additions, is to be cancelled, and this used instead.
 W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18370203 – West Indies Rates to Europe (GPO London, February 3, 1837)

To the Postmasters in the British American Colonies, and the West Indies.

It is no longer necessary that the Postage of Letters from FRANCE to the BRITISH AMERICAN COLONIES and POSSESSIONS in the WEST INDIES, or from those Colonies and Possessions to FRANCE, should be paid at the time of putting them into the Post. They may be sent altogether unpaid, or on payment of the Postage to and from the French Frontier only, or of the whole Postage, British and Foreign, to the Place of Destination.

The Rate of Postage to and from the Colonies and Calais is 2s. 3d. single, and so on in proportion for double and treble Letters. The accompanying List shows the Rates which are to be taken, in addition, on Letters to FRANCE, where Parties are desirous of paying the Postage to their Destination.

Attached to this List is one, of the Post Towns in SWITZERLAND and SARDINIA, the Letters for which may be paid to the French Frontier Offices, or to their Destinations; also the States in Southern ITALY, the Letters to which may be paid as far as the Italian Frontier of SARDINIA; and the States in AUSTRIA and VENETIAN LOMBARDY, Letters to which may be paid to the French Frontier Offices.

In a separate List will be found the Post Towns in certain States of GERMANY, the Letters for which may be post paid to their Destinations, provided, but not otherwise, they are specially addressed via France.

It must be distinctly understood, that Letters cannot be sent unpaid (as in the case of FRANCE) to any of the above Places.

Unpaid Letters for Towns in FRANCE are to be marked in Black Ink with the Rate of 2s. 3d. only, in small but legible figures on the left hand upper corner. Letters paid to Calais only, are to be marked with the Rate of 2s. 3d. in Red Ink, as usual. On Letters paid to their Destination, the Rate of 2s. 3d. is to be stated by itself, and the French, or other Foreign Rate, according to the Lists sent herewith, to be put underneath, and both added together. These taxes also to be marked in small but legible figures at the left hand corner, for example:

I				I
I	s.	d.		I
I	2	3		I
I		10		I
I	----			I
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I			Paris.	I
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An alteration has been made with respect to the mode of charging Foreign Letters. A Copy of the Instructions issued to the Postmasters in this Country is enclosed, and particular attention must be paid to the Regulations therein laid down.

Patterns to or from FRANCE may be forwarded paid or unpaid, at the choice of the sender, under the usual Regulations as to Patterns.

If any person should offer a Letter, desiring that it should be registered, and endorsed as "Registered," the ordinary Rate of Postage must be taken, as specified in these Instructions, according as the Letter may be Single, Double, and so forth, with a Rate of 2s. 6d. in addition on each Letter, but not on each Rate; to this must be added double the: Foreign Inland Postage, (by the Lists) according to weight; and the direction must be entered upon the Letter Bill, and the Letter folded in the Bill. The whole payment for Registered Letters must, of necessity, be made in advance.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18371100 – Registered Letters to Foreign Countries.

NOTICE.

Registered Letters to Foreign Countries.

The practice adopted by the Post Office in France, of charging double the rate of Postage to which Letters are liable, as the price for Registering them, will hereafter be substituted in this Country for the present regulation of requiring Half-a-Crown as a Fee, in addition to the Postage on such Letters, provided the extra Postage to be so charged shall not exceed Half-a-Crown, which is still to be the highest sum demanded for the Registry of any Foreign Letter in this Country. For example, a Single Registered Letter from London to Paris will be charged two British and two French rates, making the total sum in the two Countries 3s. 4d., instead of the present charge of 5s.; a double Letter will be liable to 6s. 8d., instead of 7s. 6d.; and a treble Letter, to 10s., being the present amount; and for Letters above that class the Half-Crown will continue in operation in this Country instead of the system of Double Postage, which would then become the most expensive. As the optional payment does not apply to Registered Letters, the whole amount of Postage chargeable in England and in France upon such Letters must be paid at the time they are put into the Post in either country.

In consequence of this concession with regard to Registered Letters, the practice of taking charge of Foreign Letters containing Coin, Jewels, &c., as 'Money Letters' will be discontinued, and in future these Letters can only be received under the same regulations that apply to other Registered Letters.

It must be distinctly understood, that the Registry of Letters will not make the Postmaster General responsible for the Loss that may be sustained in consequence of the failure of any Letter with which this precaution may have been adopted.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18371100 – Registration / Money Letters to Colonies

To all Postmasters.

REGISTERED LETTERS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

AN alteration has been made with respect to the Charge for Registering Foreign Letters. Instead of taking a Fee of Half-a-Crown in addition to the rates of Postage, you are to receive double the amount of Postage to which such Letters may be liable, provided the additional Postage does not exceed Half-a-Crown. In all cases where it would be more than that sum, you are to continue to take the Half-Crown, as at present. As the option of paying the whole or part of the Postage in this Country, or at the place of destination, does not apply to Registered Letters to and from France, the whole amount of Postage chargeable in both Countries must be paid at the time such Letters are put into the Post.

In consequence of the expense of Registering Letters being reduced, the present practice of taking charge of Letters containing Coin, Jewels, &c., and entering them on the bills as 'Money Letters' is to be discontinued with respect to Foreign Letters, which are only to be received under the regulations applicable to Registered Letters; but with regard to Letters of this description addressed to any place in the United Kingdom, or the British Possessions abroad, they are still to be treated as "Money Letters," according to the existing regulations.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18380100 – GB Incoming Printed Paper Mail Inland Rate Reduction

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a reduction will be made in the charge on Letters and Packets of the undermentioned description, arriving from the Colonies or Foreign Countries, so far as relates to British Postage, viz.: -

On Letters and Packets containing patterns or samples of Goods, the Postage will be reduced to 1s. per ounce weight. On British Plantation Accounts, and on Deeds from the Colonies and Foreign Parts, according to the annexed scale. -

Not exceeding ¼ lb	£0 5s. 0d.
Above ¼ lb. and not exceeding ½ lb. to	£0 10s. 0d.
Above ½ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb. to	£0 15s. 0d.
Above 1 lb. and not exceeding 1 lb. to	£1 0s. 0d.
Above 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb. to	£2 0s. 0d.

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Above 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lb. to £3 0s. 0d.

Above 2 lb. and not exceeding 2½ lb. to £4 0s. 0d.

Above 2½ lb. and not exceeding 3 lb. to £5 0s. 0d.

After the weight of 3 lb., the full charge of Postage will be maintained, it being desirable to prevent Packets above that weight from being sent through the Post Office.

On Books, Pamphlets, and other printed Papers, the reduction will be made as at present, viz.: -

To 4s. if the original charge be under 20s.

To 5s. if under 50s.

If above 50s. to one-tenth of the total charge.

To prevent Letters being sent clandestinely in such Packets, for which practice facilities would be afforded by these concessions, no relief will be given unless the Packets are opened at this Office, or if in the Country, in the presence of the Postmaster, or one of his Clerks, when, if any Letters are found to be enclosed, they will be charged with full Postage.

In order that Parties residing in the Country may be saved the trouble and delay of applying to this Office, reductions will be made on the principles above described, at the following Towns, viz.: -

Aberdeen	Dublin	Leicester	Plymouth
Bath	Dundee	Leith	Portsmouth
Birmingham	Edinburgh	Liverpool	Preston
Bradford (Yorks.)	Exeter	Londonderry	Sheffield
Brighton	Galway	Maidstone	Shrewsbury
Bristol	Glasgow	Manchester	Sligo
Cambridge	Gloucester	Newcastle on Tyne	Southampton
Cheltenham	Greenock	Newcastle (Staff.)	Sunderland
Chester	Halifax	Norwich	Taunton
Clonmel	Huddersfield	Nottingham	Wolverhampton
Colchester	Hutt	Oxford	Worcester
Derby	Inverness	Paisley	York
Devonport	Leeds	Perth	

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18380501 – Two-Penny Post impact on Letters to Colonies

NOTICE.

LETTERS for the undermentioned Places are to be forwarded to HOUNSLOW under the Penny Post arrangement instead of being sent in the London Bag.

Antigua	Nevis	Caraçoa
Bahama	New Brunswick	Guadaloupe
Barbadoes	New Providence	Martinique
Berbice	North America (British)	Newfoundland
Bermuda	Prince Edward's Island	New York
Canada	Quebec	St. Croix
Demerara	St. Kitts	St. Martins
Dominica	St. Lucia	St. Thomas's
Grenada	St. Vincents	Surinam
Halifax	Tobago	United States of America
Jamaica	Tortola	
Montserrat	Trinidad	
Montreal	West Indies	

The Postage must be paid on all Letters for the above places

Letters for the above places can be forwarded either paid or unpaid, at the option of the senders.

N.B. You will refer to your proper List for the Packet Rate of Postage, and take 1d. in addition for the Penny Post Rate.

R. SMITH, Superintending President.

18380526 – Ship letters. Regulations & penalties

SHIP LETTERS.

EXTRACTS of the Act 1 VICTORIA, cap. 34, relative to the Conveyance of Letters by Private Ship's or Vessels.

Section XXIII. And be it enacted that the following Persons shall have their Letters free from Sea Postage, (that is to say,) the Owners, Charterers, or Consignees (resident in the United Kingdom) of Vessels Inward-bound, and the Owners, Consignees, or Shippers, of Goods on board Vessels Inward-bound; but the Letters brought by any One Vessel to any One such Person shall not collectively exceed Six Ounces in Weight (except in the Case of Letters brought by Vessels coming from Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, or the Cape of Good Hope, for an Owner, Charterer, or Consignee, of such Vessel, in which case they may be collectively Twenty Ounces in Weight), and the Owner, Charterer, or Consignee, shall be described as such on the Address and Superscription, and in the Case of Owners, Shippers, or Consignees of Goods, it shall also appear by the Ship's Manifest that they have Goods on board the Vessel; and the Persons hereby exempted shall be entitled to have their Letters which come within the above Conditions before the Master of the Vessel delivers the other Letters in his Charge to the Post Office.

Section XXIV. And for encouraging Masters of Vessels not being Post Office Packets to undertake the Conveyance of Letters between Places in the United Kingdom and between the United Kingdom and Places beyond the Seas, and for regulating the Conveyance and Delivery of such Letters, be it enacted, That the Postmaster General may allow to the Masters thereof Two pence for each Letter which they shall receive from the Post Office when Outward-bound, and Twopence for each Letter which they shall deliver to the Post Office at the first Port at which they touch or arrive or with which they communicate when Inward-bound; and if from unforeseen Circumstances the Master cannot upon delivering his Letters at an Outport receive the Money to which he is entitled he shall be paid by means of an Order of the Postmaster General at such other Place as may be convenient; but the allowance hereby provided shall not extend to Masters of Vessels bound to Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, or the Cape of Good Hope, who shall carry Post Letters outward without being entitled to Remuneration; and every Master of a Vessel bound outward to Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, or the Cape of Good Hope shall receive on board his Vessel every Post Letter Bag tendered to him for Conveyance, and having received the same shall deliver it on his Arrival at the Port or Place of his Destination without Delay; and every Master of a Vessel bound inward shall cause all Letters on board his Vessel, except those belonging to the Owners of the Vessel or of the Goods on board which do not exceed the prescribed Weights, and except Letters exceeding the Weight of Three Ounces, to be collected, and enclosed in some Bag or other Envelope, and to be sealed with his Seal, and to be addressed to any of Her Majesty's Deputy Postmasters in Great Britain or Ireland, that they may be in readiness to send on Shore by his own Boat, or by the Pilot Boat, or by any other safe or convenient Means, in order that the same may be delivered at the first regular Post Office which can be communicated with, and shall likewise cause all Letters exceeding the Weight of Three Ounces (except such as may be obtained by Owners, Charterers, Consignees, and Shippers of the Vessel or of the Goods on board thereof, as aforesaid) to be collected, and enclosed in some Bag, Box, or other Envelope, to be sealed and addressed as aforesaid and shall deliver the same at the regular Port or Place where the Vessel shall report; and shall at such Port or Place sign a Declaration, in the Presence of the Person authorized by the

Postmaster General at such Port or Place, who shall also sign the same; and the Declaration shall be in the Form or to the Effect following; (that is to say,) "I A.B., Commander of the [state the Name of the Ship or Vessel], arrived from [state the Place], do, as required by Law, solemnly declare, that I have to the best of my Knowledge and Belief delivered or caused to be delivered to the Post Office every Letter, Bag, Package, or Parcel of Letters that were on board the [state the Name of the Ship], except such Letters as are exempted by Law."

And no Collector, Comptroller, or principal Officer of the Customs shall permit such Vessel to report till such Declaration shall be made and produced; and no Vessel shall be permitted by any Officer of Customs to break bulk or to make Entry in any Port of the BRITISH Dominions until all Letters on board the same shall be delivered to the Post Office where Posts are or hereafter may be established, and from whence such Letters may be despatched by Post, except such Letters, Commissions, and other Matters and Things as are exempted by the Post Office Acts from the exclusive Privilege of the Postmaster-General, and also except all such Letters as shall be brought by a Vessel liable to the Performance of Quarantine, all which last-mentioned Letters shall be delivered by the Persons having Possession thereof to the Persons appointed to superintend the Quarantine, that all proper precautions may be by them taken before the Delivery thereof and when due care has been had therein the said Letters shall be by them despatched in the usual Manner by the Post and the Principal Officer of Customs at every Fort shall search every Vessel for Letters which may be on board contrary to the Post Office Acts, and may seize all such Letters, and forward them to the nearest Post Office, and the Officer who shall so seize and send them shall be entitled to a Moiety of the Penalties which may be recovered for any such Offence; and in case an Officer of Her Majesty's Customs shall find a Letter superscribed as the Letter of an Owner or Charterer, or Consignee or Shipper, exceeding the Weight herein-before limited, then the Officer shall seize so many of the Letters as shall reduce the Remainder within the proper Weight, and he shall take the same to the nearest Post Office; and the Postmaster of the Place shall pay to the Officer delivering the same Two Shillings and Sixpence for every Post Letter so seized; and the Postmaster General may appoint any Person to demand from the Masters of Vessels arriving at or off a Port of the United Kingdom all Letters on board the same not exempted by the Post Office Acts, and the Master of any such Vessel shall forthwith deliver all Letters on board to such Person, on his demanding the same.

PENALTIES

Under the Act of 1 VICTORIA, cap. 36, for disobeying any of the aforesaid enactments.

Section III. And be it enacted, That every Person, being either the Master of a Vessel Inward-bound, or one of the Officers, or one of the Crew, or a Passenger thereof, who shall knowingly have any letter in his Possession not exempted from the Privilege of the Postmaster General, after the Master shall have sent any Part of his Ship's Letters to the Post Office, shall forfeit for every Letter Five Pounds; and whether the Letter be in the Baggage or on the Person of the Offender, or otherwise in his Custody, it shall be held to be in his Possession; and every such Person who shall detain any such Letter after demand made, either by the Officer of the Customs or by a Person authorized by the Postmaster General to demand Ships Letters, shall forfeit for every Letter Ten Pounds.

Section IV. And every Person who shall, with intent to evade any Duty of Postage, falsely superscribe a Letter as being the Owner or the Charterer or the Consignee of a Vessel conveying the same, or as the Owner, or the Shipper, or the Consignee of Goods shipped in such Vessel, shall for every such Offence forfeit Ten Pounds.

Section VI. And for compelling the Observance of the Provisions of the Post Office Laws relating to the Conveyance of Ship Letters, be it enacted, That every Master of a Vessel Outward-bound to Ceylon, the Mauritius, the East Indies, or the Cape of Good Hope, who shall refuse to take a Post Letter Bag delivered or tendered to him by an Officer of the Post Office for Conveyance, shall forfeit Two Hundred Pounds; and every Master of a Vessel who shall open a sealed Letter Bag with which he shall be intrusted for Conveyance shall forfeit Two Hundred Pounds; and every Master of a Vessel who shall take out of a Letter Bag with which he shall have been intrusted for Conveyance,

a Letter or any other Thing shall forfeit Two Hundred Pounds and every Master of a Vessel who shall not duly deliver a Letter Bag with the Contents at the Post Office on his Arrival in Port, without wilful or unavoidable Delay after his Arrival, shall forfeit Two Hundred Pounds; and every Person to whom Letters may have been intrusted by the Master of a Vessel to bring on shore who shall break the Seal, or in any Manner wilfully open the same, shall forfeit Twenty Pounds; and every Master of a Vessel who shall refuse or wilfully neglect to make the Declaration of having delivered his Ship's Letters to the Post Office, as required by an Act of the present Session, intituled An Act for the Regulation of the Duties of Postage, shall forfeit fifty Pounds; and every Collector, Comptroller, or Officer of the Customs who by the said Act is required to prohibit any Vessel reporting until the Requisites of such Act shall have been complied with, who shall permit such Vessel to report before the Requisites of such Act shall have been complied with, shall forfeit Fifty Pounds; and every Master of a Vessel (not having been able to send his Letters ashore previous to his Arrival at the Port where the Vessel is to report) who shall break bulk or make Entry before all Letters on board shall be sent to the Post Office shall forfeit Twenty Pounds; and every Master of a Vessel, or any other Person on board any Ship liable to the Performance of Quarantine, who shall neglect or refuse to deliver to the Person or Persons appointed to superintend the Quarantine all Letters in his Possession, shall forfeit Twenty Pounds.

18381000 - Dead Letter Instructions for the Colonies (GPO, London, October, 1838).

Instructions for the Management of Dead, Re-directed, Missent and Over-charged Letters, &c.

ARTICLE 1st. - MISSENT and RE-DIRECTED LITTTTERS.

I - WHEN any Letters, Packets or Newspapers are Missent to your Office, you are to forward them according to their Directions by the first Mail, with a Form No. 2, filling in the Amount of Postage which has been charged upon you, and taking Credit for the same in the Dead Letter Quarterly Account.

II - Any Letters, Packets, or Newspapers you may have to re-direct, for Persons left for England, or removed to any place with which you have a Post communication, you will in like manner forward with a Form No. 2, filling in the Amount of Postage which has been charged upon you, and taking Credit for the same in the Dead Letter Quarterly Account, and advance the Postage, excepting Letters for Officers of the Army, Navy, and Ordnance on Duty.

III - You will debit yourself in the Dead Letter Account with the same Amount of Postage, for the Missent and Re- directed Letters which you receive, as the sending Postmaster has made his claim for, so that the Credits and Debits for these Letters may correspond in the Accounts rendered to this Department.

IV. - Any additional Postage incurred by the re-direction on these Letters should be included in the Island Letter Account which is rendered to the Accountant General. Such Letters should bear your Office Stamp.

V. - The Forms No. 2, which you receive must be compared with the Letters and (if correct) certified, and sorted according to Islands and the dates, and transmitted to the Inspector with the Quarterly Dead Letter Account.

VI - But if the Sum claimed in the Form No. 2, does not agree with the Postage on the Letters received, the Post master will not delay the Letters but insert the correct Sum in the proper place in the Form, and transmit it by the first Mail to the inspector of Dead Letters, with such observations as may appear necessary.

ARTICLE 2nd. - DEAD LETTERS.

VII. - When Letters, Packets, or Newspapers, have remained in the Office the Periods undermentioned, and every effort to deliver them has failed, the Post master will write in Red Ink, on the front of each, the true Reason of its non- delivery, and stamp them; he will then transmit them in a Form No. 4, in the proper printed Cover to the Inspector of Dead Letters, by each Mail, claiming only the Amount of Postage which has been charged upon him, and enter the same in the Quarterly Dead Letter Account.

VIII - Should there be no undelivered Letters returnable upon those Days, the blank Forms must nevertheless be signed, and enclosed in the proper Covers, at the prescribed periods.

IX - These Returns are to include all undelivered Letters and Newspapers, whether received from other Offices, or put into the Postmaster's own Office, or within its delivery.

X - When the cause of non-delivery is:

"Dead"

"Refused," - or "Gone away, not known where"

"Not Known," - or "Not to be Found"

"Nor called for," i f addressed to the Post Office

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XI - Letters addressed, or Re-directed to Places, requiring the previous Payment of Postage, but put into the Office Un paid, must be stamped with the Office Stamp, and written upon "Postage not Paid," and be sent under Cover to the Inspector of Dead Letters by the very next Mail.

XII. - Letters put into the Office without any, or with imperfect Addresses, are to be sent under Cover to the Secretary of the General Post Office, London, by the first Mail.

ARTICLE 3rd. - OVER-CHARGES and ALLOWANCES.

XIII - When application is made for the Return of Postage on Letters stated to have been overcharged, the Post master will satisfy himself, by a cursory view of the contents that the demand is just, before he makes any allowance; when he will obtain the Covers, if they can be spared, and request the Parties to whom they are addressed to sign them, in proof of the claim having been made by them, and write upon each "Single," - "Double," - "Missent," &c. (as the case may be) "Allowed," (inserting the Sum in figures). But if the Covers cannot be spared, he will correct the Tax upon each Letter, in Red Ink, and write upon it how much he has allowed, and obtain the Parties signature to the printed Receipts for the same, which Receipt or other Voucher is to be sent with, and the Sum allowed inserted in the Form No. 4, taking credit for the same in the Dead Letter Quarterly Account.

XIV - Should the Postmaster have to make a Return of Postage which has been paid upon Government Letters, he will obtain the usual Certificate, signed by the Governor, and forward it at the end of the Quarter with the Dead Letter Quarterly Account in which he will take credit for the amount.

XV - The Postage charged upon Letters, if opened, or drawn out at the enc.l's, cannot be allowed.

XVI - Should a Letter intended for one Party be delivered to another of the same Name (which the Post master must do his utmost to prevent), and consequently opened by the wrong Party, the reason why, and by whom opened, must be written upon it, and the Post master will re-seal it with his Official Seal. If the right Owner cannot be found, it must be so stated upon the Letter.

XVII - Every Postmaster is strictly prohibited opening, or permitting to be opened, or delivering back to the Writer, or any other Person, on any pretence whatever, any Letter put into his Office.

XVIII. - Postmasters have not the Privilege of receiving t heir Letters Free, and they must Tax all passing between one Deputy and another, those, however, which relate strictly to Office Business will be allowed, and should be claimed with the over-charged Covers in the Form No. 4, and the Postmaster will briefly state on each, in what manner they have been attended to.

XIX - The Quarterly Dead Letter Account is to be transmitted to the inspector by the next Mail after the 1st Days of January, April, July, and October, in each Year, and to contain the aggregate Claims of the Forms No. 2 and 4.1

XX - When Forms relating to these Accounts arc wanted, the Inspector is to be applied to, and the Forms described by their Numbers. Should a Post master have more than he requires, he will return them, and state how many he uses of each Quarter.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18381200 - Newspapers to the British Colonies

To all Receivers.

Newspapers to the British Colonies and Foreign Parts.

NEWSPAPERS liable to the Stamp Duty, may be forwarded to the BRITISH COLONIES AND POSSESSIONS by HER MAJESTY'S PACKET BOATS free of the duty of Postage, provided the same be duly Stamped and made up open at the ends, and put into any Post-Office within Seven days after the day of Publication. Also Newspapers liable to the Stamp Duty, and under the same restrictions, may be forwarded to FOREIGN PARTS by HER MAJESTY'S PACKET BOATS, free of the Duty of Postage, or on the Payment of Two-pence for every such paper, according to the following list.

BRITISH COLONIES AND FOREIGN PLACES.

Antigua	Demerara	Heligoland	St. Lucia
Bahamas	Dominica	Hamburgh	St. Vincent's
Barbadoes	Denmark	Ionian Islands	*St. Croix
Berbice	East Indies (overland)	Jamaica	*St. Thomas
Bermuda	France	La Guayra	*St. Martin's
Buenos Ayres	Grenada	Montserrat	*Surinam
Bremen	Gibraltar	Montreal	Spain
Brazils	Greece	*Mexico	Tobago
Canada	*Guadaloupe	*Martinique	Tortola
Cairiacou	Halifax, Nova	New Grenada	Toronto
*Cuba, or Havannah	Scotia	New Brunswick	Trinidad

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Columbia	Hayti, or St. Domingo	Newfoundland	*United States of America
Carthegena		Nove Scotia	Venezuela
Cuxhaven	Honduras	Quebec	
		St. Kitt's	

* These places must pay 2d. each Newspaper either by Packet or Private Ship.

Newspapers may also be forwarded to the COLONIES by PRIVATE SHIPS, for a Postage of One Penny each, and to FOREIGN PARTS, where they are sent free by the Packets.

Newspapers can also be forwarded to St. Helena, and the Western Coast of Africa, viz.: - St. Mary's, River Gambia, Sierra Leone, Cape Coast Castle, Fernando Po, and Isle of Ascension, on Payment of One Penny each, and to China on payment of Two pence each, under the above Regulations as to date, &c.

Newspapers under the above regulations may likewise be forwarded by Private Ships to the Cape of Good Hope, Mauritius, or Isle of France, Isle of Bourbon, Ceylon, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Singapore, Bencoolen, Prince of Wales's Island, Batavia, Manilla, Malacca, Sydney, New South Wales, Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land, Swan River, Western and South Australia, and all parts of the East Indies, on payment of One Penny each.

All Newspapers that may be paid for, to any of the above Places, must be distinctly Stamped, and sent up in the Letter Bag.

Note. - The Receiver will cancel the List relating to Newspapers which he now has, and use this instead, which he must invariably refer to whenever he may be at a loss.

PRICES CURRENT and COMMERCIAL LISTS published regularly within the United Kingdom may be forwarded to the BRITISH COLONIES by Packet, at the reduced Charge of One Penny each.

Printed PRICES CURRENT to the Cape of Good Hope, the Mauritius, Ceylon, and the East Indies, are forwarded on the payment of One Penny per Ounce.

These Publications will be subjected to all the Regulations which apply to Newspapers.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18390216 – Deeds. Postage to send to the colonies

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Deeds may be forwarded from this Country to the British Colonies and Possessions, at the same reduced Rates of Postage as are chargeable on those received from the Colonies: viz.

Not exceeding ¼ lb. weight	£0 5s. 0d.
Above ¼ lb. and not exceeding ½ lb.	£0 10s. 0d.
Above ½ lb. and not exceeding ¾ lb.	£0 15s. 0d.
Above ¾ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	£1 0s. 0d.
Above 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	£2 0s. 0d.
Above 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lb.	£3 0s. 0d.
Above 2 lb. and not exceeding 2½ lb.	£4 0s. 0d.
Above 2½ lb. and not exceeding 3 lb.	£5 0s. 0d.

After the weight of 3 lb. the full charge of Postage will be maintained, it being desirable to prevent Packets above that weight from being sent through the Post Office.

Packets of this description sent from London, can only be received at the General Post Office; and in order to check any abuse of the concession, by enclosing Letters, or otherwise, they must be brought open, and closed in the presence of the Officer on duty, after he has satisfied himself that there is nothing contained in the Cover except the Deed.

With the object of facilitating the transmission of Deeds, they will also be received by the Postmasters at the following Towns, under the same regulations as those to be observed at the General Post Office, viz.

Aberdeen	Devonport	Leicester	Plymouth
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Great Britain Post Office Notices

Bath	Dublin	Leith	Portsmouth
Belfast	Dundee	Limerick	Preston
Birmingham	Edinburgh	Liverpool	Sheffield
Bradford (Yorks.)	Exeter	Londonderry	Shrewsbury
Brighton	Galway	Maidstone	Sligo
Bristol	Glasgow	Manchester	Southampton
Cambridge	Gloucester	Newcastle on Tyne	Sunderland
Cheltenham	Greenock	Newcastle (Staff.)	Taunton
Chester	Halifax	Norwich	Waterford
Clonmel	Huddersfield	Nottingham	Wolverhampton
Cork	Hull	Oxford	Worcester
Colchester	Inverness	Paisley	York
Derby	Leeds	Perth	

The Postage on Deeds to the British Colonies and Possessions must be paid at the time they are put into the Post Office.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18390300 – Printed Papers to Colonies Rate Reduction

Regulations under which Unstamped Printed Prices Current and Commercial Lists, may be forwarded, by Post, to all Parts of the United Kingdom, to the British Colonies and Possessions Abroad, and to Foreign Parts, by Packet or Private Ship, at the reduced rate of ONE PENNY.

1st. - THE sanction of the Postmaster General must be expressly obtained for each Publication and recorded at the General Post Office in London, before it can enjoy the privilege of circulating by Post at the reduced rate of One Penny each.

2nd. - No private Price Current or Mercantile Circular of any description, whether printed or otherwise, can be permitted to circulate by Post at the reduced rate above mentioned.

3rd. - Prices Current must only contain the Names and Prices of the Articles, with general information as to the Markets, but the Names of the Parties dealing in such Articles are to be excluded; nor must they or any other Publications circulating under these Regulations contain any Advertisements or Matter subjecting them to the Newspaper Stamp Duty.

4th. - No Price Current or Commercial List circulating at the reduced rate must exceed the weight of Two Ounces.

5th. - Every Price Current or Commercial List must be posted at the Post Office of the Town or Place where the same is published, within Seven Days after its Publication; and no such Publication can be reposted or forwarded a second time without being charged with full Letter rate of Postage.

6th. - Each Copy must be made up in the same form as a Newspaper with Covers open at the ends, admitting of its being withdrawn for the purpose of examination.

7th. - The Title of the Publication must be written or printed immediately above the address; and any other writing than such address, any Name or Initials, or any mark for reference of any kind, calculated to convey information as to the 1 party by whom such Publication is forwarded, will subject the same to full Letter rate of Postage.

8th. - The payment of the reduced rate of One Penny each upon these privileged Publications circulating by the Inland Post, within the United Kingdom, is optional, and may be made either by the sender or the receiver; but the Penny must be paid when posted in this Country upon all such Publications forwarded to the British Colonies or Possessions Abroad, or to Foreign Parts, either by Packet or private Ship.

9th. - Those privileged Prices Current and Commercial Lists published in London, the Penny upon which is to be paid by the Receiver, must be brought to the Lobby of the Inland Office at St. Martin's-le-Grand before Six o'clock P.M. as hitherto, those to be paid for on posting must be delivered at the paid Window of the Inland, Foreign, or Ship Letter Office, according to their destination before Six P.M. They may also be posted and the Postage paid at any of the Branch

Offices or Receiving Houses within the Three Mile Circle before Six P.M.

18391121 - GB Internal Rate on incoming letters (via Falmouth) Abolished

Notice to the Public and Instructions to all Postmasters.

IN compliance with the Orders of the Lords of the Treasury, the following alterations in the Rates of Postage will take place on, and after, the 5th of December next.

The system of charging Letters by Enclosures is abolished; all Letters, therefore, whether General Post, Foreign or Colonial, with the exception of local Penny Post Letters, and of the local Letters passing through the Dublin and London local Posts, will be charged by weight, according to the following Scale: -

On Letters not exceeding Half-an-Ounce, there will be taken, One Rate of Postage.

On Letters above	Half-an-Ounce,	and not exceeding	One Ounce,	Two Rates of Postage.
do.	One Ounce	do.	Two Ounces,	Four Rates of Postage.
do.	Two Ounces	do.	Three Ounces,	Six Rates of Postage.
do.	Three Ounces	do.	Four Ounces,	Eight Rates of Postage.

And so on in proportion.

Postmasters should bear in mind, however, that after the First Ounce in the annexed Scale, no distinction is made between the Ounce and a Fraction of an Ounce. A Letter, for instance, which turns the Ounce weight, is liable to Four Rates of Postage; and a Letter weighing a Fraction above Two Ounces, is liable to Six Rates of Postage, and so on. This Regulation, however, will not affect the mode of charging French Rates on Letters to or from France, and through France, as the present system of charging French Rates on such Letters must continue in force, viz. - a Single French Rate for each Quarter of an Ounce, exclusive.

The Single Rate of Inland Postage on all General Post Letters, transmitted between places in the United Kingdom will be the uniform Rate of 4d., except in those cases where the Letters are at present subject to lower Rates than the Sum specified, and except in the case of Foreign Letters transmitted by packet, on which the Rates of Inland Postage at present taken must be continued, although the charge must be calculated in both cases by weight, as before mentioned, and not by Enclosures.

No Inland Rate of Postage will be taken on Letters between the British West Indies and the United Kingdom, or on those between Gibraltar, Malta, the Ionian Islands, and the United Kingdom. This last description of Letters must, however, be addressed "via Falmouth," or they will otherwise become subject to the present Inland Rates, as they will be forwarded through France, and be treated as Foreign Letters.

As the rate to and from North America already is an uniform rate of One Shilling for a Single Letter, the rate of Postage on Letters conveyed by Packet between the United Kingdom and all the British Colonies, (with the exception of Letters to the East Indies, which are to be charged when they are sent or received via Falmouth 2s. 6d. as at present,) will be an uniform single rate of One Shilling, advancing on all Letters exceeding Half an Ounce according to the Scale of Weight already laid down.

No Penny Postage will hereafter be charged upon Letters passing through the General Post, except on those which are franked; Franks, however, will still be liable to the local rates of a Penny or Twopence, as at present, when passing through Penny Posts in the Country, or the local Posts of London and Dublin.

The additional rates heretofore chargeable on Letters conveyed by the route of the Menai and Conway Bridges, that of Milford and Waterford and the additional Half-penny on Letters conveyed by Mails in Scotland, will be abolished.

No Letter which is not franked, or which shall not be either despatched by, or addressed to a Public

Department on the Public Service, shall be forwarded when above the weight of Sixteen Ounces, with the exception of those from Foreign Countries or the Colonies, addressed to the United Kingdom, whether they shall arrive by Packet or by private Ship, and Deeds and Parliamentary Proceedings when addressed to the Colonies to be forwarded by Packet. The Letters will be delivered according to their address, but at the rates of Postage to which they will be liable by the scale before given. With respect to Deeds and Parliamentary Proceedings, they will be treated according to the existing Regulations, and will be charged with the rates they are at present liable to, except where those rates are higher than they would be under the new system. Parliamentary Petitions above Sixteen Ounces within the United Kingdom will be treated in a similar manner. Letters evidently intended to be franked, but which have become liable to Postage by wrong date, &c. &c. must be forwarded even if above the weight of Sixteen Ounces, but at the rates already laid down.

All Letters exceeding the weight of an Ounce (with the exception of Letters addressed to France,) must have the Postage paid in advance. Should the Postage not be paid in advance, the Letters must be charged with double the rates to which they would otherwise be liable.

The Charge on Letters transmitted by private Ship between the United Kingdom and Places beyond Sea (with the exception of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and Places within the limits of the East India Company's Charter) will also be taken by weight according to the scale before given. The single rate of Postage on such Letters will be 8d. when posted or delivered at the port of departure or arrival, and 1s. when posted or delivered at any other Place within the United Kingdom. These rates of 8d. and 1s. will apply also to Letters between this Country and China.

The rates on Letters conveyed by private Ship between the United Kingdom and Countries comprized within the limits of the East India Company's Charter will be the present uniform rate for Sea Postage of 2d. outwards, and 4d. inwards, for Letters not exceeding the weight of three ounces, when posted or delivered at the Ports of departure or arrival respectively, beyond that weight an uniform rate of 1s. per ounce will be taken as Sea Postage. When, however, such Letters are posted or delivered at any other Place than the Port of arrival and departure, they will be liable to the charge of Inland Postage calculated according to the new scale of weight in addition to the Sea Postage before mentioned.

Letters transmitted by private Ships between Places within the United Kingdom must be treated in the same manner as General Post Letters forwarded by the regular Mails between such Places, and charged with the same rates of Postage according to the scale of weight before laid down. Letters conveyed by private Ships between Great Britain and the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man must be treated in a similar manner.

All Letters that cannot be forwarded owing to their exceeding the prescribed weight must be sent to the Dead Letter Office in accordance with the existing regulations.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18391202 - Letters Rate to West Indies 1s 'All In'

INLAND OFFICE INSTRUCTIONS.

ON and after Thursday next, 5th instant, (as the Officers are already aware), the Treasury Minute authorizing the Abolition of the present System of charging Letters according to Distances, and the Adoption of the Principle of Charging by Weight at an uniform Postage of Fourpence, will come into operation.

The Letters arriving on the Morning of the 5th, will of course be charged by the Deputies, and delivered for the present Rates of Postage, this will partially continue for Four or Five Mornings, according to the Distances of the Towns from London, as no Letters posted anterior to the 5th will be liable to the new Principle; this will also apply to Charging Packet and Ship Letters Inwards, depending as it must upon the Out-Port at which they may be Landed.

The Fourpenny Rate, as the present Treasury Minute points out, applies to Letters posted and addressed to Places within the United Kingdom, the Isles of Man, Guernsey, and Jersey. Letters for the West Indies and America are to be charged an uniform Rate of One Shilling, calculated upon the

same Scale of Weight, all being exempted from the Twopenny and Penny Post Rates, but the Foreign West India Islands (St. Thomas, St. Martin's, Martinique, and Guadaloupe) will continue to be charged the present Rates, Two Shillings and Twopence; it must be particularly observed, that Unpaid Letters, exceeding the Ounce, must be charged double the Postage to which they would be liable if Pre-paid, this latter regulation however will not apply to either Packet or Ship Letters Inwards, nor to Letters addressed to France.

All re-directed Letters coming to hand on and after the Evening of the 5th but posted previously to that Day must be forwarded (as of course they will be taxed) according to the present Rates, adding to the same the uniform Postages as the Weight may be.

The Irish, Isles of Man, Guernsey, Jersey, and Scilly Packet Rates, and the Scotch and Irish Pence and Halfpence will be abolished.

Packets which exceed the Weight of Sixteen Ounces, excepting such as are specified in the Instructions, must not be forwarded, but be detained and sent to the Dead Letter Office.

Ship Letters Inwards and Outwards will be liable to the uniform Rate of One Shilling but when landed and delivered in London, the Rate will be Eightpence, so likewise it will be Eightpence if posted and despatched from London.

India Letters, Inwards and Outwards will be liable to the uniform Rate of Fourpence, adding in both cases the India Rates precisely as at present, but when landed and delivered in London, the Rate will be Fourpence, and if posted and despatched from London the Rate will be Twopence.

The present Foreign Rates will all be maintained, and likewise the System of Charging French Letters, or Letters via France, bearing in mind at the same time, that the Postages are, as in all other cases to be regulated by Weight, according to the Scale laid down.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Letters, if discovered to contain an Enclosure, will be liable to be surcharged as before but of course by Weight, upon the uniform Postage, and should they exceed the Ounce, will only be liable to Four Postages, according to the Pre-paid Scale.

Bankers' Parcels will continue to be subject to the present Regulations, excepting in cases where the Charge would be less under the new System, in such Instances they must be charged the latter.

Franks will still be liable to the Twopenny and Penny Post Rates, and those chargeable in consequence of wrong dates, &c., must be taxed the Rates laid down in the Scale, but such as may be found to exceed the privileged weight must be charged the Unpaid Letter Rates (viz.), if above one ounce, Eight Postages, increasing every additional Ounce upon the same Scale, and Parliamentary Petitions above the weight of Six Ounces must be treated in the same manner.

The careful attention of all the Officers to the foregoing changes (more particularly of those to whom they may immediately concern), and their active co-operation at the commencement, are especially desired in order to a correct and punctual disposal of the business, of which a considerable increase may be reasonably anticipated; it will likewise be necessary that all the Officers should be in attendance on the Evening of Thursday next, and at Four o'Clock, and afterwards, Morning and Evening, as circumstances may render it expedient. The Officers therefore, on the three-day list, and those also who are off duty on alternate evenings, will clearly understand that they must not for the present absent themselves, unless from illness, either on the Morning or Evening duties, without proper leave.

Every possible arrangement will be made to facilitate the duty, and to meet any great influx of Letters, by the employment of extra conveyances to bring up an early supply from the Branch Offices and Receiving Houses, and also by the aid of additional Stamps, &c., although it will, doubtless, be difficult at first to be fully prepared for every contingency that may result from so material a change of the System, and probable great increase of the Business of the Department.

W. BOKENHAM, Superintending President.

18391220 – Money orders. Money Letters will cease January 1, 1840

Notice to the Public and Instructions to all Postmasters.

IN consequence of the great increase of Letters containing Coin, it has become necessary, in order to prevent the total interruption of the Service, to discontinue the system which has hitherto prevailed of entering the Addresses of such Letters, and taking receipts for them on delivery to the owners.

The practice, therefore, of entering such Letters as Money Letters, will cease on and after the 1st of January, 1840; after which time, parties having occasion to transmit small Sums in Cash, are recommended to make use of the MONEY ORDER OFFICE, where they will incur no risk, while those who may desire to remit Bank Notes, or Drafts payable to Bearer, are requested to cut them in half, sending each half, if possible, by two different Posts. In the case of Bank Notes, or Bank Post Bills, being sent, the Numbers, Dates, and Amounts should be carefully taken. Money Orders for Sums under £5. are granted by every Post Town upon every other Post Town in the United Kingdom on application at the various Offices.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

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18400106 – GB Penny Post including Overseas Rates

Supplemental to my Circular of 3rd December, 1839, and to be placed in it.

1. As the Uniform Rate of Penny Postage is to come into operation on the 10th instant, the following will be the Scale of Charges for Letters between places in the United Kingdom:

				When Prepaid	Unpaid
Not exceeding Half an Ounce in weight,	0s. 1d.	0s. 2d.			
Above	½ an Oz.	and not exceeding,	1 Ounce	0s. 2d.	0s. 4d.
Above	1	and not exceeding,	2	0s. 4d.	0s. 8d.
Above	2	and not exceeding,	3	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.
Above	3	and not exceeding,	4	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.
Above	4	and not exceeding,	5	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.
Above	5	and not exceeding,	6	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.
Above	6	and not exceeding,	7	1s. 2d.	2s. 4d.
Above		and not exceeding,	8	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.
Above	8	and not exceeding,	9	1s. 6d.	3s. 0d.
Above	9	and not exceeding,	10	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.
Above	10	and not exceeding,	11	1s. 10d.	3s. 8d.
Above	11	and not exceeding,	12	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.
Above	12	and not exceeding,	13	2s. 2d.	4s. 4d.
Above	13	and not exceeding,	14	2s. 4d.	4s. 8d.
Above	14	and not exceeding,	15	2s. 6d.	5s. 0d.
Above	15	and not exceeding,	16	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.

No Letter is to be received above 16 oz., except for Government Departments, or for the Public Officers, who now Frank by virtue of Office; of these Officers you have a List. Should any packet above the specified weight be put into your Letter Box for any others than those expected, you are to forward it to the Dead Letter Office.

2. You will remember that Town Letters and Penny Post Letters will all, if unpaid, be 2d., even under half an ounce, and there will be no difference whatever in charging them from any other Letters, *according to weight*. Letters of the same Weight must be sent by them as by the General Post, and at the same charges.

3. Re-directed Letters will still be charged as New Letters; and if a Letter, for example, Post paid from Dublin to Armagh be re-directed to Lurgan, and not paid, it will be taxed 2d., although not exceeding half an ounce.

4. Ship Letters between all places in the United Kingdom will also be 1d. each; and Ship Letters to and from all Foreign Places, will be 8d. under half an ounce; for example, a Letter to America from Donegal, addressed by Ship from Liverpool, and not exceeding half an ounce, will be 3d.; and to India also 3d., when addressed by private Ship.

5. Letters to and from Soldiers and Sailors will be sent for 1d. if not exceeding half an ounce.

6. Newspapers liable to be charged, are still to be taxed three times the sum they would be liable to as Letters according to weight. The present Regulations respecting *Foreign Newspapers* are not changed.

7. XXXXXXXXXXXXof the FULL Postage to Foreign Places from your Office: -

France	0s. 10d.	Carthagera	2s. 3d.
Italy	1s 7d.	United States	1s. 0d.
Turkey, by France	1s 7d.	Canadas (2)	1s. 0d.
Turkey, Greece, and Mediterranean, via	2s. 8½d	Jamaica (2)	1s. 0d.
Marseilles, and addressed by French Packet		Barbadoes (2)	1s. 0d.
Greece and Egypt, by Falmouth	2s. 5d.	St. Vincent(2)	1s. 0d.

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India, via Marseilles, and by French Packet	3s.	8½d	Grenada (2)	1s.	0d.
India via Marseilles, and by British Packet	2s.	8d.	Tobago (2)	1s.	0d.
India via Falmouth	1s.	0d.	St. Lucia(2)	1s.	0d.
Malta, Ionian Islands, and Alexandria by Marseilles	1s.	8d.	Trinidad (2)	1s.	0d.
Malta, Gibraltar, and Ionian Islands, by Falmouth - if not SPECIALLY addressed via Falmouth, and the Rate of 1s received, Letters will be sent by Marseilles, and the difference charged to the Postmaster(1)	1s.	0d	Antigua (2)	1s.	0d.
			St. Kitts (2)	1s.	0d.
			Montserrat (2)	1s.	0d.
			Nevis (2)	1s.	0d.
			Anguilla (2)	1s.	0d.
			Dominica (2)	1s.	0d.
			Spain via France	1s.	7d.
			Do. via Falmouth	2s.	2d.
			Belgium	1s.	6d.
			Holland	1s.	6d.
Hayti, or St. Domingo	1s.	5d.	Germany via France	1s.	4d.
La Guayra	2s.	3d.	Switzerland	1s.	2d.
Mexico	2s.	3d.	Germany	1s.	10d
Cuba	2s.	3d.	Denmark	1s.	10d

Sweden	1s.	10d
Russia	1s.	10d
Prussia	1s.	10d
Austria	1s.	10d
Norway	1s.	10d
Portugal via France	1s.	7d.
Do. via Falmouth	1s.	9d.
Madeira	1s.	10d.
Azores	1s.	10d.
Canaries	1s.	10d.
Brazil	2s.	9d.
Rio-de-Janeiro	2s.	9d.
Buenos Ayres	2s.	7d.
Chili	2s.	7d.
Peru	2s.	7d.
Monte Video	2s.	7d.
Virgin Islands (2)	1s.	0d.
Bahama Islands (2)	1s.	0d.
Bermuda (2)	1s.	0d.
Honduras (2)	1s.	0d.
Heligoland (2)	1s.	0d.
Berbice (2)	1s.	0d.
Demerara (2)	1s.	0d.
Esquibo (2)	1s.	0d.
Martinique	1s.	3d.
Guadaloupe	1s.	3d.
St. Croix	1s.	3d.
St. Martin's	1s.	3d.
St. Thomas	1s.	3d.
Ceylon (3)	0s.	8d.
Mauritius (3)	0s.	8d.
Batavia (3)	0s.	8d.
Cape of Good Hope(3)	0s.	8d.
Van Dieman's Land (3)	0s.	8d.
New South Wales (3)	0s.	8d.
Sierra Leone (3)	0s.	8d.
Gambia (3)	0s.	8d.
St. Helena (3)	0s.	8d.
China (3)	0s.	8d.

(1) Previous Payment optional

(2) Previous Payment optional

(3) To which there are no regular Mail Packets.

Letters not exceeding Half an Ounce in weight will be only liable to One Postage at the Rates specified.

It is, however, to be specially observed, that Letters to France paid to *destination*, or Switzerland or Italy or

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Germany, through France, are to be thus marked; for example, a Letter to Berne in Switzerland,

Above $\frac{1}{4}$, and not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz	British	0s. 10d.
	* Foreign	2s. 0d.
Total		2s. 10d.
Or to the Papal States,	British	0s. 10d.
	* Foreign	2s. 10d.
	Total	3s. 8d.

* Being double the Foreign Rate,

as your Lists of Post Towns in France, &c. sent in May. 1837, show, that the Foreign Postage from Calais to Berne is 1s., and to the Papal States 1s. 5d., and the Foreign rate from Calais being *unchanged*, and is always to be charged DOUBLE when the Letter *reaches* the quarter ounce. and an additional Rate for every quarter of an ounce, as specially mentioned in Sec. S of my Circular Note of May, 1837, in explanation of the French rates.

To British America and the British West Indies and Malta and Gibraltar and the Ionian Isles, as also to France, it will be optional to pay Letters in advance. Those to France, not paid, and under half an ounce, must be taxed in the upper left hand corner. 10d.

8. Although ALL difference of Rate between Principal Offices and Penny Posts will cease, the present Penny Post Letter Bills are still to be used, but there will be no entry in the right hand column headed "Number," except for Letters between the Principal Office and Penny Post, and these Letters will be 2d. when not Post Paid, and so in proportion to weight. Penny Postmasters who have Stamps with Numbers, are to continue to use them; and at the principal Offices the If Letters from the Penny Posts are *also to be stamped* as at present, to show whence sent.

9. All Franking will cease after 9th instant, and Letters for Members of Parliament of both Houses, as well as ALL Public Officers (including the Secretary of General Post Office, and myself) are to be charged according to weight, and Letters from me will be taxed; but the Postage on these to you will be allowed, by your sending the Covers to Dead Letter Office.

The Time Bills, etc. are to be sent to me in Wrappers, which I can keep to be allowed the sum charged on them. The Ordnance Tin Cases are also to be taxed according to weight.

I rely on the zealous exertions of Postmasters, to carry this change into effect, in strict conformity with these instructions.

P. URQUHART.

18400107 – Colonial Letters Rates

Post Office Regulations.

On and after the 10th January, a Letter not exceeding HALF AN OUNCE IN WEIGHT, may be sent from any part of the United Kingdom, to any other part, for ONE PENNY, if paid when posted, or for TWO PENCE if paid when delivered.

THE SCALE OF RATES,

If paid when posted, is as follows, for all Letters, whether sent by the General or by any Local Post, Not exceeding

	$\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce	One Penny.
Exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce, but not exceeding 1 Ounce	1 Ounce	Twopence.
Exceeding 1 Ounce but not exceeding 2 Ounces	2 Ounces	Fourpence.
Exceeding 2 Ounces but not exceeding 3 Ounces	3 Ounces	Sixpence.

and so on; an additional Two-pence for every additional Ounce.

With but few exceptions. the WEIGHT is limited to Sixteen Ounces.

If not paid when posted, double the above Rates are charged on Inland Letters.

COLONIAL LETTERS.

If sent by Packet Twelve Times, if by Private Ship Eight Times, the above Rates.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

The Packet Rates which vary, will be seen at the Post Office. The Ship Rates are the same as the Ship Rates for Colonial Letters.

As regards Foreign and Colonial Letters, there is no limitation as to weight. All sent outwards, with a few exceptions, which may be learnt at the Post Office, must be paid when posted as heretofore.

Letters intended to go by Private Ship must be marked "*Ship Letter*."

Some arrangements of minor importance, which are omitted in this Notice, may be seen in that placarded at the Post Office.

No Articles should be transmitted by Post, which are liable to *injury* by being stamped, or by being crushed in the Bags.

It is particularly requested that all Letters may be *fully and legibly addressed*, and *posted as early as* convenient.

18400114 – Money letters instruction

I ENCLOSE a further Supply of the Instructions and Notice to the Public on the Subject of Letters containing Money, a Copy of which you will cause to be conspicuously exhibited in the Window of your Office and that of every Receiving House under your control, and you will distribute the remainder by means of your Letter Carriers among the Public in your Neighbourhood. so as to give them the most extensive circulation in your power.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

The Sub-Postmr. of . L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18400106 – GB Penny Post including Overseas Rates

Supplemental to my Circular of 3rd December, 1839, and to be placed in it.

1. As the Uniform Rate of Penny Postage is to come into operation on the 10th instant, the following will be the Scale of Charges for Letters between places in the United Kingdom: -

				When Prepaid	Unpaid
Not exceeding Half an Ounce in weight,				0s. 1d.	0s. 2d.
Above	½an Oz.	and not exceeding,	1 Ounce	0s. 2d.	0s. 4d.
Above	1	and not exceeding,	2	0s. 4d.	0s. 8d.
Above	2	and not exceeding,	3	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.
Above	3	and not exceeding,	4	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.
Above	4	and not exceeding,	5	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.
Above	5	and not exceeding,	6	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.
Above	6	and not exceeding,	7	1s. 2d.	2s. 4d.
Above		and not exceeding,	8	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.
Above	8	and not exceeding,	9	1s. 6d.	3s. 0d.
Above	9	and not exceeding,	10	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.
Above	10	and not exceeding,	11	1s. 10d.	3s. 8d.
Above	11	and not exceeding,	12	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.
Above	12	and not exceeding,	13	2s. 2d.	4s. 4d.
Above	13	and not exceeding,	14	2s. 4d.	4s. 8d.
Above	14	and not exceeding,	15	2s. 6d.	5s. 0d.
Above	15	and not exceeding,	16	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.

No Letter is to be received above 16 oz., except for Government Departments, or for the Public Officers, who now Frank by virtue of Office; of these Officers you have a List. Should any packet above the specified weight be put into your Letter Box for any others than those expected, you are to forward it to the Dead Letter Office.

2. You will remember that Town Letters and Penny Post Letters will all, if unpaid, be 2d., even under half an ounce, and there will be no difference whatever in charging them from any other Letters, *according to weight*. Letters of the same Weight must be sent by them as by the General Post, and at the same charges.

3. Re-directed Letters will still be charged as New Letters; and if a Letter, for example, Post paid from Dublin to Armagh be re-directed to Lurgan, and not paid, it will be taxed 2d., although not exceeding half an ounce.

4. **Ship Letters** between all places in the United Kingdom will also be 1d. each; and Ship Letters to and from all Foreign Places, will be 8d. under half an ounce; for example, a Letter to America from Donegal, addressed by Ship from Liverpool, and not exceeding half an ounce, will be 3d.; and to India also 3d., when addressed by private Ship.

5. **Letters to and from Soldiers and Sailors** will be sent for 1d. if not exceeding half an ounce.

6. Newspapers liable to be charged, are still to be taxed three times the sum they would be liable to as Letters according to weight. The present Regulations respecting *Foreign Newspapers* are not changed.

7. XXXXXXXXXXXXof the FULL Postage to Foreign Places from your Office: -

France	0s. 10d.	India, via Marseilles, and by French	3s. 8½d.
Italy	1s. 7d.	Packet	
Turkey, by France	1s. 7d.	India via Marseilles, and by British	2s. 8d.
Turkey, Greece, and Mediterranean,	2s. 8½d.	Packet	
via Marseilles, and addressed by		India via Falmouth	1s. 0d.
French Packet		Malta, Ionian Islands, and Alexandria	1s. 8d.
Greece and Egypt, by Falmouth	2s. 5d.	by Marseilles	

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Malta, Gibraltar, and Ionian Islands, by Falmouth - if not SPECIALLY addressed via Falmouth, and the Rate of 1s received, Letters will be sent by Marseilles, and the difference charged to the Postmaster(1)	1s. 0d.	Ceylon (3)	0s. 8d.
Hayti, or St. Domingo	1s. 5d.	Mauritius (3)	0s. 8d.
La Guayra	2s. 3d.	Batavia (3)	0s. 8d.
Mexico	2s. 3d.	Cape of Good Hope(3)	0s. 8d.
Cuba	2s. 3d.	Van Dieman's Land (3)	0s. 8d.
Carthagen	2s. 3d.	New South Wales (3)	0s. 8d.
United States	1s. 0d.	Sierra Leone (3)	0s. 8d.
Canadas (2)	1s. 0d.	Gambia (3)	0s. 8d.
Jamaica (2)	1s. 0d.	St. Helena (3)	0s. 8d.
Barbadoes (2)	1s. 0d.	China (3)	0s. 8d.
St. Vincent(2)	1s. 0d.		
Grenada (2)	1s. 0d.		
Tobago (2)	1s. 0d.		
St. Lucia(2)	1s. 0d.		
Trinidad (2)	1s. 0d.		
Antigua (2)	1s. 0d.		
St. Kitts (2)	1s. 0d.		
Montserrat (2)	1s. 0d.		
Nevis (2)	1s. 0d.		
Anguilla (2)	1s. 0d.		
Dominica (2)	1s. 0d.		
Spain via France	1s. 7d.		
Do. via Falmouth	2s. 2d.		
Belgium	1s. 6d.		
Holland	1s. 6d.		
Germany via France	1s. 4d.		
Switzerland	1s. 2d.		
Germany	1s. 10d.		
Denmark	1s. 10d.		
Sweden	1s. 10d.		
Russia	1s. 10d.		
Prussia	1s. 10d.		
Austria	1s. 10d.		
Norway	1s. 10d.		
Portugal via France	1s. 7d.		
Do. via Falmouth	1s. 9d.		
Madeira	1s. 10d.		
Azores	1s. 10d.		
Canaries	1s. 10d.		
Brazil	2s. 9d.		
Rio-de-Janeiro	2s. 9d.		
Buenos Ayres	2s. 7d.		
Chili	2s. 7d.		
Peru	2s. 7d.		
Monte Video	2s. 7d.		
Virgin Islands (2)	1s. 0d.		
Bahama Islands (2)	1s. 0d.		
Bermuda (2)	1s. 0d.		
Honduras (2)	1s. 0d.		
Heligoland (2)	1s. 0d.		
Berbice (2)	1s. 0d.		
Demerara (2)	1s. 0d.		
Esquibo (2)	1s. 0d.		
Martinique	1s. 3d.		
Guadaloupe	1s. 3d.		
St. Croix	1s. 3d.		
St. Martin's	1s. 3d.		
St. Thomas	1s. 3d.		

- (1) Previous Payment optional
- (2) Previous Payment optional
- (3) To which there are no regular Mail Packets.

Letters not exceeding Half an Ounce in weight will be only liable to One Postage at the Rates specified. It is, however, to be specially observed, that Letters to France paid to *destination*, or Switzerland or Italy or Germany, through France, are to be thus marked; for example, a Letter to Berne in Switzerland,

Above $\frac{1}{4}$, and not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz	British	0s. 10d.
	* Foreign	2s. 0d.
	Total	2s. 10d.
Or to the Papal States,	British	0s. 10d.
	* Foreign	2s. 10d.
	Total	3s. 8d.

* Being double the Foreign Rate,

as your Lists of Post Towns in France, &c. sent in May. 1837, show, that the Foreign Postage from Calais to Berne is 1s., and to the Papal States 1s. 5d., and the Foreign rate from Calais being *unchanged*, and is always to be charged DOUBLE when the Letter *reaches* the quarter ounce. and an additional Rate for every quarter of an ounce, as specially mentioned in Sec. S of my Circular Note of May, 1837, in explanation of the French rates.

To British America and the **British West Indies** and Malta and Gibraltar and the Ionian Isles, as also to France, it will be optional to pay Letters in advance. Those to France, not paid, and under half an ounce, must be taxed in the upper left hand corner. 10d.

8. Although ALL difference of Rate between Principal Offices and Penny Posts will cease, the present Penny Post Letter Bills are still to be used, but there will be no entry in the right hand column headed "Number," except for Letters between the Principal Office and Penny Post, and these Letters will be 2d. when not Post Paid, and so in proportion to weight. Penny Postmasters who have Stamps with Numbers, are to continue to use them; and at the principal Offices the If Letters from the Penny Posts are *also to be stamped* as at present, to show whence sent.

9. All Franking will cease after 9th instant, and Letters for Members of Parliament of both Houses, as well as ALL Public Officers (including the Secretary of General Post Office, and myself) are to be charged according to weight, and Letters from me will be taxed; but the Postage on these to you will be allowed, by your sending the Covers to Dead Letter Office.

The Time Bills, etc. are to be sent to me in Wrappers, which I can keep to be allowed the sum charged on them. The Ordnance Tin Cases are also to be taxed according to weight.

I rely on the zealous exertions of Postmasters, to carry this change into effect, in strict conformity with these instructions.

P. URQUHART.

18400107 – Colonial Letters Rates

Post Office Regulations.

On and after the 10th January, a Letter not exceeding HALF AN OUNCE IN WEIGHT, may be sent from any part of the United Kingdom, to any other part, for ONE PENNY, if paid when posted, or for TWO PENCE if paid when delivered.

THE SCALE OF RATES,

If paid when posted, is as follows, for all Letters, whether sent by the General or by any Local Post,

Not exceeding	$\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce	One Penny.
Exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ Ounce,	but not exceeding 1 Ounce	Twopence.
Exceeding 1 Ounce	but not exceeding 2 Ounces	Fourpence.
Exceeding 2 Ounces	but not exceeding 3 Ounces	Sixpence.

and so on; an additional Two-pence for every additional Ounce.

With but few exceptions. the WEIGHT is limited to Sixteen Ounces.

If not paid when posted, double the above Rates are charged on Inland Letters.

COLONIAL LETTERS.

If sent by Packet Twelve Times, if by Private Ship Eight Times, the above Rates.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

The Packet Rates which vary, will be seen at the Post Office. The Ship Rates are the same as the Ship Rates for Colonial Letters.

As regards Foreign and Colonial Letters, there is no limitation as to weight. All sent outwards, with a few exceptions, which may be learnt at the Post Office, must be paid when posted as heretofore.

Letters intended to go by Private Ship must be marked "*Ship Letter*."

Some arrangements of minor importance, which are omitted in this Notice, may be seen in that placarded at the Post Office.

No Articles should be transmitted by Post, which are liable to *injury* by being stamped, or by being crushed in the

Bags.

It is particularly requested that all Letters may be *fully and legibly addressed*, and *posted as early as* convenient.

18400800 – Avoid Sealing with Wax

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters and Letter Receivers.

The practice of Sealing Letters passing to and from the *East and West Indies*, and other warm Climates, with Wax, is attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury to the Letters, in consequence of the Melting of the Wax, and Adhesion of the Letters to each other.

In the case of a Mail recently received from *India*, considerable delay was occasioned at this Office, and notwithstanding the greatest care was taken in separating the Letters, which owing to the cause already mentioned, adhered closely together, many were much damaged and torn; the Public are therefore recommended in all possible cases to use Wafes in preference to Wax, in sealing their Letters sent to *India* or other warm Climates, and also to advise their Correspondents in those Countries to pursue the same course.

Postmasters are also enjoined to give every publicity to this caution.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18401000 – Her Majesty's Mails in the West Indies to Commence in October, 1840.

ON the arrival of the Packet from ENGLAND at BARBADOES, or as soon after as the Governor or Senior Naval Officer may consider necessary for the preparation of correspondence, *not however exceeding Six Hours*, a Steam Packet is to be dispatched with the Mails for SANTA CRUZ, ST. THOMAS, ST. JUAN PORTO Rico, CAPE HENRI HAITI, ST. JAGO DE CUBA and JAMAICA. The Mails for the SPANISH MAIN are to be landed at PORT ROYAL, as at present, to be carried forward in the Vessels appropriated for that Service.

It is expected that the Packet will reach JAMAICA on the *Seventh Day* from the arrival of the Sailing Packet from ENGLAND at BARBADOES, in which case she is to remain *Eight Days* at PORT ROYAL, but she is to leave as soon as possible after the expiration of the *Fifteenth Day* from such arrival from ENGLAND, in order that the Homeward bound Sailing Packet, which in the mean time will have come up to CAPE HENRI, may not be delayed at that place, by the non-arrival of the Steamer from JAMAICA at the appointed time.

From JAMAICA the Steamer is to proceed with the Return Mails to ST. JAGO DE CUBA, and thence to CAPE HENRI, where she will deliver the Mails to the FALMOUTH Packet, after which she is to touch at ST. JUAN PORTO RICO, ST. THOMAS, TORTOLA, SANTA CRUZ, ST. KITTS, NEVIS, MONTSERRAT, ANTIGUA, GUADALOUPE, DOMINICA, MARTINIQUE: and ST. LUCIA, in her Route to BARBADOES.

On the arrival of the Packet from ENGLAND at BARBADOES, a *Second* Steamer is to be despatched with the Mails for ST. VINCENTS, GRENADA, TRINIDAD and LA GUAYRA.

At LA GUAYRA the Steamer is to remain *Three Days* and then return by TRINIDAD and GRENADA to ST. VINCENTS, which Island it is expected she will reach on the *Twelfth Day* after her departure from BARBADOES. But in the event of her being able to accomplish the passage in less time, she is then to remain so much longer at LA GUAYRA.

A *Third* Steamer is to be despatched from BARBADOES on the arrival of the Packet from ENGLAND, to deliver Mails at TOBAGO and proceed to DEMERARA, where the Mails for BERBICE are to be disembarked and forwarded overland to their destination. The Steamer will stop *Five Days* at DEMERARA. and then go to BARBADOES, calling at TOBAGO for the return Mails. It is expected she will reach BARBADOES on the Afternoon of the *Eleventh Day* from her departure from that Island.

As soon as the sailing Packet from ENGLAND has delivered the before mentioned Mails to the several Steam Packets, she is to proceed to ST. THOMAS, dropping Mails at ST. LUCIA. MARTINIQUE, DOMINICA, GUADALOUPE, ANTIGUA, MONTSERRAT, NEVIS, ST. KITTS, and TORTOLA: and on the

Morning of the *Twelfth Day*, from the Arrival of the Packet at BARBADOES. the Steamer from DEMERARA. which had arrived on the previous Evening, or one of the spare Steamers which may be in readiness at BARBADOES, is to proceed with return Mails to ST. VINCENT, there take in the return Mail, from that Island, GRENADA, TRINIDAD, and LA GUAYRA, and then touch at ST. LUCIA, MARTINIQUE, DOMINICA, GUADALOUPE, ANTIGUA, MONTSEERRAT, NEVIS, ST. KITTS, and TORTOLA. (Note of the Editor: SANTA CRUZ is handwritten in) for return Mails, all of which she will deliver to the *Falmouth Packet* at ST. THOMAS. Then she is to return to BARBADOES, calling at all the intermediate Islands in her route.

The LA GUAYRA Steamer, after having delivered the return Mails at ST. VINCENTS to the Vessel appropriated to carry them to ST. THOMAS, is to go to BARBADOES, to be ready for the next Packet from England.

As soon as the return Mails from GUIANA, LA GUAYRA, and the WINDWARD and LEEWARD ISLANDS have been delivered to the sailing Packet at ST. THOMAS, she is to proceed to ST. JUAN PORTO RICO, and CAPE HENRI, where she will receive the Mails from JAMAICA, CUBA, and the SPANISH MAIN, and then proceed on her voyage back to ENGLAND.

18401200 - Registration Introduction - Instructions to Postmasters

To all Postmasters.

I HEREWITH transmit for your guidance, and that of the Receivers under your Office, a supply of Instructions on the subject of the Registration of Letters accompanied by Printed Receipt Books for yourself and the Sub-Deputies and Receivers under your Office, the Salaries of whom are paid by you, and a Stock of Green Covers for your own use, in forwarding Bye or Cross Road registered Letters.

You will immediately furnish each Sub-Deputy and Receiver with a Copy of the Instructions and one Receipt Book, obtaining from him a written acknowledgment of having received them, which acknowledgment you will return to me as soon as possible. If the number of Receipt Books now forwarded to you be insufficient, you will immediately apply to me to make good the deficiency. When your own or any Sub-Deputy's or Receiver's Receipt Book is nearly exhausted you will be careful to apply in, good time for a new one, and you will adopt the same course with respect to the supply of Green Covers, which must be strictly confined to the purpose for which they are furnished.

The Bye and Cross Road Blue Letter Bill, with which you have for some time been supplied, having been enlarged with the view to this measure of Registration, will prove sufficient for the intended purpose, as in case of need, the Addresses of registered Letters may be written at the back of the Bill as well as on the space in the front reserved for the purpose: - but under any circumstances you will see the necessity of entering the Names and Addresses from the registered Letters as distinctly and legibly as possible on the Letter Bill.

With respect to any refused or undelivered registered Letters, which you have to forward to the Dead Letter Office with Form No. 4, you must enter the Packet addressed to the Dead Letter Office. in which the same may be enclosed, upon your London Letter Bill, as containing so many registered Letters, whatever the number may be; and this must be done independently of the entry of such registered Letters on the Form No. 4, in the place assigned for them.

The Regulation in your old Instructions (No. 14) on "Bye Letter Accounts" requiring you to preserve every Bye Letter Bill for Twelve Months, is now more than ever necessary and must be strictly obeyed, so that, in the event of inquiry, every registered Letter may be traced by means of the Bill on which it has been entered.

You may also receive herewith a supply of Notices to the Public, on the subject of Registration, which you will cause to be extensively distributed by the Sub-Deputies, Receivers, Letter-Carriers and Messengers attached to your Office.

I am, Your obedient Servant,
Postmaster of W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18401200 - Registration Introduced - Notice to Public

Notice to the Public. Registration of Letters.

On and after the 6th January next a System of Registration will be adopted, which will be applicable to all descriptions of Letters without distinction, whether they contain Coin or Articles of Value or not.

The Fee for Registration will be One Shilling, which, together with the Postage, must be paid in advance.

Letters presented for the purpose of Registration, bearing a sufficient number of Stamps, will be considered paid Letters, but the Registration Fee of One Shilling must always be paid in Money.

In the case of Foreign, Colonial, or Ship Letters, it must be clearly understood, that Registration cannot extend beyond the Port of despatch in the United Kingdom, though Parties, if they wish it, may register such Letters as far as the Port of despatch. Letters, however, addressed to France, and Letters passing through France, are exceptions to this rule, the French Post Office undertaking to provide for their security till they shall have been delivered, if addressed to France and so long as they remain in the French Territory, if passing through France. On Letters of the former description, namely, Letters addressed to France, Double the French Rate to the Place of Destination must be paid in addition to the British Rate and the British Registration Fee; on Letters passing through France, only the usual Rates will be taken, in addition to the British Registration Fee.

As a general rule, no Letter can be received in order to be Registered, unless it shall be brought to the Post Office, half-an-hour before the closing of the Box for the particular Mail, by which it is to be despatched. It may however be necessary to take longer time in some few cases where severe pressure is apprehended.

Small Sums can be remitted through the Post Office, by means of Money Orders, without risk, at the following rates of charge, viz.: Three Pence for any Sum not exceeding Two Pounds and Sixpence for any Sum above Two Pounds, and not exceeding Five Pounds.

With the great convenience thus afforded for transmitting small sums at so low a charge, and the power now given of registering Letters containing value, it is hoped the Public will no longer forward Letters of value, except in one or other of these methods.

If however Persons are willing to incur such a risk, should the articles forwarded be Notes, or Cheques payable at sight, they should be cut in halves, and the second halves should not be despatched until the receipt of the first has been acknowledged. The numbers, dates, and amounts should also be carefully taken.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18401200 – Registration Introduction – Including to Colonies

Instructions to Postmasters, Sub-Deputies, and Receivers.

ON and after the 6th January next, a System of Registration will be adopted, which will be applicable to all descriptions of Letters without distinction, whether they contain Coin or Articles of Value or not.

The Postmaster, Sub-Deputy, or Receiver, on being applied to, to Register a Letter, will demand a Register Fee of One Shilling and will write distinctly on the front of the Letter, "Registered Letter"; he will also stamp the Letter plainly, and enter the address and number of it on the left hand side of the Receipt Book, with which he will be furnished, giving the party applying, the receipt, which he will tear out of the book, and upon which he must also enter the address of the Letter, so as to correspond with the entry in the book; the receipt must also bear the impression of the Office Stamp.

The Postage on Registered Letters must in every case be paid in advance, as well as the Registration Fee; and care must be taken, in the case of Letters to France, to take a double French rate on such Letters, according to the present instructions. The charge therefore on a Registered Letter to France will be One Shilling and the English rate to France, in addition to double the French rate to the place where the Letter is addressed.

On Letters passing through France and all other Foreign and Colonial Letters, the Fee for Registration will be One Shilling, in addition to the Postage to which such Letters are now liable.

Letters presented for the purpose of Registration, bearing a sufficient number of Stamps, will be considered paid Letters, but the Registration Fee of One Shilling must always be paid in Money, and entered on the bill as postage.

The full Address of Registered Letters must be entered on the Letter Bill, in the same manner as it was in the case of "Money Letters" before the practice of entering Letters containing Coin was discontinued, and the Letter itself, if a Bye or Cross Road Letter, must be enclosed in one of the Green Printed Covers that will be furnished for the purpose, and carefully tied up with the Letter Bill. This Green Cover however, must not be sealed, in order that each Postmaster may satisfy himself that it contains the Registered Letter. Registered Letters forwarded in the London, Dublin, or Edinburgh Bags from Towns where direct Bags are made up for these Capitals, must not be enclosed in the Green Covers, but must be simply tied up with the Letter Bill.

As Green Covers will be issued only to Post Towns, Bye and Cross Road Letters, registered at any Sub-Office, or local Receiving House not a Post Town, are merely to be entered on the local Letter Bill and forwarded to the Chief Town, where they will be enclosed in the Green Cover.

No Letter can be received in order to be Registered, unless it shall be brought to the Post Office half-an-hour before the closing of the box for the particular Mail or Bag by which it is to be dispatched. In the event however of special orders to increase or abridge this time, being received from the Surveyor of the District, Postmasters Sub-Deputies, and Receivers will obey the instructions they may receive from him, as to the time up to which they shall take in such Letters.

The Postmasters at Forward Offices must enter the Address of these Registered Letters on the Letter Bill, in the same manner as it was before the 1st January, 1840; and Registered Letters when redirected, must of course be carefully entered on the Letter Bill with which they are forwarded to their new Address.

On the delivery of a Registered Letter to the party to whom it is addressed, a receipt must be taken by the Letter Carrier, as was formerly the case with "Money Letters," which receipt must be carefully preserved by the Postmaster, as the voucher for its safe delivery, since he will be held responsible for the Letter if he cannot produce the Receipt as proof of the delivery when applied to for it from this Office.

Postmasters Sub-Deputies, and Receivers must be most careful in complying with all these regulations, as they will be held responsible for the security of Registered Letters while passing through their hands; and they will bear in mind that it is only by a strict compliance with these orders that they can discharge themselves of this responsibility.

They must also take special notice, that henceforward, no Letters can be refused to be Registered, whether Inland, Foreign, Colonial, or Ship Letters, provided the Letters are posted in sufficient time, and the Registration Fee and Postage are paid in advance, and that the other regulations in force with each class of Letters are duly complied with.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18401200 – Registration and Ship Letters

By your Instructions on Registration, No. 21, you have been informed that Ship Letters may be registered to all parts abroad, the Public having also been apprized by the Notice on the same subject, that such Registration does not extend beyond the Port of Despatch. As, however, it will be necessary for the discharge of the despatching Postmaster, that in every possible case an acknowledgment of a Registered Letter forwarded in a Ship Letter Bag to any part abroad, shall be obtained, I have to desire you will enter the address of every Registered Letter you may forward from your Port by private Ship, upon the usual Certificate accompanying the Ship Letter Bag, folding the Registered Letter in the Certificate, with a request that its receipt may be acknowledged by the Party to whom the Bag is consigned, by the first opportunity, and the Certificate returned.

Letters forwarded through the Post-Office, by Private Ships, between Places within the United Kingdom, including the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, &c., may, if required be registered, and in such case must be treated by the Postmasters at the Ports of despatch and arrival, in the same manner as other Registered Letters sent by Inland Post.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

The Postmr. Of W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18401200 – Instructions to Postmasters in the Colonies Regarding Registration

Instructions to Postmasters in the Colonies, and other Agents of Her Majesty's Postmaster General Abroad.

A SYSTEM for Registration of Letters within the United Kingdom will come into operation on the 6th January next, under which, Letters posted in this Country, and addressed to parts Abroad, whether forwarded by Packets or Private Ships, can be registered to the Port of the United Kingdom from which they may be despatched; and the Public have been apprized that Registration does not extend beyond that limit.

Instructions, however, will be given to the Packet Agents and Postmasters at the Out Ports, who make up and despatch Packet Mails or Ship Letter Bags, to enter upon, and enclose in the Packet Letter Bill, or the Ship Letter Certificate, the Address of every Registered Letter which they despatch from this Country; and the Postmaster or Agent at the Colony or Station, to which such Registered Letter is forwarded, will acknowledge its receipt by the first opportunity, obtaining from the party to whom the Registered Letter is addressed, an acknowledgment of its delivery, which he will retain until called for, as his own discharge.

Registered Letters which have been refused, or cannot be delivered, must be carefully returned to the Dead Letter Office in London, at the usual period, made up in a separate Packet; and the Packet addressed to the Dead Letter Office in which these Letters may be enclosed, must be entered upon the Letter Bill, as containing so many Registered Letters, giving the number, whatever the number may be, and this must be done independently of the entry of such Registered Letters, on the Form No. 4.

It must be distinctly understood that this system of Registration applies only to Letters sent from the United Kingdom, and that no Letters forwarded to the United Kingdom can be registered.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18410200 – Registration. Reminder of Instructions No. 21, 1840

referring to Instructions No. 21, 1840

To all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

NOTWITHSTANDING the clear Instructions of December last, on the subject of Registration, (No. 21. - 1840.) the Postmaster General regrets to find that some serious omissions to comply with these Orders have already taken place, especially that of neglecting to enter the address of the registered Letter upon the Letter Bill, with which the same is sent forward; His Lordship desires, therefore, it may be distinctly understood, that any neglect of the regulations referred to, will be most seriously noticed, and that in every case in which a registered Letter is lost, the Party through whose negligence such a loss occurs will not only be held responsible for the value of the registered Letter, but will be dismissed from the Service, whatever his station may be.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18411200 – RMSP Contract with Rates

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

On and from the 1st of *January* next, the Mails between the United Kingdom and the WEST INDIES, MEXICO, CUBA, etc., which have hitherto been conveyed by Her Majesty's Packets, will be forwarded, *twice in every Month*, by the Contract and Vessels of the "ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY."

These Mails will be made up in London, on the *First* and *Fifteenth* of every Month, and will be forwarded from FALMOUTH.

In addition to the Places for which it has been the practice to make up Mails under the existing arrangement, it is intended that, in future, Branch Packets shall touch with Mails at the following Ports: viz. -

Paramaribo (Surinam), St. Juan de Nicaragua, Maracaibo, Bahia Honda

The Rate of Postage on Letters not posted or delivered at the Port of departure or arrival in this Country, will be, -

To and from	Surinam	2s. 7d.	To and from	Maracaibo	2s. 3d.
Ditto	St. Juan de Nicaragua	2s. 3d.	Ditto	Bahia Honda	2s. 3d.

Newspapers to and from the first two places will be liable to a charge of Two-pence each, and those to and from Maracaibo and Bahia Honda will be forwarded Free of Postage.

The Steam Packets will also touch at NEW ORLEANS, SAVANNAH, CHARLESTON, NEW YORK, and HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA; but no Letters or Newspapers will be forwarded from the United Kingdom for those places, unless specially addressed, "By West India Steam Packet."

The following is a List of the Ports comprised in the Scheme of the "Royal Mail Steam Packet Company," with the Rate of Postage chargeable on a Letter not exceeding half an ounce, annexed to each place.

On Letters addressed to those places marked (*) the Postage must be pre-paid, or the Letters cannot be forwarded.

	s. d.		s. d.		s. d.
Antigua	1 0	*Havana	2 3	*Santa Martha	2 3
*Bahia Honda	2 3	Jamaica	1 0	*Savannah	1 0
Barbadoes	1 0	*La Guayra	2 3	*St. Jago de Cuba	2 3
*Belize (Honduras)	1 0	*Maracaibo	2 3	*St. Juan de Nicaragua	2 3
Berbice	1 0	*Martinique	1 5	*St. Juan (Porto Rico)	1 5
*Cape Nichols Mole (Hayti)	1 5	*Mayagues (Porto Rico)	1 5	St. Kitts	1 0
*Carthagena	2 3	Montserrat	1 0	St. Lucia	1 0
*Chagres	1 2	Nassau (New Providence)	1 0	*St. Thomas	1 5
*Charleston	1 0	Nevis	1 0	St. Vincent's	1 0
*Curacoa	1 5	*New Orleans	1 0	*Tampico	2 3
Demarara	1 0	*New York	1 0	Tobago	1 0
Dominica	1 0	*Paramaribo (Surinam)	2 7	Tortola	1 0
Grenada	1 0	*Ponce (Porto Rico)	1 5	Trinidad	1 0
*Guadaloupe	1 5	*Puerto Cabello	2 3	Turk's Island	1 0
Halifax (Nova Scotia)	1 0	*Santa Cruz	1 5	*Vera Cruz	2 3

On the Return Voyage the Packets will touch at BERMUDA, and at FAYAL; and a Branch Packet will proceed, twice in every Month, from FAYAL to MADEIRA.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18420100 – Instructions to GPO Agents in the Americas

Instructions

To British Consuls or other Persons appointed to act as Agents of the GENERAL Post Office at Foreign Ports in North and South America and the West Indies.

1. You are to make and sign the accompanying Declaration, which is required by the Act, 1 Vic. c. 33, from all persons engaged in the Post-Office Service, and in case you employ any clerks or other persons to assist you in your Post-Office duties, you will require them to make and sign a similar declaration.
2. The duty which will devolve upon you as British Packet Agent is fully explained in the following Instructions, but it may be well to draw your attention distinctly to the principle upon which Her Majesty's Government have determined to act in the collection of Postage on the Letters conveyed by the British Packets in the West Indies, &c., as this forms the basis of the present arrangement. You will particularly understand, therefore, 1st. That the Postage on all Letters and Newspapers despatched by you to any of the Foreign Ports mentioned in the list annexed to these instructions, must be paid to you before such Letters and Newspapers are forwarded; and, 2nd. That you are not to receive postage on those addressed to the United Kingdom, or to any of the British Colonies in the West Indies or North America.
3. On the arrival of a Mail from England, you will, in the first place, look for the Letter Bill which should accompany it, and in which you will find inserted the amount of Postage received by the Packet Agent at the Port of despatch in England, on those Letters and Newspapers which were posted at his office, and which will be tied up separately from the rest of the Mail. This Letter Bill should be checked, by carefully telling up the amount of the postage marked on the Letters and Newspapers referred to, so as to see that it corresponds with the sum set down. Should the address of any Registered Letter be entered on the bill, its safe arrival should be acknowledged by your signature against such entry. The date of arrival should then be inserted, and the Letter Bill returned to the General Post Office by the first opportunity.
4. The same course should be pursued on receipt of all of her Mails brought by the British Packets, whether from British Colonies or from Foreign Ports, in order that the parties despatching all such Mails may be made responsible for the amount of Postage which they have received on the Letters and Newspapers contained in them. You will sign the Letter Bills, if correct, but if the Letters and Bills do not agree, for the sake of insuring the accuracy of the telling-up on your part, the Letters should be told up a second or a third time, and the actual amount should be inserted in the Bill, accompanied by any observations which may suggest themselves. You will send all the Bills for the intermediate Letters received - that is, all Letter Bills not from the United Kingdom - to the General Post Office, at the expiration of each quarter, properly sorted according to dates, and the places from whence received.
5. When the Letter Bills have been examined and certified, or corrected, you will deliver the Letters and Newspapers with as little delay as possible, to the local Post Office, except the despatches addressed to the Consul or to any other British Government Functionary on the spot, which you will cause to be transmitted to the respective parties.
6. Letters or Newspapers, however, sent as "Forward" in a Mail Bag to your office, are not to be given up to the local Post Office but you will send them on to their destination by the first packet. As an illustration of what is meant by the term "Forward Letters" the following explanation is given: The Agent at Vera Cruz may have some Letters posted at his office for New York and for Halifax, but, as the Packet which touches at Vera Cruz does not proceed to New York and Halifax. the Agent would not make up Bags for those places. but send the Letters to Havana, as "Forward on Havana," accounting in the Havana Letter Bill sent from his office. for the Postage on the New York Letters, those for Halifax being of course unpaid. The Agent at Havana would not deliver these Letters to the local Post Office but forward them by the first Packet on the North American Line, entering the amount taken at Vera Cruz on the New York Letters in his Letter Bill for New York, under the head of "Forward Letters." The amount on the unpaid Letters for Halifax would form part of his charge on the Halifax Office.
7. You will give all possible publicity, as to the time fixed for the departure of the British Packets conveying Mails, that all persons may prepare their Letters accordingly. You will also cause the hour at which your Office will be closed for making up the Mails to be made generally known, and you will receive no Letter after the fixed time, on any pretence whatever. The time should, however, be regulated so as to give the Merchants and others as late a period for posting their Letters as can be granted without interfering with the duty which you have afterwards to perform in sorting and making-

up the Mails, and you will report the hours you propose to fix for this purpose for the Postmaster General's consideration and sanction.

8. All Letters and Newspapers brought to your office for despatch by the British Packet, whether addressed to the United Kingdom, to British Colonies or to Foreign Possessions, must be distinctly stamped by you on the sealed side with the Stamp to be furnished for that purpose, shewing the name of the Port from whence despatched, and the date when posted.
9. On Letters and Newspapers addressed to the United Kingdom, or intended to pass through the United Kingdom, or to any of the British Colonies mentioned in the list annexed to these Instructions, you are not, under any circumstances, to receive postage, as such postage will be collected on delivery. On those addressed to a Foreign Port, the rate of postage authorized by the Treasury Warrant of the 31st August, 1841, must be prepaid to you, or the Letters or Newspapers must not be forwarded to their destination.
10. A Box, for the reception of the Letters on which you are not to receive prepayment of the postage, should be placed in some public situation in your office. Any Letters or Newspapers deposited in such box, addressed to places for which the postage is required to be prepaid, should be sent to the local Post Office (should there be one), or in those places where there is no local Post Office, they must be sent to this Country.
11. The rate of Postage above referred to, to be taken on all Letters intended to be despatched by the British Packets to any Foreign Port in North and South America (places on the Western Coast of South America excepted) or in the West Indies, is One Shilling, sterling, for a Letter not exceeding half an Ounce, and the following is the scale of rates to be charged by you on such Letters when exceeding half an ounce, viz.: -

Above half an Ounce, and not Exceeding 1 Ounce,	2 Rates
Above One Ounce, and not Exceeding 2 Ounces,	4 Rates
Above Two Ounces, and not Exceeding 3 Ounces,	6 Rates
Above Three Ounces, and not Exceeding 4 Ounces,	8 Rates

and for every ounce above four ounces, two additional rates are to be charged, and every fraction of an ounce to be charged as one additional ounce.

12. You will take an additional rate of One Shilling per half ounce, and so on in proportion, on all Letters addressed to places on the Western Coast of South America, to and from which British Mails are conveyed via Chagres and Panama.
13. The rate of postage to be taken by you on all printed Newspapers despatched from your office by British Packets, to Foreign possessions in North or South America or the West Indies, is two pence for each Newspaper.
14. All Newspapers, however, to pass at this rate of Postage, must be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the sides, and there must be no word or communication printed upon the Paper after its publication, nor upon the cover, nor any writing or marks upon it, except the name and address of the person to whom sent, nor must any paper or thing be enclosed in or with such Paper. It must be further understood that no printed paper is to be considered as a Newspaper and conveyed at the above rate, unless acknowledged as such by the Government of the State in which it is published.
15. As it may not be practicable for you to receive the exact sum authorized to be charged for the British Packet Postage, on Letters, &c. despatched by you, owing to the want of coins in circulation of the same value as sterling money, it will be necessary that you should fix the rate at such an amount of currency as will enable you to account to this Department in Sterling without loss to yourself, whilst the premium derived by you should be as small as possible: and you will report the rate of Exchange at which you collect the postage, to the Post master General. for his Lordship's information and sanction.
16. You will mark in English Money, the amount of postage which you have received on all Paid Letters and Newspapers, such mark to be perfectly distinct and in red ink; and you will further stamp such Letters and Newspapers on the face as being paid, with a Stamp which will be supplied for that purpose.
17. The same rates will be chargeable on Letters and Newspapers despatched from your station to a British Colony, but, as already stated, the postage on Letters and Newspapers destined for a British Colony, is to be collected on delivery. You will, however, mark on each Letter and Newspaper which you forward to a British Colony, the amount of postage which will have to be collected on delivery; such mark to be perfectly distinct, and in black ink.
18. With every Mail which you despatch you must forward a Letter Bill. As regards a Mail for England. it will only be necessary for you to specify the number of Letters and Newspapers of which it consists, as it will not be in your power to affix the proper rates on each Letter. In the Letter Bill for a British Colony you will insert the total amount of postage due on the Unpaid Letters and Newspapers taxed according to the preceeding scale of one shilling the half ounce, and so on in proportion for Letters, and two pence for each separate Newspaper; and in the Letter Bill despatched with a Mail for a

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Foreign Port, you must enter the total amount of postage you have received on the Letters and Newspapers then forwarded, in order that the same may be checked by the British Post Office Agent at the port to which it is forwarded.

19. You will forward regularly to the General Post Office, for the information of the Accountant General, an abstract of all the Letter Bills which you have sent by every Packet, shewing the sums charged against each British Postmaster for Unpaid Letters, &c. sent to him, and the several amounts to be charged against you for Paid Letters despatched by you, according to the Form which will be supplied for that purpose.
20. To relieve, as much as possible, the Postmaster or Packet Agent at the port of arrival in this Country, and to expedite the forwarding of the Mails on the Packet reaching England, it is desirable you should make up the Letters which are addressed to London in a separate parcel from those for all other parts of the United Kingdom, putting a label on them marked as being for London.
21. All Mails Bags despatched by you should be securely tied and sealed, and properly labelled, according to their destinations, and, when any Mail Bag reaches you not scaled or with the seal broken, you should report the circumstance to the Secretary of the General Post Office.
22. You will be supplied with Leather Bags from Falmouth, for making up the Mails in cases where the Letters and Newspapers are numerous and bulky; but, where the Letters are few, they should be made up as parcels, in strong paper, sealed and addressed to the Post master or British Post Office Agent, as the case may be.
23. When any Letters and Newspapers are missent to your office, you should, if possible, forward them according to their directions as early as practicable, or return them to this Country, writing upon them, in either case, "Missent to _____"
24. At the expiration of each Quarter, viz., on the 5th January, the 5th April, the 5th July, and the 5th October, in each Year, you will transmit a Quarterly Account to this office, shewing the amount of postage collected by you during such period, and of all payments made on account of such collection. The Quarterly Account must be accompanied by all intermediate Letter Bills received during the period it embraces and vouchers for all the payments made.
25. You will remit monthly to this office, the postage Revenue which you have collected; if by Bill, it should be made payable to the order of Thomas Young, Esq. Receiver-General of the Post Office Revenue.
26. Forms will be supplied to you, in which it will be necessary that you should insert the dates of arrival of all the British Mail Packets touching at your port, and also the date of departure of every Packet by which you despatch Mails, and you will transmit these Returns by every opportunity to the General Post Office, London.
27. You will be required to sign a Receipt for every mail bag or parcel delivered to you by any of the Admiralty Officers on board the British Packets, and you will, in like manner take a Receipt from the Admiralty Officer for each Mail despatched from your office.
28. You are strictly prohibited from opening or permitting to be opened, or delivering back to the writer or any other person, on any pretence whatever, any Letter once put into your office.
29. No person except those who are actually engaged in the business, and who have made the Declaration of Office. are upon any account to have access to that portion of your office where Letters are kept and sorted; and it is further requisite that no person under the age of sixteen, should at any time be employed in the duties of the Post Office.
30. You should consider and report your opinion to the Secretary of the General Post Office, for the information of the Postmaster General, as to what improvements may be made for the benefit of correspondence and of the British Post Office Revenue, and state in what manner and at what expense any such improvements might be practicable, and what revenue or other advantages would result from them.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

The following is a List of the places included in the Scheme of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, and to all of which Mails may be forwarded. The Foreign Possessions, (Letters for which must be prepaid) are distinguished by being printed in red.

Antigua
Bahia Honda
Barbadoes

Belize (Honduras)
Berbice
Bermuda

Cape Nichola Mole (Hayti)
Carthage

Chagres N.B. A Mail for the Pacific* will be made up at Jamaica and forwarded to Chagres, from which it will be sent on by the Agent to Panama.

Charleston

Dominica

Guadaloupe

Curacoa

Fayal (Azores)

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Demerara

Grenada

Halifax - N.B. Letters for all parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick must be charged on the Deputy Postmaster General of Halifax; - those for Canada and Newfoundland must be sent to Halifax as "Forward on Halifax."

Havana

Jamaica (Kingston)

La Guayra

Madeira

Maracaibo

Martinique

Mayaguess (Porto Rico)

Montserrat

Nassau (Providence)

Nevis

New Orleans

New York

Paramaribo (Surinam)

Ponce (Porto Rico)

Puerto Cabello

Santa Cruz

Santa Martha

Savannah

St. Jago de Cuba

St. Juan de Nicaragua

St. Juan (Porto Rico)

St. Kitts

St. Lucia

St. Thomas

St. Vincent's

Surinam

Tampico

Tobago

Tortola

Trinidad

Turk's Island

Vera Cruz

- Letters for the Pacific shall be liable to the rate of two shillings per half -ounce

18420912 - West Indies Packet Schedule & Rates

with reference to Instructions No. 49, 1841

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters and Letter Receivers.

HENCEFORWARD the Mails for

- Mexico,
- Honduras (Belize),
- Chagres and the Isthmus of Panama,
- Carthagena,
- Santa Martha,
- La Guayra,
- Puerto Cabello,

will be made up in London on the *First Day of every Month only*, instead of twice a Month as heretofore, consequently no Mails will be made up for those Places on the 15th Instant.

The Mails for the British and Foreign Possessions in the West Indies, with the exception of Honduras as above mentioned, will continue to be made up in London, as hitherto, on the 1st and 15th of every Month; except, of course, when those dates fall on the Sunday, in this case the Mails will be made up on the day following.

The Packets will no longer touch at *New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, New York, Halifax, N.S., Ccuracoa, Paramaribo in Surinam, Maracaibo, Bahia Honda, San Juan de Nicaragua, Mayaquess in Porto Rico, Ponce in Porto Rico, Turk's Island, Cape Nichola Mole, in Haiti, or Santa Cruz.*

On the Return Voyage the Packets will continue to touch at Bermuda and Fayal, but the Schooner between Fayal and Madeira, announced in the Notice of December, 1841, is now to be discontinued.

The following is a List of the Ports comprised in the Scheme of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, as now modified, with the Rate of Postage chargeable on a Letter not exceeding Half-an-Ounce, annexed to each Place.

On Letters addressed to those Places marked (*) the Postage must be pre-paid, or the Letters cannot be forwarded.

Antigua	1 0	Berbice	1 0	St. Kitts	1 0
Barbadoes	1 0	*Cape Haytien (Hayti)	1 5	St. Lucia	1 0
*Belize (Honduras)	1 0	*Carthagena	2 3	*St. Thomas	1 5
*Chagres	1 2	*Martinique	1 5	St. Vincent's	1 0
Demerara	1 0	Montserrat	1 0	*Tampico	2 3
Dominica	1 0	Nassau (New Providence)	1 0	Tobago	1 0
Grenada	1 0	Nevis	1 0	Tortola	1 0
Guadeloupe	1 5	*Puerto Cabello	2 3	Trinidad	1 0
*Havana	2 3	*Santa Martha	2 3	*Vera Cruz	2 3
Jamaica	1 0	*St. Jago da Cuba	2 3		
*La Guayra	2 3	*St. Juan (Porto Rico)	1 5		

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18420916 – Rate to Chagres

To all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

OWING to a mistake in the Instructions of the 12th Instant, No. 25, 1842, the Postage upon a Letter, not exceeding half an-Ounce, to CHAGRES, is stated to be *One Shilling and Two pence* instead of *One Shilling*, which is the proper rate. Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers, will therefore immediately correct this error in the Instructions Aided to.

W. L. MABERLY, *Secretary*.

18430100 – West Indies Packet Schedule

with reference to Instructions No. 25, 1842

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

Henceforward Mails for *La Guayra* and *Puerto Cabello* will be made up and despatched from London, on the 15th as well as the 1st of each Month to be forwarded from Falmouth by the Royal Mail Steamers, - the Venezuelan Government having provided a Sailing Vessel for their conveyance between those Ports and St. Thomas.

Persons desirous of forwarding Letters for *New Granada* by this conveyance may do so by specially addressing th, "*via La Guayra*" - otherwise they will be transmitted in the usual way, via Jamaica and Carthagena.

W. L. MABERLY, *Secretary*.

18430500 – France Convention

Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters and Letter Receivers.

A new Convention having been made with France which will come into operation on the first day of June next, the following alterations in the rates of Postage, and also in the manner of charging the rates of Postage, will take place on and from that date.

LETTERS TO AND FROM FRANCE AND PASSING THROUGH FRANCE.

The British rate on all Letters addressed to France and Algeria, or to countries through France, will be reduced to 5d. on a Letter not exceeding Half an ounce in weight, and the French rate on such Letters will be reduced to 5d. on a Letter under the weight of a quarter of an ounce, to whatever place in France or Algeria the Letter may be addressed, excepting however all Letters conveyed by British Packets in the Mediterranean which will be liable to the British Mediterranean rates in addition to the above mentioned British rate of 5d. from England.

The French transit rate on Letters passing through France will also be reduced to 5d. on a Letter under the weight of a quarter of an ounce, but the other Foreign Rates will vary according to the limit to which the Letter may be paid.

All Letters addressed to France, or to countries through France (except to those countries hereafter mentioned to which the British Rate need only be paid), will be liable to both the British and Foreign Rates combined, and you will charge these rates in the same manner as such combined rates are now charged on Letters paid to destination; for instance, a Letter not exceeding half an ounce is liable to one British rate, while a Letter under a quarter of an ounce is liable to one Foreign Rate, and so on in proportion, as shown in the following scale.

					British Rate		Foreign Rate	
A Letter	under a	$\frac{1}{4}$	of an ounce	is liable to	1	and	1	
	weighing a	$\frac{1}{4}$	and not exceeding	$\frac{1}{2}$	1		2	
	not exceeding	$\frac{1}{2}$	and under	$\frac{3}{4}$	2		3	
	weighing	$\frac{3}{4}$	if and not exceeding	1	2		4	
	not exceeding	1	and under	$1\frac{1}{4}$	4		5	

The British charge increasing two rates of Postage for every additional ounce, according to the scale of weight, for charging Inland Letters, and the Foreign charge increasing one rate of Postage for every additional quarter of an ounce. It must be observed, however, that this Table is not strictly correct, as the English and French modes of charging by weight are dissimilar; a Letter not being liable to an increased British rate, unless it exceed the half ounce or ounce, while an additional Foreign rate is chargeable if it actually attain the quarter, half, three quarters of an ounce or ounce, respectively.

Letters to France and Algeria must be either unpaid or have the whole of the Postage to destination, British and Foreign, paid in advance, as it will be no longer optional to pay the British rate only.

The Postage through France must be paid on Letters for Spain and Portugal (when addressed via France), and on Letters for Sardinia, and the Southern States of Italy.

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The Postage on Letters for Southern Italy may be paid through Sardinia (viz_ to the frontier towns of Sardinia. Broni or Sarzane), as well as through France, and the Postage on Letters to Sardinia itself may be paid to destination in Sardinia as well as through France.

The following are the countries to which Letters may be sent by paying only the British rate of 5d. on Letters when not exceeding half an ounce, viz.

Turkey.	The Ionian Islands.	Germany.	if specially addressed via France.
The Levant.	Austria.	Belgium.	do.
The Archipelago.	Venetian Lombardy.	Holland.	do.
Greece.	Switzerland.		

The Public should always be recommended to pay this rate of 5d. on Letters addressed to these countries, though letters to such countries may also be sent paid through France.

Letters for Baden, Bavaria, and certain parts of Germany served by or forwarded through the office of the Prince of our and Taxis, may be sent unpaid, or paid through France, or paid to destination.

Letters for the following places may be forwarded by the French Mediterranean Packets which leave Marseilles on the -it, 11th, and 21st of each month, either unpaid or paid to destination, viz.

Alexandria.	Greece.	Malta.
Constantinople.	Papal States, or States of the Church.	Smyrna.

The Dardanelles. The Two Sicilies. Tuscany.

Letters intended to go by these Packets should be addressed 'by French Mediterranean Packet.'

Letters for Malta and Alexandria may be also sent by the closed Mail on the 4th of each month, either unpaid or paid) destination, but on Letters for the Ionian Islands and the East Indies, the Postage must be prepaid.

LETTERS FOR BRITISH COLONIES OR FOREIGN COUNTRIES BEYOND SEA, VIA FRANCE.

In addition to those countries and places on the Continent and in the Mediterranean which have been already alluded), Letters may be sent to any British Colony or Foreign Country beyond Sea from any Port in France, if specially so addressed. The charge on such Letters will be the British rate of .5c1. on a Letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, and Foreign rate of 10d. under a quarter of an ounce, both which rates must always be paid in advance. It is advisable that the ame of the Port in France from which it is wished that the Letter should be despatched, and also, if possible, the name of le Vessel by which it is to be conveyed, should be stated on the address of the Letter.

UNPAID LETTERS.

Unpaid Letters to or through France need not be taxed; it will be sufficient for them to bear a clear impression of the office Stamp, which is also necessary on all description of Letters.

PAID LETTERS.

On Letters tendered to be paid to France, or on Letters addressed to places in the Mediterranean or beyond, through France, the whole Postage both British and Foreign must be demanded. The whole postage must also be paid on Letters addressed to India, China, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, &c. when forwarded through France.

On Letters to Spain, Portugal, Sardinia, and to the States of Southern Italy, the British and Foreign Postage through France must also be demanded, but

On all other Letters the British rate of 5d. only should be taken, unless it should be the wish of the Sender to pay the whole Postage to destination, or as far as may be practicable.

In cases where more than the British rate of 5d. is paid, the British and Foreign rates must be marked in separate IMS on the left hand upper corner of the Letter thus:

I			I
I	5		I
I	5	A. B.	I
I	---		I
I	10	Paris.	I
I			I
I			I

This regulation applies not only to Letters which are paid to destination, but to all Letters on which more than the British rate is taken.

The Postage upon paid Letters must always be marked in clear legible figures in Red Ink.

REGISTERED LETTERS.

Registered Letters to France will continue to be sent under the same regulations as at present. and Registered Letters addressed to countries through France must be treated in like manner, that is, a Registration Fee of 1s. over and above all tes of Postage must be paid in advance, the British rate being the same as on other Letters similarly addressed, but not registered, but double the Foreign rates to destination, or to the utmost limit to which the Postage can be paid, to which an ordinary Letter would be liable, must be taken, and the whole of the Postage must be paid in advance.

FOREIGN RATES.

The Foreign rates on Letters paid to destination are fixed at an uniform rate for each country; thus the uniform rate to France will be 5d., to Sardinia 8d., to Switzerland 9d., instead of varying according to the places to which they might be addressed. The list of rates therefore contained in the Book of "Foreign Post Towns," issued in 1841, will be no longer of any use, and should be cancelled after the first of June next.

NEWSPAPERS.

English Newspapers may be forwarded to France by Packet free of Postage, or by Private Ship for one penny each, and French Newspapers will be delivered in England for one halfpenny each as at present.

On Newspapers to and from Spain via France, the rate will be one halfpenny each.

On Newspapers to and from Greece one penny each, if forwarded by the French Mediterranean Packets.

On Newspapers forwarded by the monthly closed Mail, and not via Falmouth, to or from the East Indies, Malta, or any other place in the Mediterranean the rate will be 3d. each.

On Newspapers to and from all other countries, either on the Continent of Europe or beyond Sea, passing through France, the rate will be 2d. each. Prices Current and Commercial Lists duly stamped enjoy the same privilege as Newspapers.

PERIODICAL WORKS AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.

Periodical Works, not strictly Newspapers, which are published as Pamphlets, and Parliamentary Proceedings, may be forwarded to France, but to France only, under the following regulations.

Firstly. - The Postage must be paid in advance.

Secondly. - They must be sent in Covers open at the sides.

Thirdly. - They must be printed in the English language

The rates of Postage on such Works and Parliamentary Proceedings will be as follows:

Not exceeding two ounces in weight 1d.

Above two ounces and not exceeding three ounces 6d.

Above three ounces and not exceeding four ounces 8d.

and 2d, for every additional ounce up to the weight of 16 ounces, beyond which weight no publication can be forwarded.

The regular Mails will be despatched as at present from Dover to Calais, but Ship Letter Bags will be made up between the following places, viz.

London and Boulogne.

Dover and Boulogne.

Brighton and Havre.

London and Havre.

Brighton and Dieppe.

Southampton and Havre.

Dover and Calais.

The above-mentioned Rates and Regulations apply equally to all Letters passing between England and France, whether forwarded by the regular Mail Packet or by Private Ship.

It must however be distinctly understood that all Letters will be forwarded by the regular Mail from London via Dover and Calais, unless specially addressed by private ship, and unless the route is specified.

A List of the Rates of Postage on Letters and Newspapers accompanies these Instructions by consulting which it is hoped no difficulty will be experienced in taking the rates correctly.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18430526 – France. Gratuities reduced to 1d. on letters & ½d on newspapers

Circular to the Postmasters at the Out Ports

SIR,

I HAVE to state, for your information and guidance, that on and after the 1st June, the present gratuities of 2d. and 1d. payable to Commanders on Letters and Newspapers, respectively, conveyed by Private Ship

between the United Kingdom and France, will be reduced to 1d. on each Letter, and ½d. on each Newspaper when so conveyed.

I am, SIR, Your obedient Servant,

The Postmaster of W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18430600 – West Indies Packet Schedule & Rates

with reference to Instructions Nos. 5 & 18, 1842, and No. 3. 1843

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters. Sub-Postmasters and Letter Receivers.

A NEW Scheme for the West India Mail Packet service having been sanctioned by Her Majesty's Government, the Mails from the United Kingdom for the West Indies, Mexico, &c. will, in future, be despatched under the following arrangements.

The Mails will be made up in London on the 1st *and* 16th of every Month (instead of the 1st and 15th as heretofore) except when those days fall on Sunday, in which case the Mails will be made up and despatched on the day following.

On the 1st and 16th of every Month Mails will be despatched from London to the British Colonies and Foreign Countries, served by these Packets, with the exception of the following Places for which Mails will be despatched *only once*, viz,

Bermuda, Havana, the Bahamas, Mexico, Honduras, Chagres, Panama, New Granada, St. Jago de Cuba. The Mail for *Mexico, Honduras, Havana, the Bahamas, Chagres, Panama, and New Granada*, will be despatched from London on the 1st of every Month *only* those for *Bermuda* and *St. Jago de Cuba* upon the 16th.

The West India Packets, under the new arrangement, will no longer touch at *Cape Haitien, St. Domingo*, but will proceed in future, *to Jacmel* in that Island; and on their homeward voyage will only touch at *Bermuda* and *Fayal alternately*.

The following is a List of the Ports comprised in the new scheme of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, with the rate of Packet Postage chargeable on a Letter not exceeding Half-an-Ounce in weight.

On Letters addressed to those Places marked (*) the Postage must be pre-paid, or the Letters cannot be forwarded.

Antigua	1 0	*	Jacmel (St. Domingo)	1 5	*	St. Juan (Porto Rico)	?
Barbados	1 0		Jamaica	1 0		St. Kitts	?
Belize (Honduras)	1 0	*	La Guayra (Venezuela)	2 3		St. Lucia	?
Berbice	1 0	*	Madeira	1 10	*	St. Thomas	?
Carthegena (New Granada)	2 3	*	*Martinique	1 5		St. Vincent	?
Chagres and Panama	1 0		Montserrat	1 0	*	Tampico (Mexico)	?
Demerara	1 0		Nassau (Bahamas)	1 0		Tobago	?
Dominica	1 0		Nevis	1 0		Tortola	?
Grenada	1 0	*	Porto Cabello (Venezuela)	2 3		Trinidad	?
Guadeloupe	1 5	*	Santa Martha (New Granada)	2 3	*	Vera Cruz (Mexico)	?
Havana	2 3	*	St. Jago de Cuba	2 3			?

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18430900 – West Indian Mails Transferred from Falmouth to Southampton

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, Letter Receivers, &c.

HER Majesty's Government having decided that SOUTHAMPTON shall be made the Port of arrival and departure for the *Peninsular, Mediterranean, Oriental* and *West Indian Mails*, instead of Falmouth; the following are the arrangements which have been sanctioned, and which will come into operation on and from the 18th Instant, on which day the next Packet to the West Indies will be despatched from Southampton.

The respective Mails to be forwarded by the Packets from Southampton, will be made up in London, and transmitted from London to Southampton by the *Morning* instead of the Evening Mail, as at present, upon the under-mentioned days, viz:-

Peninsular Mails, viz.

Vigo, Oporto, Lisbon, Cadiz, Gibraltar Every Thursday.

Mediterranean, viz.

Malta, Greece, and the Ionian Islands The * 1st of the Month, and the Thursday nearest the 15th of the Month.

Egypt and India

The * 1st of the Month.

West Indies, etc..

The + 2nd & 17th of the Month.

* When the 1st of the Month falls on Sunday, the Mediterranean and East India Mails will be made up in London, and dispatched on the previous Morning

+ When the 2nd or 17th fall on Sunday, the West India, 8c. Mails will be made up and dispatched on the following Morning.

Those Postmasters whose Instructions direct them to send the correspondence for the above Packets to Falmouth will, upon this measure coming into operation, forward such Letters to *London*.

The Brazilian Packet will continue to be dispatched from *Falmouth* as at present.

Letters to and from the Mediterranean and the East Indies, &c. intended to be forwarded by the direct Packet instead of via Marseilles, should henceforward be addressed *via Southampton*.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18430900 – France Postal Convention

Notice to the Public.

WITH reference to the Notice issued from this Department in May last, respecting the New Postage Convention with France, as it would appear that some misapprehension exists respecting the uniform Rates of Postage on Letters between, that Country and the United Kingdom, it must be understood that the *French* uniform Rate of 5d. Single, and so on in proportion, has reference to those Letters only, *the Postage upon which is paid, whether on dispatch or delivery, in the United Kingdom*, but that if the French Rate be paid in France, it then varies according to the distance, in conformity with the Laws of France.

The British Rate of 5d. Single, &c., is the same whether paid in the United Kingdom or France.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18431100 – Jamaica Rates

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

On and after the *5th January next*, all Letters passing between the United Kingdom and any place in JAMAICA, when conveyed by *Packet*, will be subject to the uniform rate of *One Shilling and Twopence* the Half-ounce, and so on in proportion, in accordance with the Scale now in operation in the United Kingdom. Letters, however, addressed to, or posted at *Kingston*, the Packet Port in Jamaica, will only be chargeable with the Letter Rate of *One Shilling* per Half-ounce as at present, such Letters not being liable to Internal Colonial Postage.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18440402 Rates of Postage (Apr 2 1844)

Rates of Postage

On Letters from British North America, or from any Town in Jamaica (Kingston excepted) to FRANCE, and to Countries passing through France.

N.B. Letters addressed to those Countries or Towns printed in *Italic* and Underlined, may be forwarded *Unpaid*.

DESTINATION	Limit to which letters may be paid	British rate not exceeding ½oz	Weighing under ¼oz	Combined British and Foreign Rates			
				Weighing ¼oz and not exceeding ½oz	Exceeding ½oz and not exceeding ¾oz	Exceeding ¾oz and not exceeding 1oz	Exceeding 1oz and not exceeding 1½oz
<i>France & Algeria</i> (May be forwarded Unpaid)	Destination	British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
		Foreign	5d.	10d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 8d.	2s. 1d.
		Total	2s. 5d.	2s. 10d.	5s. 3d.	5s. 8d.	10s. 1d.
Spain (1) Portugal	thro' France	British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
		Foreign	5d.	10d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 8d.	2s. 1d.
		Total	2s. 5d.	2s. 10d.	5s. 3d.	5s. 8d.	10s. 1d.
Sardinia	thro' France	British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
		Foreign	5d.	10d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 8d.	2s. 1d.
		Total	2s. 5d.	2s. 10d.	5s. 3d.	5s. 8d.	10s. 1d.
	Destination	British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
		Foreign	8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 8d.	3s. 4d.
		Total	2s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	6s. 0d.	6s. 8d.	11s. 4d.
Tuscany & Lucca	thro' France	British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
		Foreign	5d.	10d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 8d.	2s. 1d.
		Total	2s. 5d.	2s. 10d.	5s. 3d.	5s. 8d.	10s. 1d.

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DESTINATION	Limit to which letters may be paid	British rate not exceeding ½oz	Weighing under ¼oz	Combined British and Foreign Rates				Exceeding 1oz and not exceeding 1½oz
				Weighing ¼oz and not exceeding ½oz	Exceeding ½oz and not exceeding ¾oz	Exceeding ¾oz and not exceeding 1oz	Exceeding 1oz and not exceeding 1½oz	
	Destination		British Foreign Total	2s. 0d. 11d. 2s. 11d.	2s. 0d. 1s. 10d. 3s. 10d.	4s. 0d. 2s. 9d. 6s. 9d.	4s. 0d. 3s. 8d. 7s. 8d.	8s. 0d. 4s. 7d. 12s. 7d.
Switzerland	to France Destination	2s. 0d.						
			British Foreign Total	2s. 0d. 9d. 2s. 9d.	2s. 0d. 1s. 6d. 3s. 6d.	4s. 0d. 2s. 3d. 6s. 3d.	4s. 0d. 3s. 0d. 7s. 0d.	8s. 0d. 3s. 9d. 11s. 9d.
(2) Bavaria	to France Destination	2s. 0d.						
			British Foreign Total	2s. 0d. 1s. 3d. 3s. 3d.	2s. 0d. 2s. 6d. 4s. 6d.	4s. 0d. 3s. 9d. 7s. 9d.	4s. 0d. 5s. 0d. 9s. 0d.	8s. 0d. 6s. 3d. 14s. 3d.
(3) <u>Northern States of Europe.</u>	Destination		British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
Forwarded through the Office of Tour & Taxis (May be forwarded Unpaid)			Foreign Total	1s. 3d. 3s. 3d.	2s. 6d. 4s. 6d.	3s. 9d. 7s. 9d.	5s. 0d. 9s. 0d.	6s. 3d. 14s. 3d.
(4) Baden	to France Destination	2s. 0d.						
			British Foreign Total	2s. 0d. 8d. 2s. 8d.	2s. 0d. 1s. 4d. 3s. 4d.	4s. 0d. 2s. 0d. 6s. 0d.	4s. 0d. 2s. 8d. 6s. 8d.	8s. 0d. 3s. 4d. 11s. 4d.
(5) <u>German States</u> served by the Office of Tour & Taxis (May be forwarded Unpaid)	Destination		British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
			Foreign Total	10d. 2s. 10d.	1s. 8d. 3s. 8d.	2s. 6d. 6s. 6d.	3s. 4d. 7s. 4d.	4s. 2d. 12s. 2d.
(6) Prussia, &c. Belgium, Holland	to France	2s. 0d.						
	Thro France		British Foreign Total	2s. 0d. 5d. 2s. 5d.	2s. 0d. 10d. 2s. 10d.	4s. 0d. 1s. 3d. 5s. 3d.	4s. 0d. 1s. 8d. 5s. 8d.	8s. 0d. 2s. 1d. 10s. 1d.
(8) <u>Austrian Dominions and Cities of Cracow and Belgrade</u> (May be forwarded Unpaid)	Destination		British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
			Foreign Total	1s. 0d. 3s. 0d.	2s. 0d. 4s. 0d.	3s. 0d. 7s. 0d.	4s. 0d. 8s. 0d.	8s. 0d. 13s. 0d.
Southern Italy, viz. Two Sicilies Papal States Modena, Parma and Placentia	to France	2s. 0d.						
	San Benedetto or Casal Pusterlengo		British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
			Foreign Total	10d. 2s. 10d.	1s. 8d. 3s. 8d.	2s. 6d. 6s. 6d.	3s. 4d. 7s. 4d.	4s. 2d. 12s. 2d.
Greece The Archipelago Ionian Islands	to France Trieste	2s. 0d.						
			British Foreign Total	2s. 0d. 10d. 2s. 10s.	2s. 0d. 1s. 8d. 3s. 8d.	4s. 0d. 2s. 6d. 6s. 6d.	4s. 0d. 3s. 4d. 7s. 4d.	8s. 0d. 4s. 2d. 12s. 2d.
<u>Wallachia Moldavia</u> (May be forwarded Unpaid)	Destination		British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
			Foreign Total	1s. 4d. 3s. 4d.	2s. 8d. 4s. 8d.	4s. 0d. 8s. 0d.	5s. 4d. 9s. 4d.	6s. 8d. 14s. 8d.
<u>Turkey in Europe and Scutari, in Asia</u>	Destination		British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
			Foreign Total	1s. 6d. 3s. 6d.	3s. 0d. 5s. 0d.	4s. 6d. 8s. 6d.	6s. 0d. 10s. 0d.	7s. 6d. 15s. 6d.
(8) <u>Southern Poland Viz. the</u>	Podgorce		British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	8s. 0d.
			Foreign	1s. 1d.	2s. 2d.	3s. 3d.	4s. 4d.	5s. 5d.

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DESTINATION	Limit to which letters may be paid	British rate not exceeding ½oz	Weighing under ¼oz	Combined British and Foreign Rates			Exceeding 1oz and not exceeding 1¼oz
				Weighing ¼oz and not exceeding ½oz	Exceeding ½oz and not exceeding ¾oz	Exceeding ¾oz and not exceeding 1oz	
<u>Governments of Cracow, Lublin & Sandomier</u>							
		Total	3s 1d	4s 2d	7s 3d	8s 4d	13s 5d
<u>Southern Russia</u>		British	2s 0d	2s 0d	4s 0d	4s 0d	8s 0d
Brody		Foreign	1s 1d	2s 2d	3s 3d	4s 4d	5s 5d
		Total	3s 1d	4s 2d	7s 3d	8s 4d	13s 5d
By the French Packets from Marseilles							
<u>Alexandria</u> <u>Smyrna</u> <u>The Dardanelles</u> <u>Constantinople</u> (May be forwarded Unpaid)	(10)Desti nation	British	2s.0d.	2s.0d.	4s.0d .	4s.0d .	8s.0d.
		Foreign	10d.	1s.8d .	2s.6d.	3s.4d.	4s.2d.
		Total	2s.10d.	3s.8d	6s.6d.	7s.4d.	12s.2d.
<u>Tuscany</u> <u>Two Sicilies</u> (May be forwarded Unpaid)	Destination	British	2s.0d.	2s.0d .	4s.0d.	4s.0d .	8s.0d.
		Foreign	1s.4d.	2s.8d	4s.0d .	5s.4d.	6s.8d .
		Total	3s.4d.	4s.8d .	8s. 0d.	9s . 4d.	14s. 8d .
Roman or Papal States Greece (May be forwarded Unpaid)	Destinati on	British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d .	8s.0d.
		Foreign	1s.2d.	2s.4d.	3s.6d.	4s. 8d .	5s.10d.
		Total	3s.2d.	4s.4d.	7s.6d.	8s. 8d .	13s.10d.
By the British Packets from Marseilles.							
<u>Malta</u> (May be forwarded Unpaid)	Destination	British	2s. 0d.	2s. 0d	4s. 0d.	4s. 0d .	8s.0d.
		Foreign	5d.	10d.	1s. .3d.	1s. 8d .	2s.1d.
		Total	2s.Sd.	2s.10d.	5s.3d.	5s. 8d .	10s.1d.
<u>Alexandria</u> (May be forwarded Unpaid)	Destination	British	2s.0d.	2s.0d .	4s.0d .	4s. 0d .	8s.0d .
		Foreign	5d.	10d.	1s.3d.	1s. 8d .	2s. 1d.
		Total	2s.5d.	2s.10d.	5s.3d.	5s.8d .	10s.1d.
India	Bombay	British	2s.7d.	2s.7d.	5s.2d.	5s.2d.	10s.4d.
		Foreign	5d.	10d.	1s.3d.	1s. 8d .	2s.1d.
		Total	3s. 0d.	3s.5d.	6s.5d.	6s.10d.	12s.5d.
Ionian Islands	Destination	British	2s.5d.	2s.5d.	4s.10d.	4s.10d.	9s. 8d .
		Foreign	5d	10d.	1s.3d.	1s.8d .	2s.1d.
		Total	2s.10d.	3s.3d.	6s.1d.	6s.6d.	11s. 9d.

OBSERVATIONS.

- Letters for Portugal intended to be sent via France must be so directed.
- Letters for Bavaria intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
- Letters for these States, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed. They consist of the following Countries: vi z. -

Brunswick	Mecklenburgh-Schwerin	Saxony
Denmark	Mecklenburgh-Strelitz	Sweden and Norway
Hanover	Oldenburgh	
- Letters for Baden, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
- Letters for these States, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed. They are as follows:

Bremen (Free City)	Hesse- Hooberg	Saxe-Meiningen
Frankfort (Free City)	Lippe-Detmold	Saxe-Weimar
Hamburg (Free City)	Nassau	Schaumburg- Lippe
Lubeck (Free City)	Reuss	Schwartzburg- Rudolstadt
Hesse-Darmstadt	Saxe- Altenburg	Schwartzburg-Sonoerhausen
Hesse (Electoral)	Saxe-Coburg-Gotha	Wurtemberg
- Letters for Germany, Belgium and Holland, intended to be sent vi a France, must be so directed.
- The Austrian Dominions include the following Provinces: -

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Upper and Lower Austria
Bohemia

Illyria
Lombardy and the
Venetian Provinces

Styria
Transylvania

Dalmatia
Gallicia
Hungary

Military Frontiers
Moravia and Silesia

Northern and Southern Tyrol

Letters for Cracow, intended to be sent vi a France, must be so directed. Letters for the Two Sicilies may be sent unpaid, via Marseilles.

- (8) Letters for Southern Poland, intended to be forwarded via France, must be so directed.
(9) Letters for Southern Russia intended to be forwarded via France, must be so directed. It consists of the following Governments: -

Abkhas
Astrakhan
Bessarabia
Caucasus
Circassia

Ekaterinoslaw
Georgia
Imeretia
Kiew
Koursk
Mingrelia
Nicolaev
Podolia

Poltowa
Schirwan
Taurida
Tchernigow
Ukraine
Volinia
Voroney

Cossacks of the Black Sea
Cossacks of the Don
Daughistan

- (10) Unpaid Letters can be sent only to the places here specified; if addressed to any other place in Turkey in Europe or in Asia, and marked to be forwarded by French Packet, via Marseilles, the Postage must be prepaid.

Note. - On Letters from the Port of Halifax and from Newfoundland, addressed to Malta, the Ionian Islands, and India, via Marseilles, the single British Rate is 2d. less than is here stated.

The Rate on a Letter under $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. from those places will be as follows:

To Malta	British	1s. 10d.	To the Ionian Islands	British	2s 3d	To India	British	2s 5d
	Foreign	0s. 5d.		Foreign	0s 5d		Foreign	0s 5d
	Total	2s. 3d.		Total	2s 8d		Total	2s 10d

18440500 - British Guiana Internal Rate for Packet Letters

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

LETTERS transmitted by Packet between the United Kingdom and the Colony of BERBICE in British Guiana, will in future be liable to an Internal Colonial Postage of Two-pence the half-ounce, &c. for the inland conveyance between New Amsterdam, Berbice, and George Town, Demerara, where the Mails are landed and embarked. This Internal Rate will be combined with the Packet Rate of One Shilling making the total Postage to be taken on a Letter not exceeding half an ounce, to and from Berbice, One Shilling and Two-pence, and so on in proportion.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18440600 - Bremen Rate

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

Optional Payment of Postage on Letters to and from Bremen.

ON and after *the 1st July next*, the British rate of Postage of 6d. the half Ounce, on Letters addressed to or posted in the **CITY OF BREMEN**, conveyed by the Hamburg Packets, will be combined with the Bremen rate of 2d. the half ounce, And such combined rate of 8d. the half ounce, &c. &c. may either be paid in advance or left unpaid, at the option of the Sender, but the payment of the British rate only, according to the existing practice, will not be permitted.

This regulation applies only to Letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and the City of Bremen by the Hamburg Packet. Those conveyed by private Ship, or by way of France, Holland, or Belgium, will be chargeable with the same rates of Postage to which they have hitherto been subject.

18440700 - West Indies Packet Schedule

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

IN the event of the 2nd of the Month falling on *Sunday*, the **WEST INDIAN AND MEXICAN MAILS, &c.**, which in such cases have hitherto been made up on the Morning of the 3rd, will, in future, be made up and despatched from London in the *Evening of the 1st of the Month*.

18440729 – Colonial Post Act[Link](#)**18450600 – British Honduras – Letters to, optional prepayment**

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters and Letter Receivers.

ON and from the 5th July next, the Postage on Letters addressed to BRITISH HONDURAS may be paid in advance, or the Letters may be posted unpaid, at the option of the Sender.

18450800 – West Indies Packet Schedule

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

Henceforward Mails for NEW GRANADA will be made up and despatched from LONDON on the Morning of the 2nd, as well as on the 17th of each Month, to be forwarded from SOUTHAMPTON by the Royal Mail Steam Packet; the Government of NEW GRANADA having engaged to provide a small Vessel of War for their conveyance from Port Royal Jamaica to Santa Martha.

Letters, however, addressed to the *Isthmus of Panama*, or to the Western Coast of the Pacific, will not be forwarded by the Mail of the 2nd of the Month, unless directed "*via Santa Martha*."

18451100 – Switzerland. Reduction of postage via France

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

ON and after the 1st December next, the Foreign Rates of postage on Letters between the United Kingdom and SWITZERLAND, when sent by way of France, will be reduced from 9d. to 6d. on each single Letter. No alteration will take place in the present British rates of postage on these Letters.

The British and Foreign rates must be combined and taken on the same principle as that adopted with regard to Letters for France, as shewn in the following Scale:

Combined BRITISH and FOREIGN RATES on a LETTER.

	Weighing under a $\frac{1}{4}$ Ounce	Weighing a $\frac{1}{4}$ and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$ an Ounce	Exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ and under $\frac{3}{4}$ of an Ounce	Weighing $\frac{3}{4}$ and not exceeding 1 Ounce	Exceeding 1 Ounce and under $1\frac{3}{4}$ Ounce
British	0s. 5d.	0s. 5d.	0s. 10d.	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.
Foreign	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 6d.
Total to destination	0s. 11d.	1s. 5d.	2s. 4d.	2s. 10d.	4s. 2d.

The payment of postage on these Letters is optional, but the Letters must be either forwarded unpaid, or the whole postage to destination, both British and Foreign, must be paid in advance.

18460200 – West Indies Packet Schedule

with reference to Instructions No. 24, 1845

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

THE arrangement made in August last, for despatching a Second Mail, in every Month, to SANTA MARTHA, will be discontinued from this date, as the Government of New Granada has failed to provide a Vessel for the conveyance of such Mail from Jamaica.

Only One Mail, in each Month, will in future be made up for New Granada, viz. on the Morning of the 17th of the Month.

18470100 – Paid letters to foreign countries. Letters to be cancelled with good red ink

Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

Much inconvenience having resulted from many Postmasters taxing Paid Letters addressed to Foreign Countries with Ink of a bad colour, and in Figures so large as to deface the direction on such Letters; all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers are desired to be particularly careful to use Red Ink of a good colour in marking the Postage paid on Letters for Foreign Parts, and to place the Tar on such a part of the Letters, and in Figures of such a size, as not to interfere with the addresses.

W. L. MABERLY, Secretary.

18470900 – Forces Rates

Notice to the Public and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

THE Letters of Soldiers or Seamen, both in Her Majesty's and in the East India Company's Service, may in future be forwarded at the reduced Rates of British Postage specified in the General Instructions, whether such Letters are liable to any Foreign Postage or not. The Foreign Rates of Postage, however, must in all cases be paid, in addition to the reduced Rates of British Postage.

18471000 – West Indies Packet Schedule & Rates

cancelling Instructions, No. 15, 1843

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

AN amended Scheme for the West India Mail Packet Service having been sanctioned by Her Majesty's Government, by which, *on and from the 2nd November next*, a communication with NEW ORLEANS by Cat or Ship Island Harbour, has been established, and by which also the Packet *leaving Southampton on the 2nd of the Month* will proceed *direct to BERMUDA, instead of as at present to Barbadoes*, the Mails from the United Kingdom for the West Indies, Mexico, etc. will, in future, be despatched under the following arrangements: -

The Mails will be made up in London on the Mornings of the *2nd and 17th of every Month, except when those days fall on Sunday*, in which case the Mails of the *2nd* will be closed in London on the *previous Evening*, and those of the *17th* on the *following Morning*, according to the present regulations.

On the 2nd and 17th of every Month, Mails will be despatched from London to the British Colonies and Foreign Countries served by these Packets, *with the exception of the following places*, for which Mails will be despatched only once a Month, viz.:

Madeira	Honduras	St. Juan, Porto Rico	Chagres
Bermuda	New Orleans	Jacmel	Panama
Nassau	Vera Cruz	Carthagena	Western Coast of South America
Havana	Tampico	Santa Martha	St. Juan-de-Nicaragua

The Mails for *Bermuda, Nassau, Havana, Honduras. New Orleans. Vera Cruz, Tampico. and St. Juan, (Porto Rico,)* will be despatched from London on the *2nd of every Month only*, and those for *Jacmel, carthagena, Santa Martha, Chagres, Panama, Western coast of South America, St. Juan-de-Nicaragua and Madeira.* upon the *17th of each Month.*

Under this new arrangement. therefore. *one Mail only* will in future be despatched during the Month to *Madeira, Nassau. Porto Rico, and Jacmel, instead of two Mails as heretofore*; and the Mail for *Bermuda* which has *hitherto been made up in London on the 17th*, will *hereafter* be made up on the *2nd of each Month.*

Letters for *New Orleans or any other part of the United States* intended to be forwarded by the route of New Orleans must be specially addressed "*by West India Mail Packet.*"

As the Packet leaving Southampton for the West Indies, &c., on the 2nd of the Month will proceed *direct to Bermuda*, instead of to Barbadoes. as at present; all Letters for Bermuda, will, in future, be forwarded by the *West India unless specially addressed via Halifax.*

The following is a List of the Places with which a communication is maintained by the New Scheme of the Royal Mail-Steam Packet Company, with the rate of Packet Postage chargeable on a Letter not exceeding half an Ounce in weight

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On Letters addressed to those Places marked (*) the Postage must be pre-paid, or the Letters cannot be forwarded

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Antigua	1	0	Jamaica, (Kingston excepted)	1	2	* St. Jago-de-Cuba	2	3
Barbadoes	1	0	Kingston, (Jamaica)	1	0	* St. Juan, (Porto Rico)	1	5
Belize, (Honduras)	1	0	* La Guayra, (Venezuela)	1	0	* St. Juan-de-Nicaragua	2	3
Berbice	1	2	* Madeira	1	10	St. Kitts	1	0
Bermuda	1	0	* Martinique	1	5	St. Lucia	1	0
* Carthagena, (New Granada)	2	3	Montserrat	1	0	* St. Thomas	1	5
* Chagres	1	0	Nassau, (Bahamas)	1	0	St. Vincent	1	0
Demerara	1	0	* New Orleans	1	0	* Tampico, (Mexico)	2	3
Dominica	1	0	Nevis	1	0	Tobago	1	0
Grenada	1	0	* Panama	2	0	Tortola	1	0
* Guadaloupe	1	5	* Western Coast of South America	2	0	Trinidad	1	0
* Havana	2	3	* Porto Cabello, (Venezuela)	1	0	* Vera Cruz, (Mexico)	2	3
* Jacmel, (St. Domingo)	1	5	* Santa Martha, (New Granada)	2	3			

18480000 – Instructions for Post Masters in the British West Indies

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18480200 – Printed Paper Rates

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

ON and after the 21st February Instant, Printed Books, Magazines, Reviews, and Pamphlets, (whether British, Colonial, or Foreign,) may be transmitted by the Post within the United Kingdom at the following reduced rates of Postage, viz.: -

For each Packet not exceeding 1 lb. in weight 6d.
 Exceeding 1 lb., and not exceeding 2 lbs. 1s.
 Exceeding 2 lbs., and not exceeding 3 lbs. 1s. 6d.

and so on; 6d. being charged for every complete pound, and for any additional fraction of a pound.

Provided, however, that the following conditions be carefully observed: -

- 1st. - Every such Packet must be sent without a Cover, or in a Cover open at the ends or sides.
- 2nd. - It must contain a Single Volume only, (whether Printed Book, Magazine, Review, or Pamphlet), the several sheets or parts thereof, when there are more than one, being sewed or bound together.
- 3rd. - It must not exceed two feet in length.
- 4th. - It must have no writing or marks upon the Cover, or its Contents, except the name and address of the person to whom it may be sent.
- 5th. - The Postage must be pre-paid in full by affixing outside the Packet or its Cover, the proper Stamps.

If any or either of the above conditions be violated, the Packet must be charged as a Letter and treated as such in all respects.

To prevent any obstacles to the regular transmission of Letters, any Officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any such Packet for a time, not exceeding 24 hours from the time at which the same would otherwise have been forwarded by him.

The transmission of these Packets is restricted to such as are sent between places within the United Kingdom, and by the Post of any Post Town in the United Kingdom; and these Instructions are not to extend to, or interfere with the transmission of Printed Votes and Proceedings of Parliament, or of Newspapers or of Packets sent to or from places beyond the Seas.

18480300 – New Grenada. Reduction of postage on letters

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

Reduction of Postage on Letters to and from New Granada.

HER Majesty's Government having concluded a Convention with the Republic of New Granada for the Reduction of Postage upon Letters and Newspapers Conveyed between this country and New Granada; on and after the 16th instant, the provisions of the Convention will come into operation, when the rates of Postage will be as follows: -

Upon Letters passing between the United Kingdom and any port in New Granada, whether in the Atlantic or Pacific, an uniform rate of One Shilling the Half Ounce, Two Shillings the Ounce, and so on in proportion.

18480300 – GB Registration Fee Reduced

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

Reduction of the Fee on Registered Letters.

ON and after the 28th Instant, the Fee charged for the Registration of Letters will be reduced from One Shilling, to Sixpence, which must be paid in Money.

The Postage of Registered Letters must in all cases be paid in Stamps.

The Public are earnestly recommended to Register all Letters containing enclosures of any value.

18480500 – Registration Fee Payment Regulations

referring to Instructions No. 9, 1848

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

HENCEFORWARD the *Postage* upon Registered Letters addressed to *parts abroad* and posted at those Offices which are not restricted to the receipt of Stamped and Unpaid Letters, may be paid either in Money or by means of Postage Stamps, at the option of the sender. The *Registration Fee*, however, must be paid in *Money*, as at present.

This modification of the existing regulation does not extend to Registered Letters addressed to places *within the United Kingdom*, the *Postage* upon which Letters must still be paid *in Stamps*.

No exception is to be made to the rule which forbids a Registered Letter to be sent Unpaid.

18480500 – West Indies Packet Schedule

referring to Instructions No. 26, 1847

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters and Letter Receivers.

HENCEFORTH a Mail for **JACMEL**, (Hayti) will be despatched, via Jamaica, by the Packet leaving Southampton on the 2nd of each Month, as well as by the Packet of the 17th of the Month.

It is calculated that Letters, by this additional Mail of the 2nd, will reach Jacmel *about five days earlier* than those despatched by the *succeeding Mail of the 17th of the Month*.

18490800 – Letters. Rules to stamp paid and unpaid letters

Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, & Letter Receivers.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL has been pleased to direct, that all Letters, prepaid with Postage Labels, shall, for the future, receive the Official Stamp at the back, and that Letters, either paid with Money or unpaid, shall be stamped in front. Care must be taken, in the latter case, not to deface the Addresses of the Letters in the process of Stamping.

18490900 – Belgium. Postal rates on letters forwarded via France

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

On and after the 1st of next Month, the whole Postage, both British and Foreign, upon Letters for BELGIUM, directed "via France," may be paid in advance, or the Letters may be sent unpaid, at the option of the Sender, but the present regulation, under which the British Postage only may be paid upon such Letters, will be discontinued. The following is the Scale of Postage to which these Letters will be liable: -

	Weighing under a ¼ Ounce	Weighing ¼ oz. and not exceeding ½ oz.	Exceeding ½ oz. and under ¾ oz.	Weighing ¾ oz. and not under 1 oz.	Exceeding 1 oz. and exceeding 1¼ oz.
BRITISH	5d.	5d.	10d.	10d.	1s. 8d.

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FOREIGN	5d.	10d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 8d.	2s. 1d.
TOTAL	10d.	1s. 3d.	2s. 1d.	2s. 6d.	3s. 9d.

and so on, in proportion.

It must, however, be understood, that no Letter will be forwarded to Belgium by this route, unless specially addressed "via France."

18491200 – Avoid Using Wax to Seal Letters

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.
THE practice of *Sealing* Letters, passing to and from the East and West Indies and other hot climates, with Wax not properly prepared for such climates, being attended with much inconvenience, and frequently with serious injury to the correspondence in consequence of the melting of the Wax, and adhesion of the Letters to each other, the Public are recommended in all possible cases to use either *Prepared Wax*, or *Wafers* in Sealing their Letters sent to *India*, or other hot climates, and also to advise their Correspondents in those Countries to pursue the same course.
Postmasters are enjoined to give every publicity to this caution.

18500500 – GB Registration use adhesives rather than manuscript

Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Provincial Letter Receivers.

ON and after the 1st of June next, you will account for the Registration fee of Sixpence which you may receive from the Public with Registered Letters, by affixing to each Letter postage Stamps to that amount, instead of marking (as you now) the fee on the Letter and charging yourself with it in the Letter Bill.

It must be understood that the Registration fee is still to be paid by the Public in money as at present, and that other regulations now in force, with regard to Registered Letters, will remain unchanged.

On and after the date above-mentioned Registered Letters addressed to places beyond London may be sent with other forward Letters intended to pass through London on the Sunday; (care being taken to enter the address upon the but no Registered Letters for London itself, or the London District, are to be sent so as to reach London on the Sunday.

18500700 – West Indies Packet Schedule & Rates

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.
NEW SCHEME of *West India Mail Packet Service*.

A New Scheme for the West India Mail Packet Service having been sanctioned by Her Majesty's Government, the Mails from the United Kingdom for the West Indies, Mexico, &c., will be despatched, *on and after the 2nd August next, under the* following arrangements

The Mails will be made up in London, as at present, on the mornings of the 2nd and 17th of each month, except when those days fall on Sunday, in which case the Mails will be despatched, in the former instance, on the evening of the 1st, and in the latter instance, on the morning of the 18th.

Mails for Havana, Honduras, Nassau, and Jacmel, will be forwarded *only* by the Packet leaving on the 17th, and Mails for Vera Cruz and Tampico, *only* by the Packet of the 2nd of each Month.

For all the other places mentioned in the annexed Table, Mails will be despatched both by the Packet of the 2nd and by that of the 17th of each Month.

Mails for the Western Coast of South America will be made up, for conveyance, *as far as Panama*, by each despatch of the West India Packet, but *from* Panama, the Pacific Mail Packets will only be despatched once a Month as at present. These Packets will continue to be fitted to the Departure from London of the 17th of the Month.

No Mails will be transmitted by the West India Packets, *after the termination of the present month*, to Madeira, Bermuda, or to Mobile. The correspondence for Madeira will, unless otherwise addressed, be sent by the Brazil Packet leaving Falmouth on the 6th of each Month; that for Bermuda will be forwarded by the

route of Halifax, by means of the North American Contract Packets; and the correspondence for Mobile will be transmitted in the ordinary Mails to New York or to Boston.

The West India Packets will cease also, under the New Scheme, to call at St. Jago de Cuba, La Guayra and Puerto Cabello. All Letters for Cuba will be despatched in the Mails for Havana, and the correspondence for Venezuela will be forwarded to St. Thomas, and conveyed thence to its destination by the Vessels provided for that purpose by the Government of Venezuela.

The following is a List of the Ports comprised in the New Scheme of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, with the rate of Packet Postage chargeable on a Letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

(Note,- On Letters to those places marked thus, * *the postage must be paid in advance*, or the Letters cannot be forwarded)

	s.	d.		s.	d.		s.	d.
Antigua	1	0	* Guadeloupe	1	5	St. Kitts	1	0
Barbadoes	1	0	* Havana	2	3	St. Lucia	1	0
Belize (Honduras)	1	0	* Jacmel (St. Domingo)	1	5	St. Thomas	1	5
Berbice	1	2	Jamaica (Kingston)	1	2	St. Vincent	1	0
			excepted					
Carriacou	1	0	* to which the rate is 1s only)			Tampico (Mexico)	2	3
* Carthegena (N. Grenada)	1	0	Martinique	1	5	Tobago	1	0
* Chagres and Panama	1	0	Montserrat	1	0	Tortola	1	3
Demerara	1	0	Nassau (Bahamas)	1	0	Trinidad	1	0
Dominica	1	0	* Nevis	1	0	Vera Cruz (Mexico)	2	3
* Grey Town	2	3	* Santa Martha	1	0	* Western Coast of South America	2	0
Grenada	1	0	San Juan (Porto Rico)	1	5			

18508000 – Seamen's Letters. Gratuity

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

THE Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury having been pleased by a Warrant, dated the 30th July, 1850, to authorize the use of Postage Stamps for the payment of Letters forwarded to the United Kingdom by Seamen employed on board Her Majesty's Ships on Foreign Stations, all Seamen's Letters which may hereafter reach this Country in Bags made up on board any of Her Majesty's Ships will be delivered free, provided the postage of one Penny to which they are liable be paid by means of a postage Stamp affixed to such Letters.

In those cases where Bags of Seamen's Letters are brought to the United Kingdom by Private Ships, the gratuity of two pence payable by Law to the Master, will still be chargeable upon each Letter, unless such sum of two pence, in addition to the postage of one penny, be paid by the Seamen by means of postage Stamps.

It must of course be understood that all the conditions laid down by Law, under which the Letters of Seamen are transmitted at a reduced rate of postage, must be duly complied with as respects the Letters to which the present regulation refers.

Seamen will be supplied with postage Stamps by the Purser of the Vessel to which they are attached.

18500826 – Instructions for Post Masters in the West Indies - Updated [Link](#)

18501000 – West Indies Packet Schedule

referring to Instructions No. 24, 1850.

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

A MAIL for JACMEL (Hayti), will in future be despatched by the West India Mail Packet of the 2nd of each Month as well as by the Packet of the 17th of the Month.

This additional Mail will be forwarded to Jamaica, from whence it will be conveyed to Jacmel by the Packet returning to St. Thomas.

18500000 – Post Office regulations. Book Post, registration of letters, money orders, stamps, &c.

For the London Town Receiving Houses, Provincial Country Receiving Houses and Sub-Posts.

Notice to the Public.

Book Post.

1. - A single printed volume may be posted for any part of the United Kingdom, at the rate of 6d. a pound. on the following conditions: -
2. - It must be sent without a Cover, or in a Cover open at the ends.
3. - It must not contain Writing (except the name and address of the sender) on more than one page.
4. - It must be prepaid in Stamps.

Limitation of Size and Weight.

5. - The length of an Inland Letter or Packet must not exceed two feet.
6. - The weight is unlimited; but, if it exceed 4 oz., the Letter must be prepaid.

Registration of Letters.

7. - Great security may be given to a Letter by registering it. Fee for Inland Letters 6d.
8. - All Letters containing Money or other Articles of value should be registered.

Money Orders.

9. - Money Orders should be presented without delay. The lapse of two clear Calendar Months will entail a second payment of the Commission, and the lapse of twelve clear Calendar Months will entail the loss of the whole sum for which the Order is drawn.

Stamps.

10. - Wherever Letters can be posted, an applicant may demand to be supplied with Stamps or Envelopes, Tenpenny or Shilling Stamps, however, can only be purchased at certain larger Offices. Stamps may be had singly.
11. - The use of Stamps greatly facilitates the business of the Office. They may be applied to all Letters, &c. posted in the United Kingdom, whether Inland or Foreign, and for Late Letters they must be used, except at the Metropolitan Chief Offices.

Newspapers.

12. - With a Postage Stamp affixed, a Newspaper, though written on, may be posted for any part of the United Kingdom.
13. - The Public would greatly facilitate the operations of the Post Office by giving complete and legible Addresses and by using Letter Boxes.
14. - Detailed information as to Post Office arrangements will be found in the "Post Office London Directory," the part in question, under the name of "The Postal Directory," being also sold separately, for 1s. Tables of Postage, Rates and other information will also be found in the "Post Office Monthly Director," price 1s.

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18510200 – Book Post to Colonies with Rates

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

BOOKS &c. TO CERTAIN COLONIES.

ON and after the *1st March next*, Printed Books, Magazines, Reviews, and Pamphlets, (whether British, Colonial or Foreign) may be transmitted by the Post between the United Kingdom and

THE BRITISH WEST INDIES,	HONG KONG,	via SOUTHAMPTON
BERMUDA,	MALTA,	Do.
NEWFOUNDLAND,	GIBRALTAR,	Do.

at the following reduced rates of postage, viz.:-

For each Packet	not exceeding ½ lb. in weight	0s. 6d.
Do.	Exceeding ½ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	1s. 0d.
Do.	exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs	2s. 0d.
Do.	exceeding 2 lbs. and not exceeding 3 lbs	3s. 0d.

and so on, increasing One Shilling for every additional pound or fraction of a pound.

Provided, however, that the following Conditions be carefully observed:-

- 1st. Every such Packet must be sent without a Cover or in a Cover open at the ends or sides.
- 2nd. It must contain a single Volume only, (whether printed Book, Magazine, Review or Pamphlet) the several sheets or parts thereof, where there are more than one, being sewed or bound together.
- 3rd. It must not exceed two feet in length, breadth, width or depth.

4th. It must have no writing or marks upon the cover, or its contents, except the name and address of the person to whom it may be sent.

5th. The postage must be prepaid in full, by affixing outside the packet or its cover the proper number of Stamps.

If any of the above conditions be violated, the packet must be charged as a Letter, and treated as such in all respects

To prevent any obstacles to the regular transmission of Letters, any Officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any such packet for a time not exceeding 24 hours, from the time at which the same would otherwise has been forwarded by him.

These Instructions are not to extend to or interfere with the transmission of Printed Votes and Proceedings of Parliament, or of Printed Papers allowed to pass by the Post under the Newspaper privilege, all of which will continue subject to the existing Regulations.

18510600 – West Indies Packet Schedule

referring to Instructions No. 24, 1850.

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

IN future, whenever the 2nd of the Month falls on a Sunday, the Mails for the WEST INDIES, &c., will be made up in London *on the following Morning*, instead of, as heretofore, on the evening of the 1st of the Month.

18510800 – Nova Scotia Rates

referring to Instructions No. 5, 1851.

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

Books, &c. to Nova Scotia.

The Lords of Her Majestys Treasury having authorized, by Warrant, the extension to NOVA SCOTIA, of the Reduced Rates of Postage and the Regulations recently established for Books transmitted by the Post to the British Colonies in the West Indies, &c., in future all Printed Books, Magazines, Reviews and Pamphlets, (whether British, Colonial, or Foreign), may be sent by Post between the United Kingdom and NOVA SCOTIA, at the following Reduced Rates of Postage, viz.:

for each Packet not exceeding ½ lb. in weight	0s. 6d.
Do. exceeding ½ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	1s. 0d.
Do. exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs	2s. 0d.
Do. exceeding 2 lbs. and not exceeding 3 lbs.	3s. 0d.

And so on, increasing One Shilling for every additional Pound or fraction of a Pound.

Provided, however, that the following Conditions be carefully observed:-

1st. Every such Packet must be sent without a Cover, or in a Cover open at the ends or sides.

2nd. It must contain a Single Volume only (whether Printed Book, Magazine, Review, or Pamphlet), the several sheets or parts thereof, where there are more than One, being sewed or bound together.

3rd. It must not exceed two feet in length, breadth, width, or depth.

4th. It must have no writing or marks upon the Cover, or its Contents, except the name and address of the person to whom it may be sent.

5th. The Postage must be Prepaid in full, by affixing outside the Packet or its Cover, the proper number of stamps

If any of the above Conditions be violated, the Packet must be charged as a Letter, and treated as such in all respects.

To prevent any obstacles to the regular transmission of letters, any Officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any such Packet for a time not exceeding 24 Hours from the time at which the same would otherwise have been forwarded by him.

As no Book may be sent by any route which would entail an expense of Transit Postage on the Department, these Regulations apply only to Books, &c. sent by the *British Contract Packets, direct to Halifax*.

The above Instructions are not to extend to or interfere with the transmission of printed Votes and Proceedings of Parliament, or of printed Papers allowed to pass by the Post under the Newspaper privilege, all of which will continue subject to the existing regulations.

18520200 – Inland Book Post. Rates and regulations

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters, Sub-Postmasters, and Letter Receivers.

Inland Book Post.

ON and from the 1st March next, the following additional facilities will be afforded to the transmission of Books, &c., within the United Kingdom.

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A book-packet may thenceforth contain any number of separate books, maps, or prints, and any quantity of paper, vellum, or parchment (to the exclusion of letters whether sealed or open); and the books, maps, paper, &c., may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three.

Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of the same or of a portion thereof will be allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached; as also rollers, in the case of prints: markers, (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books - and in short whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter or usually appertains hereto.

The following are the remaining regulations respecting the Inland Book Post - all previous notices regarding it being melted.

RATES OF BOOK POSTAGE.

For each Packet not exceeding 1 lb. in weight 0s. 6d.

do. exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs. 1s. 0d.

do. exceeding 2 lbs. and not exceeding 3 lbs. 1s. 6d.

and so on, 6d. being charged for every complete pound and for any additional fraction of a pound. The postage must be pre-paid in full, by affixing the proper Stamps outside.

Every Packet must be sent either without a Cover or in a Cover open at the ends or sides. It must not contain any Letter, open or sealed, nor any sealed enclosure whatever.

No Packet must exceed two feet in length.

The Book Post to which the foregoing rules relate is confined to the United Kingdom, and does not affect the privileges allowed to Votes and Proceedings in Parliament, or to Newspapers.

The Postmaster who receives a book-packet, whether directly or from a Sub-Postmaster or Town Receiver, must open and examine it to see that the conditions on which book-packets are allowed are all complied with. If he find any letter, whether sealed or open, or sealed enclosure of any kind, such letter or enclosure must be taken out and dealt with as an unpaid letter - the address on the packet being written thereon if there be no other address. And if in any other respect other of the above conditions be violated, or if, for any reason, the Postmaster does not think that the packet comes within the privilege of the Book Post, he must put it into the Bag for London, if in England - for Edinburgh, if in Scotland - and for Dublin, if in Ireland - in order that the case may be dealt with at a Metropolitan Office.

To prevent obstacles to the regular transmission of Letters, any Officer of the Post Office may, when necessary, delay forwarding a book-packet for a period not exceeding 24 hours beyond the time at which it would otherwise be forwarded.

18520300 - Rates for Forwarding to Europe

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Arrangements having been made for simplifying the Rates of Postage, when collected in this Country, upon Letters forwarded between the United Kingdom and Foreign Countries, via France; on and from the 1st April next, the following Rates are to be taken upon such Letters, viz. -

Note. - It must be clearly understood that Letters addressed to those Countries or Towns, printed in Italics and Underlined, may still be forwarded Unpaid.

			Combined British and Foreign Rates				
DESTINATION	Limit to which Letters may be paid		Weighing under ¼ oz	Weighing ¼ oz and not exceeding ½ oz	Weighing ½ oz and not exceeding ¾ oz	Weighing ¾ oz and not exceeding 1 oz	Exceeding 1 oz and under 1 ¼ oz
1 Spain	Through	British	0s. 5d.	0s. 5d.	0s. 10d.	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.
2 Portugal	France	Foreign	0s. 5d.	0s. 10d.	1s. 3d.	1s. 8d.	2s. 1d.
3 Gibraltar		Total	0s. 10d.	1s. 3d.	2s. 1d.	2s. 6d.	3s. 9d.
4 <u>Luxemburg</u> (Grand Duchy of)	Destination	British	0s. 5d.	0s. 5d.	0s. 10d.	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.
<u>Baden</u>		Foreign	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 6d.
5 <u>Holland</u>		Total	0s. 11d.	1s. 5d.	2s. 4d.	2s. 10d.	4s. 2d.
5 <u>Prussia</u>							
<u>Bavaria</u>							

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		Combined British and Foreign Rates						
DESTINATION	Limit to which Letters may be paid		Weighing under ¼ oz	Weighing ¼ oz and not exceeding ½ oz	Weighing ½ oz and not exceeding ¾ oz	Weighing ¾ oz and not exceeding 1 oz	Exceeding 1 oz and under 1¼ oz	
<u>Wurtemberg</u>								
<u>Switzerland</u>								
5	<u>German States</u> , viz.: - Hohenzollern Birkenfeld, Hesse Homberg, Lippe Detmold, Schwartzburg Rudolstadt, Reuss, Anhalt, Nassau, Saxe Coburg Gotha, Saxe Meiningen, Hildburg Hausen, Hesse (Electoral), Hesse Darmstadt, Saxe Weimar Eisenach, Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Hamburgh, Bremen and Lubeck							
	<u>Sardinia</u>	Destination	British	0s. 5d.	0s. 5d.	0s. 10d.	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.
			Foreign	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. Od.	2s. 8d.	3s. 4d.
			Total	1s. 1d.	1s. 9d.	2s. 10d.	3s. 6d.	5s. Od.
6	Two Sicilies - by French Mediterranean Packet	Calais	British rate only	0s. 5d.	0s. 5d.	0s. 10d.	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.
	<u>Tuscany</u>	Destination	British	0s. 5d.	0s. 5d.	0s. 10d.	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.
7	Parma and Modena, via Austria	Thro Austria	Foreign	0s. 11d.	is. 10d.	2s. 9d.	3s. 8d.	4s. 7d.
7	Papal States by French Packet	Civita Vecchia	Total	1s. 4d.	2s. 3d.	3s. 7d.	4s. 6d.	6s. 3d.
8	<u>Austrian Dominions</u>	Destination						
	<u>Greece-by French Mediterranean Pkt</u>	Destination						
	Greece - via Austria	Trieste						
9	Ionian Islands, via Austria	Trieste						
	British Colonies or Foreign Countries beyond Sea	Port of Disembarkation						
10	<u>Northern States of Europe</u> , viz.: - Hanover,Saxony, Mecklenburgh-Schwerin Mecklenburgh-Strelitz, Brunswick, Oldenburgh (except the Principality of Birkenfeld), Servia, Poland, and Russia	Destination						
11	<u>Moldavia</u> via Austria	Destination	British	0s. 5d.	0s. 5d.	0s. 10d.	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.
11	<u>Wallachia</u> via Austria	Destination	Foreign	1s. 5d.	2s. 10d.	4s. 3d.	5s. 8d.	7s. 1d.
11	<u>Turkey in Europe</u> via Austria	Destination	Total	1s. 10d.	3s. 3d.	5s. 1d.	6s. 6d.	8s. 9d.

Observations

1. Letters for Cadiz and Vigo are forwarded by Peninsular Packet, unless specially addressed via France.
2. Letters for Portugal, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
3. Letters for Gibraltar, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
4. Letters to Luxemburg, Holland, and Prussia, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
5. Letters for these States, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
6. Letters for the Two Sicilies may also be sent via France and Sardinia, but in such cases, the Postage must be wholly unpaid.
7. Letters for Parma, Modena, and the Papal States; may also be sent via France and Sardinia, but in such case the Postage must be wholly unpaid.
8. Letters for Venetian Lombardy are forwarded through France, unless otherwise addressed; but Letters for any other part of the Austrian dominions, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
9. Letters for the Ionian Islands, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
10. Letters for these States, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
11. Letters for Moldavia, Wallachia, and Turkey, intended to be directed via France, must be so directed.

18520500 – West Indies Packet Schedule

referring to Instructions No. 24, 1850, and cancelling Instructions No. 20, 1848.

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Mails for Havana & Jacmel.

THE Mails for HAVANA will, in future, be made up in London for transmission by the West India Contract Packet leaving Southampton *on the 2nd*, instead of that leaving on the 17th of each Month, and the Return Mails from Havana will be due by the corresponding Packet arriving at the *beginning* of the month.

The Mail for **JACMEL** (Hayti) despatched by the Packet of the 2nd of the month, which has hitherto been conveyed *via Jamaica* will hereafter be forwarded to that Port direct from St. Thomas.

18520600 – Danish West Indies Packet Rates

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Reduction of Postage on Letters to ST. THOMAS.

ON and from the 1st *July next*, the Packet rate of postage upon letters addressed to ST. THOMAS, OR ANY OTHER DANISH COLONY IN THE WEST INDIES, will be reduced to 1s. the Half Ounce, 2s. when exceeding Half an Ounce, and exceeding one ounce, and so on, according to the Scale in operation for charging Inland Letters.

The Postage upon all Letters for the Danish Colonies in the West Indies *must be paid in advance*, or they cannot be forwarded.

18521000 – Bahamas Packet Schedule

referring to Instructions No. 24, 1850.

Notices to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

MAILS FOR NASSAU.

THE Mails for NASSAU (*Bahamas*) will, in future, be made up in London for transmission by the West India Contract Packet leaving Southampton *on the 2nd*, instead of that leaving on the 17th of each Month, and the Return Mails from Nassau will be due by the corresponding Packet arriving at the *beginning* of the Month.

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British Rates of Postage from _____ to countries beyond sea.

Destinations	¼ oz. Letters	½ oz. Letters	News- papers	Destinations	½ oz. Letters
Algeria	0 10	1 3	free	<u>Via Southampton to</u>	
Austria	----	0 8	free	By Peninsular Packet	
Belgium	0 6	0 8	free	Gibraltar	1 0
Cape of Good Hope	----	1 0	free	Portugal *	1 9
China and Hong Kong, "via Marseilles"	1 10	2 3	3d.	Madeira, via Lisbon *	1 10
*China if addressed "via Southampton"	----	1 0	2d.	Spain	2 2
Hong Kong, "ditto"	----	1 0	free		
Denmark	----	0 10	free	By Mediterranean Packet	
Egypt (Alexandria excepted)	1 8	2 1	3d.	Gibraltar and Malta, and Ionian Islands	1 0
Alexandria	1 8	2 1	3d.	India	1 0
Ditto, "via Southampton"	----	1 6	2d.	China *	1 6
Ditto, per French Packet"	1 3	2 1	2d.	Greece and Egypt *	1 6
France	0 10	1 3	free		
GERMANY viz	viz.:	-		Letters for Malta, the Ionian Islands, India, China, Greece and Egypt, if intended for this Conveyance, must be specially addressed via Southampton	
Hamburg and Bremen	----	0 8	free	By Brazil & Buenos Ayres Packet	
Lubeck	----	0 8	free	Madeira *	1 10
Hanover and Brunswick	----	0 9	1d.	Azores *	1 10
Oldenburg	----	0 9	1d.	Canary Islands *	1 10
Mecklenburg-Strelitz	----	0 6	2d.	Cape de Verds *	1 10
Mecklenburg-Schwerin	----	0 10	2d.	Brazil *	2 9
Saxony (via Belgium)	----	0 8	free	Buenos Ayres *	1 0
Baden	0 11	1 5	2d	Monte Video *	2 7
Wurtemburgh	0 11	1 5	2d	Falkland Islands *	1 0
Bavaria	0 11	1 5	2d	By West India Packets	
Frankfort-on-the-Maine, and the Minor German States, served by the Office of Tour and Taxis (via Belgium)	----	0 8	free	Antigua	1 0
Greece,	1 4	2 3	free	Barbadoes	1 0
Greece, "via Marseilles"	1 4	2 3	1d.	Cariacou	1 0
Heligoland	----	0 6	free	Dominica	1 0
Holland	----	1 0	1d.	Grenada	1 0
*Java, "via Holland"	----	1 0	1d.	Honduras	1 0
*India and Ceylon, "via Marseilles"	1 10	2 3	3d.	Kingston (Jamaica)	1 0
India and Ceylon, if addressed "via Southampton"	----	1 0	free		
*Ionian Islands, to Trieste	----	1 0	free	Montserrat	1 0
Ionian Islands, "via Southampton"	----	1 0	free	Nevis	1 0
*Ionian Islands, "via Marseilles"	1 8	2 1	3d.	St. Kitt's	1 0
ITALY, viz.:		-		St. Lucia	1 0
*Sardinia	1 1	1 9	2d.	St. Vincent	1 0
Tuscany	1 4	2 3	2d.	Tobago	1 0
Tuscany "via Marseilles"	1 4	2 3	2d.	Tortola	1 0
*Modena and Parma, "by French Packet"	1 4	2 3	2d.	Trinidad	1 0
*Two Sicilies, "by French Packet"	----	0 5	2d.	Bahamas	1 0
Venice and Lombardy	1 5	2 5	2d.	Demerara	1 0
Papal States "via Sardinia" must be sent unpaid			2d.	Essequibo	1 0
Papal States, "by French Packet"	1 4	2 3	2d.	Jamaica	1 0
Malta, "via Marseilles"	1 0	1 8	3d.	Berbice	1 0
Ditto ditto "per French Packet"	1 1	1 9	2d.	Curacoa *	1 0
Malta, "via Southampton"	----	1 0	free	Martinique *	1 0
*Mauritius	----	1 0	free	Guadeloupe *	1 0
*Mauritius, "via Marseilles"	1 10	2 3	3d.	St. Martins *	1 0
*New South Wales	----	1 0	free	Porto Rico *	1 0
*New Zealand	----	0 8	1d.	St. Domingo or Hayti *	1 0
*Portugal, "via France"	0 10	1 3	2d.	Chili *	2
Prussia	----	0 8	free	Peru *	2
Prussia, if addressed "via Hull"	----	1 0	free	Western Coast of South America *	7
Poland	----	0 11½	free	New Granada *	1 0
Russia	----	0 11½	free	Venezuela *	1 0
Russia, if addressed "via Hull"	1 7	1 11	free	St. Croix *	1 0
*St. Helena	----	0 8	1d.	St. Thomas *	1 0
*Ascension	----	1 0	free	Cuba *	2
*Sierra Leone	----	1 0	free	Mexico *	2
*Other parts of West Coast of Africa	----	0 8	1d.	Central America *	
Singapore, Penang Malacca&c.	,1 10	2 3	2d.(?)		
Ditto if addressed "via Southampton"	----	1 0	free	<u>Via Liverpool to</u>	
*South Australia	----	1 0	free	By American Packet	
*Spain, "via France"	0 10	1 3	½d.	United States of America	1

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Destinations	¼ oz. Letters	½ oz. Letters	News- papers	Destinations	½ oz. Letters
Sweden	----	1 3	free	Prince Edward Island	1
Norway	----	1 4	free	Bermuda	1
Sweden and Norway if addressed via Hull"	----	0 6	2d.	Nova Scotia	1
xxxxxxnd	0 11	1 5	2d.	New Brunswick	1
xxxxxx via Marseilles"	0 8	2 1	3d.	Newfoundland	1
xxxxx if addressed "via Southampton"	----	1 6	2d.	Canada	1
Turkey in Europe, (Belgrade excepted) and Scutari in Asia	1 10	3 3	2d.	Canada via Halifax	1
City of Belgrade	1 10	3 3	2d.		
Moldavia and Wallachia	1 10	3 3	2d.		
Constantinople, the Dardanelles	1 3	2 1	2d.		
Beyrout, and Smyrna, if addressed "per French Packet"					
United States, if addressed "By Private Ship"	----	0 8	2d.		
Van Diemen's Land	----	1 0	free		
Victoria(Port Philip)	----	1 0	free		
Western Australia	----	1 0	free		

Note 1. - The Ship Letter Rate, on Letters addressed to places to which there is a Packet Communication, is only to be taken when they are specially directed "by Ship," or "by Private Ship."

Note 2. - To places marked with an asterisk, thus (), the postage must be paid in advance.*

18530400 – Turks & Caicos Packet Rates

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

The postage of all Letters addressed to the TURKS or CAICOS ISLANDS, in the West Indies, must in future be paid in full, according to the following scale, viz.: -

- 1s. For a Letter not exceeding half ounce in weight.
- 2s. For a Letter exceeding half ounce and not exceeding one ounce.
- 4s. For a Letter exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces;

And so on, according to the scale for charging Inland Letters. i

18530500 – Danish West Indies Newspaper Rate

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

NEWSPAPERS posted in the United Kingdom and addressed to St. THOMAS, or any other Danish Colony in the West Indies, will in future be forwarded by Packet *free of Charge*, provided the usual Regulations for the transmission of Newspapers by the Post be duly observed.

Any Newspapers for the Danish Colonies in the West Indies which may be specially directed to be sent "by Privateship," will be liable hereafter to a Postage of *One Penny* each, instead of to a Rate of Twopence.

18530500 – Savannah, Bahamas, Jamaica Packet Schedule & Rates

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

THE Royal Mail Steam Packet Company have established a Packet to run, once a Month, between Savannah (in the United States) and the Bahamas and Jamaica.

This Packet leaves Savannah on the 4th of each Month, and arrives at Nassau (Bahamas) on the 6th, and at Jamaica on the 11th, - and any Letters or Newspapers addressed to the Bahamas or to Jamaica, may be forwarded by it in a Closed Mail through the United States, *if specially directed "via Savannah."*

Letters that may be sent by this route will be liable to the following rates of postage, viz.: -

- 2s. if not exceeding ½ ounce in weight,
- 4s. if exceeding ½ ounce and not exceeding 1 ounce,

and so on according to the scale in operation for charging Inland Letters.

Newspapers will be chargeable with a Postage of Threepence each.

These rates of postage may either be paid in advance, or left to be paid on the delivery of the Letters and Newspapers, at the option of the Sender.

18530600 – GB Newspaper Rate extended to other Printed Papers

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

ON and after the 1st July next, every printed Price Current, Commercial List, Course of Exchange, Shipping List, or other Publication Printed and Published in the United Kingdom, although not strictly a Newspaper, but

bearing a Newspaper Stamp, and not weighing, more than 2 oz., the circulation of which by the Post, under the Newspaper privilege has been, or shall be, allowed by the Postmaster General, will be placed in all respects on the same footing as a Newspaper and entitled to the same privileges, whether as regards Inland Postage, or British Postage when sent Abroad or from one Colony to another, or aught else, except that no Stamp will be required on any Supplement to the Publication called "Lloyd's List," provided such Publication bear a Newspaper Stamp, and the Supplement be sent with it.

18530800 – Savannah, Bahamas, Jamaica Packet Withdrawn

cancelling Instructions No. 24, 1853.

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

The Packet established last year, by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, to maintain a Monthly communication between Savannah, the Bahamas and Jamaica, *having been withdrawn*, Closed Mails can no longer be forwarded via Savannah, to the Bahamas, and to Jamaica.

18530900 – Danish West Indies Payment Regulations

referring to Instructions No. 29, 1852.

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Optional Payment of Postage upon Letters to the Danish Colonies in the West Indies.

On and from the 1st October next, the Postage upon Letters addressed to St. THOMAS, OR ANY DANISH COLONY IN THE WEST INDIES may be either *paid in advance*, or the Letters may be posted *unpaid*, at the option of the senders.

18540300 – West Indies Packet Rates

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Reduction of Postage on Letters to certain Colonies.

ON and from the 23rd instant, the Postage upon Letters conveyed, whether by British Mail Packet or Private Ship, between the United Kingdom and the following British Colonies and Possessions, viz.: -

Canada,	British Guiana,
Prince Edward Island,	Bahamas,
Bermuda,	Belize,
British West Indies (Barbadoes and Turk's Island excepted),	Malta and Gibraltar.

Will be reduced to a combined British and Colonial Rate of -

0s. 6d. for a Letter not exceeding Half an Ounce in weight,
1s. 0d., exceeding Half an Ounce and not exceeding One Ounce,
2s. 0d., exceeding One Ounce and not exceeding Two Ounces,

And so on, increasing One Shilling for every additional Ounce or Fraction of an Ounce. *The Postage upon these Letters is be paid in advance, or Letters may be posted unpaid, at the option of the sender.*

The reduction will not at present extend to the other provinces of British North America, viz.: - Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, nor to Barbadoes or Turk's Island, the Governments of those Colonies not having yet signified their acquiescence in the arrangements.

To the reduced rate of 6d., a United States' transit rate of 2d. per Half Ounce must be added in the case of all Letters forwarded to Canada by British Mail Packets, and not specially marked "*via Halifax*," making the total charge upon a Letter for Canada, not so marked -

0s. 8d. when not exceeding Half an Ounce in weight;
1s. 4d. when exceeding Half an Ounce, and not exceeding One Ounce, 2s. 8d. when exceeding One Ounce, and not exceeding Two Ounces,

And so on; but when the Letter is marked "*via Halifax*" no additional charge will be made.

In like manner a French Transit rate of 5d. per Quarter Ounce will be chargeable upon all Letters for Malta, which are not specially marked "*via Southampton*," making the total charge upon a Letter for Malta -

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0s. 11d. when under a Quarter of an Ounce in weight,

1s. 4d. when weighing a Quarter of an Ounce and under Half an Ounce in weight,

2s. 3d., Half an Ounce and under Three-Quarters of an Ounce in weight, and so on.

Letters for Gibraltar specially directed "*via France*" will also be liable to a French transit rate of 5d. per Quarter Ounce, in addition to the British rate of 6d. per Half Ounce. *The whole of this combined Postage must be paid in advance.*

In the Mails made up for Demerara is included the correspondence for Surinam and Cayenne, and the Mails made up for Belize comprise the correspondence for Honduras and Guatemala. All Letters, therefore, addressed to Surinam, Cayenne, the States of Honduras or Guatemala, will in future be chargeable in this country, with a rate of 6d. only per Half Ounce, *which rate must be paid in advance.*

It must be observed that the foregoing reduction cannot be applied to Letters conveyed by a Mail Packet belonging to the United States, or by a French Mail Packet in the Mediterranean. Letters, therefore, for Canada, despatched by the United States' Mail Packets, as well as Letters for Malta sent by the French Mediterranean Packets will continue liable to the existing rates of postage.

On Letters conveyed by the Canadian Mail Packets between Liverpool and Quebec, the reduced rate of 6d. only will be chargeable.

The following Table shews the conditions under which Letters may be sent to the several places specified for the reduced rate of *Sixpence* the Half Ounce, viz.: -

Canada	If addressed "via Halifax" or "by Canadian Mail Packet," or "by private ship."
Prince Edward Island	Without any special address or, if marked "by private ship."
Bermuda	do.
British West Indies (Barbadoes and Turk's Island excepted)	do.
British Guiana	do.
Surinam	do.
Cayenne	do.
Bahamas	do.
Belize	do.
Honduras	do.
Guatemala	do.
Malta	If addressed "via Southampton," or "by private ship."
Gibraltar	Without any special address, or, if marked "by private ship."

Parliamentary Proceedings.

On and from the same date, the rates of Postage now chargeable upon Packets containing printed Vote Proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, sent through the Post to any of the Colonies above specified will be repealed and all such Packets will be subject to the rates of postage which are levied on Printed Books sent to the Colonies, viz.: -

For a Packet of Parliamentary Proceedings	not exceeding Half-a-pound in weight, 6d.
	exceeding Half-a-pound and not exceeding One Pound, 1s.
	exceeding One Pound and not exceeding Two Pounds, 2s.

and so on, increasing One Shilling for every Pound or Fraction of a Pound.

The following conditions, however, must be carefully observed -

- 1st. Every such packet must be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.
- 2nd. It must contain a single publication only, the several sheets or parts thereof, when there are more than ? being sewed or bound together.
- 3rd. It must not exceed two feet in length, breadth, width, or depth.
- 4th. It must have no writing or marks upon the cover, or its contents, except the name and address of the person to whom it may be sent.
- 5th. The Postage must be pre-paid in full, by affixing outside the Packet or its Cover, the proper number of stamps

If any of the above conditions be violated, the Packet must be charged as a Letter, and treated as such in all respects .

To prevent any obstacles to the regular transmission of Letters, any Officer of the Post Office may delay transmission of any such Packet of Printed Votes and proceedings for a time not exceeding twenty-four hours, from the time at which the same would otherwise have been forwarded by him.

18540500 – Inland Book Post. Insufficiently prepaid book packet liable to letter rates

Notice to the Public. INLAND BOOK POST.

Whenever the number of Postage Stamps on a Book Packet is insufficient, or when there is any other infringement of the Regulations respecting Book Packets, the Packet becomes liable to the Letter rate of Postage.

18540700 – GB Rate Reduction to Barbados (& other)

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Reduction of Postage on Letters to certain Colonies.

ON and from the 1st of August next, the Postage upon Letters conveyed, whether by Packet or by Private Ship, between the United Kingdom and the following British Colonies and Possessions, viz. -

Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Barbadoes will be reduced to a combined British and Colonial rate of

For a Letter not exceeding ½ an ounce in weight	0s. 6d.
do. exceeding ½ an ounce, and not exceeding 1 ounce	1s. 0d.
do. exceeding 1 ounce, and not exceeding 2 ounces	2s. 0d.

and so on, increasing One Shilling for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

The Postage upon these Letters may be paid in advance, or the Letters may be forwarded unpaid, at the option of the sender.

To the reduced rate of 6d. a United States' Transit rate of 2d. per Half Ounce must be added, in the case of all Letters for the above mentioned British North American Provinces, which may be specially addressed to be sent "via the United States."

It must be observed that the foregoing reduction cannot be applied to Letters conveyed by a Mail Packet belonging to the United States, and that Letters, therefore, addressed to Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, intended to be despatched by the United States' Mail Packets will continue liable to the existing rates of Postage.

Parliamentary Proceedings.

On and from the same date the rates of Postage now chargeable upon Packets containing Printed Votes and Proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, sent through the Post to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Barbadoes, will be repealed, and all such Packets will be subject to the rates of Postage which are levied on Printed Books sent to those Colonies, viz. -

For every Packet of Parliamentary Proceedings, not exceeding ½ lb. in weight	0s. 6d.
do. do. exceeding ½ lb., and not exceeding 1 lb.	1s. 0d.
do. do. exceeding 1 lb., and not exceeding 2 lbs.	2s. 0d.

and so on, increasing One Shilling for every Pound, or fraction of a Pound.

The following conditions, however, must be observed, -

1st. Every such Packet must be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.

2nd. It must contain a single publication only, the several sheets or parts thereof, when there are more than one being sewed or bound together.

3rd. It must not exceed two feet in length, breadth, width, or depth.

4th. It must have no writing or marks upon the cover or its contents, except the name and address of the person to whom it may be sent.

5th. The postage must be prepaid in full, by affixing outside the Packet or its cover, the proper number of Stamps.

If any of the above conditions be violated, the Packet must be charged as a Letter, and treated as such in all respects.

To prevent any obstacles to the regular transmission of Letters, any officer of the Post Office may delay the ansmision of any such Packet of Printed Votes and Proceedings, for a time not exceeding twenty-four hours from the me at which the same would otherwise have been forwarded by him.

18540700 – Packet Schedule to Bermuda

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

THE Packet communication between Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Bermuda, which has hitherto been maintained once a fortnight during the Summer, and once a Month during the Winter Season, will in future take place only once a Month throughout the year.

Mails for Bermuda will continue to be forwarded to Halifax once a Fortnight, as heretofore, by the British Mail Packets leaving Liverpool for Halifax and Boston; but the branch Packet for Bermuda will only be despatched

from Halifax on the arrival at that port of each alternate Packet from Liverpool, the next despatch being fitted to the arrival of the Packet appointed to leave Liverpool on the 22nd Instant.

18540700 – Forces Rates

referring to Instructions No. 28, 1850.

Instructions to all Postmasters.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having been pleased to extend to Officers in the Royal Navy serving abroad, the privilege granted, in 1850, to Seamen employed on board Her Majesty's Ships on Foreign Stations, of pre-paying, by means of Postage Stamps, letters forwarded by them to the United Kingdom, all letters from Naval Officers which may hereafter reach this country in bags made up on board any of Her Majesty's Ships are to be delivered free, provided the postage to which such letters are liable for conveyance from the place where they may originate to the United Kingdom, be duly paid by Postage Stamps of the proper value being affixed to them.

These Instructions relate especially to Postmasters at the Outports, to which Mails are brought from abroad by Packet or by Private Ship.

18540800 – Newspapers. Publications can weigh up to 3 oz. instead of 2 oz.

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

1. THE Lords of the Treasury have been pleased to increase, from two to three ounces, the weight allowed for Publications bearing Newspaper Stamps, but not being strictly Newspapers, which are permitted to pass through the Post under the Newspaper privilege.

2. Their Lordships have thought it necessary, at the same time, to lay down the following regulations, viz.: -

1. That no such publication shall be permitted to pass under the Newspaper privilege, unless it be so folded as to expose to view the Newspaper Stamp.
2. That no such publication shall have any cover or outside wrapper (a loose cover being of course allowed for the address), and that the Stamp shall be affixed to the Title page, or any other page of the publication (provided it be exposed to view when folded), which page shall form a part of the sheet of paper on which the publication is printed.

3. In every instance in which the foregoing regulations are not complied with, or the weight of three ounces is exceeded, the publication will not be allowed to pass under the Newspaper privilege, but will be charged with the "Unpaid" rate of letter postage, and, if it exceed the weight of four ounces, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office; and it will be the duty of Postmasters to enforce the above conditions strictly.

4. To ensure, as far as possible, a compliance with these regulations, not only when Stamped Publications are in the first instance transmitted through the Post, but also upon any subsequent posting of them, it is suggested that they should have a short notice to purchasers printed on the Title Page, drawing attention to the necessity of exposing the Newspaper Stamp to view, whenever they are sent through the post.

5. As publications of this kind cannot be forwarded to places abroad under the Newspaper privilege, unless they be posted within seven days from the date of publication, it is necessary that they should in every case have the date of publication conspicuously printed upon them.

6. It is advisable that no Stamped Publication, if it nearly approach to the prescribed limit of weight, should be posted in a damp state; as, whilst in that condition, it may be found to exceed three ounces, and therefore to be liable to charge.

7. In order to afford opportunity to the Proprietors of Stamped Publications for complying with these regulations, they will not be carried into effect until the 1st of November next.

8. It must be understood, that the formal permission of the Postmaster General will still be necessary in the first instance, in order to the transmission of any Stamped Publication, not strictly a Newspaper, through the Post under the Newspaper privilege.

9. No Stamp will be required on any Supplement to the publication entitled "Lloyd's List," provided such publication bear a Newspaper Stamp, and the Supplement be sent with it.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18540800 – GB Rates to Danish West Indies

cancelling Instructions No. 29, 1852.

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Reduction of Postage on Letters to ST. THOMAS.

On and from the 1st September next, the Packet rate of postage on Letters addressed to St. Thomas, or any other Danish Colony in the West Indies, will be reduced to: -

When not exceeding Half an ounce in weight 0s. 6d.

When exceeding Half an ounce and not exceeding One ounce 1s. 0d.

When exceeding One ounce and not exceeding Two ounces 2s. 0d.

and so on, according to the scale for charging Inland Letters.

The Postage of these Letters may be paid in advance, or they may be forwarded unpaid, at the option of the senders.

18541000 – West Indies Packet Rates

SIR,

1. I HAVE to direct your attention to Instructions Nos. 15, 24, 39 and 56, of this year, authorizing a Reduction in the Postage upon all Letters addressed to certain specified Colonies, whether conveyed by Packet or by Private Ship.

2. Such Letters are now liable to the uniform rate of Sixpence per half ounce, and this rate may either be in advance, or not, at the option of the Sender.

3. The Colonies referred to are of two classes, one comprising the Colonies in which the Posts are under the control of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, and the other consisting of those, the management of which rests with the Colonies authorities.

4. The following is a list of the Colonies, shewing the class to which they respectively belong.

CLASS A. Colonies in which the Posts are under the control of the Postmaster-General.

ANTIGUA,	TOBAGO,	ST. KITTS,	HONDURAS,
GRENADA,	MONTERRAT,	ST. LUCIA,	MALTA,
BERBICE,	NEVIS,	ST. VINCENT,	GIBRALTAR,
DEMERARA,	TORTOLA,	JAMAICA,	and
CARRIACOU,	DOMINICA,	BAHAMAS,	HONG KONG.

CLASS B. Colonies in which the Posts are under the control of the Colonial Authorities.

CANADA,	NEWFOUNDLAND,	TRINIDAD,	VICTORIA,
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,	ST. HELENA,	BERMUDA,	and
NOVA SCOTIA,	THE GOLD COAST,	BARBADOES,	SOUTH AUSTRALIA,
NEW BRUNSWICK,	CEYLON,	NEW SOUTH WALES,	

5. Special directions respecting the exchange of Packet Mails with any of these Colonies have already been given to the Postmasters of the Ports from which the Packets sail.

The present Instructions relate only to Ship Letter Mails.

6. With respect to Letters despatched to, or received from, the Colonies in Class A., the whole rate of 6d. belongs to this Department, and it is only necessary to raise the proper charge against the Postmaster of the Colony to which you may despatch Unpaid Letters by private Ship, and to see that the Postmaster duly accounts for the Postage upon Paid Letters contained in a Ship Letter Mail brought to your Office from any of those Colonies.

7. As regards, however, Letters conveyed by Private Ship between the United Kingdom and the several Colonies enumerated in Class B., the Postage is to be equally divided between the Colony and the Mother Country.

8. In despatching, therefore, a Ship Letter Mail to any of those Colonies, you must place to the credit of the Colony, in the Letter Bill accompanying the Mail, the sum of 3d. per half ounce for each Paid Letter, and you must place to the credit of this Office the sum of 3d. per half ounce for each Letter, the Postage of which may not be paid in advance.

9. On receipt of a Ship Letter Mail from any of those Colonies, you must see that the Postage is accounted for in the Letter Bill, in like manner.

10. Whenever you despatch a Ship Letter Mail to any of the Colonies referred to in this Instruction, whether comprised in Class A. or Class B., you will forward to the Receiver and Accountant-General, by first Post, a Copy of the Letter Bill which you sent with that Mail, and whenever you receive a Ship Letter Mail from one of those Colonies, you will send the Letter Bill which accompanied it to the Ship Letter Office, London.

I am, SIR, Your obedient Servant. ROWLAND HILL.

18541100 – RMSP Ships Being Used in Crimea

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

His Majesty's Government having found it necessary to employ several of the Contract Packets belonging to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, in the conveyance of Troops to the Seat of War, the Company will be unable to do Vessels for the Mails to Brazil, and the River Plate on the 9th December next, or for those to the West Indies on the 17th December next.

No Mails for Brazil, the River Plate, or the West Indies, will therefore, be made up at this Office for despatch on the dates above mentioned.

The Mails for Brazil, and the River Plate, which should be despatched from Liverpool on the 24th Instant, will not be forwarded until the 1st Proximo.

18550000 – Rates of Postage from BWI via France

TABLE SHOWING THE RATES OF POSTAGE.

To be taken, *on and from the 1st January, 1855*, upon Letters posted in the British West Indies, and Bermuda, addressed to France and Algeria or to the undermentioned Countries when such Letters are forwarded *via France*.

Destination.	Limit to which Letters may be paid	Not Exceeding ¼ oz	Exceeding ¼ oz. and not exceeding ½ oz	Exceeding ½ oz and not exceeding ¾ oz.	Exceeding ¾ oz and not exceeding 1 oz.
France	Destination	1s 0½d	2s 1d	3s 1½d	4s 2d
Algeria	Destination	1s 0½d	2s 1d	3s 1½d	4s 2d
Luxemburg (Grand Duchy Of)	Destination	1s 4d	2s 8d	4s 0d	5s 4d
Baden	Destination	1s 4d	2s 8d	4s 0d	5s 4d
Holland	Destination	1s 4d	2s 8d	4s 0d	5s 4d
Russia	Destination	1s 4d	2s 8d	4s 0d	5s 4d
Bavaria	Destination	1s 4d	2s 8d	4s 0d	5s 4d
Wurtemberg	Destination	1s 4d	2s 8d	4s 0d	5s 4d
Switzerland	Destination	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	4s. 0d.	5s. 4d.
German States, Viz.: - Hohenzellern, Birkenfeld, Hesse Homberg, Lippe Detmold, Schwartzburg Rudolfstadt, Reuss, Anhalt, Nassau, Saxe Coburg-Gotha, Saxe Meiningen, Hildburg Hausen, Hesse (Electoral), Herse Darmstadt, Saxe Weimar	Destination	1s 4d	2s 8d	4s 0d	5s 4d
Eisenach, Frankfort On The Maine, Hamburg, Bremen And Lubeck					
Sardinia	Destination	1s 6d	3s 0d	4s 6d	6s 0d
Spain	Through	1s 3d	2s 6d	3s 9d	5s 0d
Portugal	France	1s 3d	2s 6d	3s 9d	5s 0d
Two Sicilies					
Tuscany	Destination	1s 9d	3s 6d	5s 3d	7s 0d
Parma And M0dena, Via Austria	Thro Austria	1s 9d	3s 6d	5s 3d	7s 0d
Papal States	Destination	1s 9d	3s 6d	5s 3d	7s 0d
Austrian Dominions	Destination	1s 9d	3s 6d	5s 3d	7s 0d
Greece - By French Mediterranean Packet	Destination	1s 9d	3s 6d	5s 3d	7s 0d
Greece Via Austria	Trieste	1s 9d	3s 6d	5s 3d	7s 0d
Ionian Islands Via Austria	Trieste	1s 9d	3s 6d	5s 3d	7s 0d
Northern States Of Eur0pe, Viz.: - Hanover, Saxony, Mecklenburg Schwerin, Mecklenburg Strelitz, Brunswick, Oldenburgh (Except The Principality Of Birkenfeld,) Servia, Poland And Russia	Destination	1s 9d	3s 6d	5s 3d	7s 0d
Moldavia, Via Austria	Destination	2s 3d	4s 6d	6s 9d	9s 0d
Wallachia, Via Austria	Destination	2s 3d	4s 6d	6s 9d	9s 0d
Turkey In Eur0pe, Via Austria	Destination	2s 3d	4s 6d	6s 9d	9s 0d

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Destination.	Limit to which Letters may be paid	Not Exceeding ¼ oz	Exceeding ¼ oz. and not exceeding ½ oz	Exceeding ½ oz and not exceeding ¾ oz.	Exceeding ¾ oz and not exceeding 1 oz.
Constantinople By French Mediterranean Packet	Destination	1s 8d	3s 4d	5s 0d	6s 8d
Dardanelles Do	Destination	1s 8d	3s 4d	5s 0d	6s 8d
Beyrout Do	Destination	1s 8d	3s 4d	5s 0d	6s 8d
Smyrna Do	Destination	1s 8d	3s 4d	5s 0d	6s 8d
Alexandria Do	Destination	1s 8d	3s 4d	5s 0d	6s 8d
Mytelene By French Mediterranean Packet	Destination	1s 9d	3s 6d	5s 3d	7s 0d
Gallipoli Do	Destination	1s 9d	3s 6d	5s 3d	7s 0d

Notes:

1. Letters for Luxemburg, Holland, Prussia, and the German States, intended to be sent via France must be so directed
2. Letters for Cadiz and Vigo are forwarded by Peninsular Packet, unless specially addressed via France.
3. Letters for Portugal intended to be sent via France must be so directed.
4. Letters for Venetian Lombardy are forwarded through France, unless otherwise addressed; but Letters for any other part of the Austrian dominions intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
5. Letters for the Ionian Islands and the Northern States of Europe, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
6. Letters for these places, intended to be sent via France must be so directed.
7. Letters for Alexandria, intended to be sent by the French Mediterranean Packets, must be so directed.

The Postage upon Letters for *Spain* and *Portugal*, as well as upon those intended to be sent via Austria to *Parma*, *Modena*, *Greece*, and the *Ionian Islands*, must be paid in advance; but Letters addressed to any other of the above mentioned Countries and Places may either be paid in advance or forwarded unpaid, at the option of the sender.

18550200 – GB Inland Book Post

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.
Inland Book Post.

ON and from the 1st of March next, the following alterations will be made in the regulations of the Inland Book Post

1. If a Book Packet be found to contain any enclosure which is sealed, or otherwise closed against inspection, or is a Letter whether sealed or not, the Letter, or the other enclosure, will be taken out and forwarded to the address on the Packet, charged with full Postage as an Unpaid Letter, together with an additional rate of Sixpence; the remainder of the Packet, if duly pre-paid, being forwarded as heretofore.
 2. If a Packet be not sufficiently pre-paid according to its weight, but nevertheless bear Stamps of the value of Sixpence, it will not, as heretofore, become liable to the Letter Rate of Postage, but will be forwarded charged with its deficient Book Postage, and an addition of Sixpence.
- ROWLAND HILL, *Secretary*.

18550200 – Colonial Book Post Including Rates

Notice to the Public and Instructions to all Postmasters
Extension of the Privileges of the Colonial Book Post.

ON and from the 1st March next, the regulations of the Colonial Book Post, will, in most respects, be assimilated with of the Inland Book Post, and will be as follows, viz.: -

1. A Book packet may contain any number of separate Books, Publications, Prints, Almanacs or Maps, and any quantity of Paper, Parchment or Vellum, (to the exclusion of Letters, whether sealed or open;) and the Books, Maps, Paper, &c., may be either printed, written or plain, or any mixture of the three.
2. The packet must not exceed two feet in length, breadth or width.
3. The name and address of the sender, and any words not of the nature of a Letter, may be written or printed upon the envelope or cover of the packet, in addition to the name and address of the person to whom it may be forwarded.
4. The Books, &c., may be in any binding, mounting or covering, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached. In the case of Prints or Maps, rollers may accompany them; and markers, whether of paper or otherwise, may be sent with books or other printed papers.
5. If a Book packet be found to contain any enclosure which is sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any letter whether sealed or not, the Letter or other enclosure will be taken out and forwarded to the address on the packet, charged with the full postage as an unpaid letter, together with a additional rate

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equal to the amount chargeable on a Book, not exceeding half-a-pound in weight. The remainder of the packet, if duly prepaid, will be forwarded without any extra charge.

6. If a packet be not sufficiently prepaid according to its weight, but nevertheless bear Postage Stamps of the value of single Book-rate, it will not as heretofore, become liable to the letter rate of postage, but will be forwarded charged with insufficient Book postage, and an additional Book-rate as a fine.

7. In the event of a Book packet being posted altogether unpaid, or paid less than a single rate, it will be detained and sent to the Dead Letter Office.

The following is a List of the British Colonies and Possessions to which the Book post has been established, and to such therefore, these extended privileges apply; and annexed to the name of each Colony is a Table of the rates of postage, chargeable on Books, &c., sent under the above regulations, from the United Kingdom.

Names of British Colonies and Possessions.	Not exceeding ½ lb in weight.	Exceeding ½ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Exceeding 1 lb and not exceeding 2 lbs.	Exceeding 2 lbs. and not exceeding 3 lbs.
The British West Indies	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Bermuda	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Canada	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Move Scotia	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
New Brunswick	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Prince Edward Island	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Newfoundland	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Nolte	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Gibraltar	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Ionian Islands	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
It. Helena	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Ss. 0d.	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Gold Coast	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Cape Town	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
New South Wales	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
South Australia	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.
Now Zealand	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.

18550800 – Registration of books. Clarification of the regulations

Circular to all Postmasters.

SIR,

Several instances having recently occurred, in which the Book rate of Postage only has been paid upon Registered Packets, sent through the Post under the Book Post Privilege, I request you will distinctly understand that full letter Postage must in all cases be charged upon Packets, of whatever description, which may be brought to your Office for the purpose of being Registered.

I am, SIR, Your obedient Servant,

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18550500 – GB Postage Rate to Turks Islands

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Reduction of Postage on Letters to Sierra Leone and Turk's Island.

ON and from the 1st June next the postage upon Letters conveyed, whether by Packet or by Private Ship, between the United Kingdom and the Colonies of Sierra Leone and Turk's Island, will be reduced to a combined British and Colonial rate of -

For a letter not exceeding ½ ounce in Weight	Exceeding ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 ounce.	Exceeding 1 ounce and not exceeding 2 ounces.
6d.	1s.	2s.

and so on, increasing One Shilling for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

The Postage of Letters to Sierra Leone and Turk's Island may be paid in advance, or the letters may be forwarded unpaid, at the option of the sender.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18550600 – GB Inland Book Post Rates

cancelling Instructions No. 6, 1852, No. 28, 1854, and No. 8, 1855.

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

INLAND BOOK POST.

ON and from the 11th instant, the regulations of the INLAND BOOK POST will be as follows, - viz.

1. Postage Rates.					
For a Packet	not exceeding.	4 oz			1d.
Ditto	exceeding.	4 oz.	and not exceeding	8 oz	2d.
Ditto	ditto	8 oz.	ditto	16 oz.	4d.
Ditto	ditto	1 lb.	ditto	1½ lb.	6d.

and so on, 2d. being charged for every additional half-pound or any less weight.

2. The postage must be pre-paid in full by means of postage stamps affixed outside the packet or its cover.
3. Every packet must be sent either without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.
4. If the postage paid on the packet amount to as much as 4d., it may contain any number of separate books or other publications, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum (to the exclusion, however, of letters, whether sealed or open); and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, &c., or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached, as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto.
5. But, if the postage paid be less than 4d., the packet must consist exclusively of printed matter, without restriction, however, either as to the number of publications or separate sheets, or as to whether they are bound or unbound.
6. A book packet, whatever may be the postage paid thereon, must not contain any letter, closed or open, or any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor must there be any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written or printed in any such packet or on its cover.
7. No book packet can be received, if it exceeds two feet in length, width, or depth.
8. Any packet, which shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall have any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written or printed in it or upon its cover, will be charged with the "unpaid" or double letter postage.
9. If a packet be found to contain any letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other unauthorized enclosure, the letter or enclosure will be taken out and forwarded to the address on the packet, charged with full postage, as an unpaid letter, together with an additional rate of four pence; and the remainder of the packet, if duly pre-paid with stamps, will then be forwarded to its address.
10. If a packet be not sufficiently pre-paid with stamps, but nevertheless bear a stamp of the value of one penny, it will be forwarded charged with the deficient book postage, together with an additional rate of four pence; but any packet, which shall bear no postage stamp, will be charged with the "unpaid" or double letter postage, according to its weight.
11. In every case in which the postage charged upon a packet under these regulations would be greater than the letter rate, the latter postage must be substituted.
12. These regulations will not interfere with the privileges allowed to Votes and Proceedings of Parliament, or with those allowed to Newspapers and other Periodical publications, when duly stamped with an appropriate die, and posted in accordance with the regulations applicable to such privileged publications.
13. To prevent obstacles to the regular transmission of letters, any Officer of the Post-Office may, when necessary, detain a book packet for a period not exceeding 24 hours beyond the time when it would otherwise be forwarded.
14. The Head Postmaster, who first receives a book packet, must, whenever he has ground for suspecting an infringement of any of the above conditions, and occasionally even when there is no ground for suspicion, open and examine the packet; and every book packet, which shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall exceed two feet in length, width, or depth, or shall have any letter or any communication of the nature of a letter written or printed in it or upon its cover, or shall bear no postage stamp, must be sent up, with as little delay as possible, to the Dead Letter Office in London, Edinburgh, or Dublin, as the case may

be; but in the event of any other infringement of the regulations, the packet must be dealt with by the Postmaster himself as laid down in paragraph No. 9, and in the first part of No. 10.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18550600 – Newspapers to the Colonies

referring to Instructions No. 44, 1855.

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Transmission of Stamped Newspapers to British Colonies and Foreign Countries.

ON and from the 30th instant, the period allowed for posting Newspapers intended for transmission by Post beyond the limits of the United Kingdom, will be extended from 7 to 15 days after the date of publication; but, before any Newspapers can be so forwarded, it is requisite that the Proprietor, or Printer, shall have registered it at the General Post Office, London, for transmission abroad.

The following Table shows the Rates of Postage which will be chargeable in this Country, on and from the same date, upon Newspapers sent beyond the limits of the United Kingdom. These Rates must in all cases, be pre-paid, otherwise the Newspapers cannot be sent.

TABLE OF RATES

Africa, West Coast	1d.	Canada, via United States	2d.	Greece, via Belgium	1½d
Algeria	Free	Canada, via Halifax	1d.		per
Australia, South	1d.	Canada, by Canadian	1d.		½oz.
Australia, Western	1d.	Packet		Greytown	1d.
Austrian Dominions, via France .	1d.	Canary Islands	1d.	Hamburgh, via France	1d.
Austrian Dominions, via Belgium	Free	Cape de Verds	1d.	Hamburgh, via Belgium	Free
Azores	1d.	Ceylon, via Marseilles	3d.	Hanover, via France	1d.
Baltic, H. M. Fleet in	1d.	Ceylon, via Southampton	1d.	Hanover, via Belgium	Free
Baden, via France	1d.	Chili	1d.	Hesse, via France	1d.
Baden, via Belgium	Free	China, via Southampton	1d.	Hesse, via Belgium	Free
Bavaria, via France	1d.	China, via Marseilles	3d.	Holland	1d.
Bavaria, via Belgium	Free	Countries beyond Sea, via France	2d.	Holland, via France	1d.
Belgium	Free	Cuba	1d.	Hong Kong, via Marseilles	3d.
Belgium, via France	1d.	Cuba, via United States	2d.	Hong Kong, via Southampton	1d.
Belgrade, via Belgium	Free	Curaçoa	1d.	Ionian Is., via Belgium	1½d.
Belgrade, via France	1d.	Mauritius, via Marseilles	3d.		per
Belize, Honduras	1d.	East Indies, via Marseilles	3d.		½oz
Bermuda	1d.	East Indies, via Southampton ...	1d.	Ionian Is., via Marseilles	3d.
Black Sea, H. M. Fleet in	2d.	Ecuador	1d.	Ionian Is., via France	1d.
Black Sea Fleet, by Transports .	1d.	Egypt, via Marseilles	3d.	Ionian Is., via Southampton	1d.
British Guiana	td.	Egypt, via Southampton	1d.	Java, via Holland	2d.
Bolivia	1d.	Egypt, by French Medit. Packet	2d.	Java, via Marseilles	3d.
Brazil	1d.	Falkland Islands	1d.	Java, via Southampton	1d.
Bremen, via France	1d.	France	Free	Lippe Detmold, via France	1d.
Bremen, via Belgium	Free	Frankfort, via France	1d.	Lippe Detmold, via Belgium	Free
Brunswick, via France	1d.	Frankfort, via Belgium	Free	Lubeck, via France	1d.
Brunswick, via Belgium	Free	Gibraltar	1d.	Lubeck, via Belgium	Free
Buenos Ayres	1d.	Gibraltar, via France	2d.	Madeira	1d.
California, via Chagres	2d.	Greece, via France and Austria ..	1d.	Majorca	1d.
California, via United States ..	2d.	Greece, By French Medit. Packet	2d.	Malta, via Marseilles	3d.
				Malta, via Southampton	1d.
				Malta, by French	2d.

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Mediterranean Packet		Parma, via France	1d.	Schwartzburg	1d
Mauritius, via Southampton	1d.	Parma, via Belgium	Free	Sonderhausen via Fr.	
Mecklenburg Strelitz, via France	1d.	Peru	Free	Schwartzburg	Free
Mecklenburg Strelitz, via Belgium	Free	Poland, via France	1d.	Sonderhausen via Bel.	
Mecklenburg Schwerin, via France	1d.	Poland, via Belgium	Free	Scutari, via France	1d.
Mecklenburg Schwerin, via Belgium	Free	Placentia, via France	1d.	Scutari by French Medit. Packet	2d.
Mediterranean, via Marseilles ...	3d.	Placentia, via Belgium	Free	Sicily, via France	1d.
Mediterranean, via Southampton ..	1d.	Portugal	1d.	Sicily, by French Medit. Packet	2d.
Mediterranean, by French Packet	2d.	Portugal, via France	2d.	Sicily, via Belgium	Free
Mexico	1d.	Prince Edward Is. via Halifax ...	1d.	Sierra Leone	1d.
Mexico, via United States	2d.	Prince Edward Is. via US	2d.	Spain, via Southampton	1d.
Minorca	1d.	Prussia, via Belgium	Free	Spain, via France	2d.
Modena, via France	1d.	Prussia, via France	1d.	Switzerland, via France	1d.
Modena, via Belgium	Free	Reuss, via France	1d.	Switzerland, via Belgium	Free
Moldavia, via France	1d.	Reuss, via Belgium	Free	Syria, by French Medit. Packet	2d.
Moldavia, via Belgium	Free	Russia, via France	1d.	Tunis	2d.
Monte Video	1d.	Russia, via Belgium	Free	Turkey, by direct Packet	1d.
Naples, via Belgium	Free	St. Thomas	1d.	Turkey *, via Belgium	1d.
Naples, via France	1d.	Sandwich Is. via California	2d.	Turkey, via France	1d.
Naples by French Mediterranean Packet	2d.	Sardinia, via France	1d.	Turkey, by French Medit. Packet	2d.
Nassau, via Belgium	Free	Sardinia, by French Mediterranean Packet	2d.	Tuscany, via France	1d.
Nassau, via France	1d.	Saxe Altenburgh, via France	1d.	Tuscany, via Belgium	Free
New Brunswick, via United States	2d.	Saxe Altenburgh, via Belgium ...	Free	Tuscany, by French Medit. Packet	2d.
New Brunswick, via Halifax	1d.	Saxe Coburg Gotha, via France ...	1d	United States	1d.
Newfoundland	1d.	Saxe Coburg Gotha, via Belgium .	Free	Van Diemen's Land	ld.
New Granada	Free	Saxe Meiningen, via France	1d.	Venezuela	td.
New South Wales	1d.	Saxe Meiningen, via Belgium	Free	Victoria	1d.
Nova Scotia	1d.	Saxe Weimar, via France	1d.	Wallachia, via France	1d.
Nova Scotia, via United States ...	2d	Saxe Weimar, via Belgium	Free	Wallachia, via Belgium	Free
Oldenburgh, via France	1d.	Saxony, via France	1d.	West Indies, British	1d.
Oldenburgh, via Belgium	Free	Saxony, via Belgium	Free	West Indies, Foreign	1d.
Oregon, via Chagres	2d.	Schaumburg Lippe, via France	1d	Western Coast of South America (Peru excepted)	1d.
Oregon, via United States	2d.	Schaumburg Lippe, via Belgium ..	Free	Wurtemberg, via France	1d.
Papal States, via France	1d.	Schwartzburg Rudolstadt via Fr.	1d.	Wurtemberg, via Belgium	Free
Papal States, by French Med. Pkt	2d.	Schwartzburg Rudolstadt via Bel.	Free	White Sea, H.M. Fleet in Christiania	1d.
				White Sea Fleet, via Christiania	2d.

* On Newspapers forwarded to the following places in Turkey, &c., via Belgium and Prussia, a Foreign Rate of Postage of One penny halfpenny per half ounce must be paid instead of a rate of One penny per Paper, viz.: -

Beyrout,	Galatz,	Mostar,	Smyrna,
Botuschany,	Gallipoli,	Rhodes,	Tenedos,
Bucharest,	Ibriati,	Rutschuk,	Tchesme,
Canea,	Jassy,	Salonica,	Trebizond,
Constantinople,	Larnaca,	Samsoun,	Tultcha
Dardanelles,	Mytelene,	Seres,	Varna.

On Newspapers forwarded to any of the above places by Private Ship, a Postage of One Penny each must be paid in advance, except in the case of Newspapers for the British Squadron in the White Sea, forwarded by Private Ship to Christiania, upon which Two Pence must be paid.

Newspapers intended for transmission abroad must be posted in conformity with the Regulations which apply to Newspapers transmitted within the United Kingdom (Instructions No. 44, 1855), otherwise they cannot be forwarded.

It is suggested that every Newspaper Registered at the General Post Office for transmission abroad should have a Notice to that effect conspicuously printed upon it.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18550801 – Ship Letter Gratuity

SIR,

REFERRING to my Circular Letter, dated September, 1854, by which you were instructed to reduce the amount of the Gratuities payable to Masters of Vessels conveying Ship Letter Mails to or from the several Colonies therein mentioned, as well as of all allowances made to Boatmen and others employed in the landing of Ship Letters, to one-half of the sum previously paid, I have to acquaint you, that the uniform Sixpenny rate of postage having now been extended to Van Diemen's Land, the name of that Colony must be added to the List of Colonies specified in the Circular above mentioned.

I am, SIR, Your obedient Servant,

ROWLAND HILL.

18550818 – Rate to Turks Islands (& becomes Class B)

SIR,

THE uniform Sixpenny Rate of Postage, with the privilege of optional pre-payment, having been extended to Letters between the United Kingdom and the Colonies of

SIERRA LEONE, TURKS' ISLAND, and VAN DIEMEN'S LAND,

as announced by Instructions No. 33 and 52 of this year, I have to desire that you will add the names of the above Colonies to those mentioned in Class B. of the printed Circular addressed to you on the 4th October, 1854, and that you will treat all Letters sent to or received from Sierra Leone, Turks' Island, and Van Diemen's Land, by Private Ship, precisely in the same manner as those to and from other British Colonies, the Posts of which are under the control of the Colonial authorities, - dividing equally between the Colony and the Mother Country the Ship Postage upon such Letters.

You will at the same time erase from Class B. of the Circular referred to, the name of the Colony of Victoria, to and from which the former Rates of Postage have been re-imposed by Instructions No. 41 of this year; and you will, in future, neither give credit to, nor charge that Colony with, any portion of the Postage upon Ship Letters sent to or received from it. Upon such Letters the total amount of British Postage, at the rate of 8d. the V2 ounce, will be collected in, and will belong to, this Country.

I am, SIR, Your obedient Servant

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18550800 – British Colonies and foreign countries. Newspaper post regulations

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Amended Regulations in regard to the transmission of Newspapers to British Colonies and Foreign Countries.

HENCEFORTH it will not be necessary that Newspapers sent abroad, whether to the British Colonies or to Foreign Countries, should bear the Impressed Stamp (the old Newspaper Stamp); but, as at present, a Postage of One Penny must be prepaid (either by means of a Postage Label or in Money) on every Newspaper sent to a British Colony, with additional Postage (according to the Table in Instructions No. 45), when the Newspaper passes through a Foreign Country.

The Postage on Newspapers to Foreign Countries remains the same as given in Instructions No. 45; but, as already stated, it is no longer necessary that the Newspaper should bear the Impressed Stamp.

In future the Impressed Stamp will be required only in cases of repeated transmission of the same Newspaper in this Country, though it will of course be available also for single transmission in this Country.

In the transmission of Newspapers abroad (whether to the Colonies or Foreign Countries), the use of the Impressed Stamp will entirely cease; it will neither be required nor will it count as Postage, as it will be presumed that where it is employed, it has already served for the transmission of the Newspaper in the United Kingdom.

From these Regulations it will necessarily follow-

1st. That every Newspaper going abroad must hereafter have the Postage to which it is liable represented by adhesive Postage Stamps, or paid in Money.

2nd. That a Newspaper, whether published with or without the Impressed Stamp, will be placed in the same position for transmission abroad.

3rd. That the Impressed Stamp will hereafter apply only for transmission and retransmission within the United Kingdom.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18551200 - France & foreign countries via France. Newspaper rates

Notice to the Public, and Instructions to all Postmasters.

Newspapers and other printed Papers for France and Foreign Countries via France.

IN accordance with the provisions of a new Postal Convention with France, the entire postage, British and French, chargeable upon Newspapers and other Printed Papers posted in the United Kingdom addressed to France or Algeria, or, when they are conveyed by the French Mediterranean Packets, to any of the places in Turkey, Syria, and Egypt at which

France maintains Post Offices, must, on the 1st January next, and thenceforward, be paid in advance, and no further charge of any kind will be levied upon their delivery.

Under the new arrangement many kinds of books and other printed matter, which have hitherto been liable to the "letter rate of postage, will be forwarded at a greatly reduced charge; and as the charges on newspapers and other periodical literature levied on delivery in France have, in most instances, been much greater than that now to be paid in advance, a considerable reduction of postage will be made in their case also.

The following Table shows the charge which must be paid hereafter on the Printed Papers above referred to:

1. For a Packet of British Newspapers duly registered at the General Post Office for Transmission Abroad:

Not exceeding 4 ozs.	Above 4 ozs and not exceeding ½ Lb.	Above ½ lb. and not exceeding 1 Lb.	Above 1 Lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Above 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.
0s. 1d.	0s. 2d.	0s. 4d.	0s. 6d.	0s. 8d.

2. For a Packet of Printed Papers other than British Newspapers duly registered at the General Post Office for Transmission Abroad.

Not exceeding 4 ozs.	Above 4 ozs and not exceeding ½ Lb.	Above ½ lb. and not exceeding 1 Lb.	Above 1 Lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Above 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.
0s. 3d.	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.

and so on adding twopence or sixpence, as the case may be, for each additional half-pound.

The same rates of postage must be paid in advance upon newspapers and other printed papers addressed to any of the following countries and places, the correspondence for which is forwarded, as a rule, through France; viz., Baden, Bavaria, Greece, Lucca, Majorca, Minorca, Modena, the Papal States, Parma,

Placentia, Sardinia, Two Sicilies, Spain, Switzerland, Syria, Tripoli, Tunis, Tuscany, Venetian Lombardy, and Wurtemberg, or addressed to any other foreign country, and specially directed to be forwarded "via France." On this class of printed papers the rate paid in this country will cover the whole charge, either to the extreme frontier of France or to the port of disembarkation if they are conveyed from France by one of the French Mediterranean Packets.

Upon Newspapers addressed to the Ionian Islands, specially directed to be sent via France, and upon Newspapers for Malta, specially directed to be sent "by French Packet via Marseilles," the same rates of postage must also be paid in advance; hut printed papers other than newspapers, addressed to the Ionian Islands and Malta, will not be sent at a reduced rate of postage by way of France. They may, however, be forwarded via Southampton under the Colonial Book Post Regulations.

The following is a list of the places in Turkey, Syria, and Egypt at which France maintains Post Offices; viz., Alexandria, Jaffa, Beyrout, Tripoli in Syria, Latakia, Alexandretta, Mersina, Rhodes, Smyrna, Mytelene, Dardanelles, Gallipoli and Constantinople.

All newspapers, to be forwarded at the lower of the two rates mentioned above, must be posted within fifteen days from the date of publication; but newspapers of an older date may be forwarded at the rate set down for ordinary printed papers. If any printed paper, not a newspaper, be enclosed in the same packet with one or more newspapers, the whole will be chargeable at the higher of the two rates of postage.

Under the term "Printed Papers" are included periodical works, other than registered newspapers, stitched or bound books, pamphlets, sheets of music, catalogues, prospectuses, announcements and notices of every kind, whether printed, engraved, or lithographed.

The following regulations must be strictly observed:

1. Every packet must be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.
2. There must be no enclosure, except newspapers or other printed papers.
3. There must be no other writing or marks upon the newspapers or printed papers, than the name and address of the person to whom they are sent, nor anything upon the cover but such name and address, the printed title of the papers, and the printed name and address of the publisher or vender who sends them.

If any of the above regulations be disregarded, or if the whole postage be not paid in advance, the packets will either be detained or forwarded charged as unpaid letters.

Newspapers addressed to the Mediterranean or the East Indies, and intended to be sent in the closed mails by way of Marseilles, will continue liable to the existing regulations, including the present rates of postage.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18560300 – GB Registered Book Post

To Letter Receivers.

SIR,

I MUST again beg to draw your attention to the following "Circular" issued by the Secretary in May, 1855.

Several instances having recently occurred, in which the Book Rate of Postage only has been paid upon Registered Packets, sent through the Post under the Book Post Privilege, I request you will distinctly understand that full letter Postage must in all cases be charged upon Packets, of whatever description, which may be brought to your Office for the purpose of being Registered.

I am, SIR, Your obedient Servant,

W. BOKENHAM, Controller.

18560320 – Registration of Books and other Packets besides Letters.

ON the 1st April next, and thenceforward, the regulation which forbids the registration of Books and other printed matter, unless, in addition to the registration fee, the letter rate of postage be paid, will be abolished; and any Packet may be registered on which the ordinary postage is prepaid by stamps, together with a registration fee of Sixpence.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18560523 – Registration of Books and other Packets addressed to British Colonies.

THE recent Regulation, permitting the Registration of Books and other Packets besides Letters, will apply not only Packets transmitted by the Post within the United Kingdom, but also to those addressed to any British Colony Possession.

Henceforward, therefore, such Packets, whether for places within the United Kingdom or for any British Colony or Possession, on which the ordinary postage is prepaid by Stamps, together with a Registration Fee of Sixpence, may be registered.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18560731 – Unpaid letters to parts beyond the sea not to be taxed

UNPAID LETTERS ADDRESSED TO PARTS BEYOND SEA, NOT TO BE TAXED.

HENCEFORTH all unpaid letters addressed to parts beyond sea, posted at your office, must not be taxed with postage, as the postage to which such letters may be liable will be marked upon the letters at this office, or at the outport whence the letters are despatched to their destination.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18560822 – Inland Book Post. Printed letters will be considered printed matter

referring to Instructions No. 40, 1855

INLAND BOOK POST.

ON the 1st September next, and thenceforth, the privileges of the Inland Book Post will be extended so as to include printed letters like other printed matter.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18560920 – Books, &C., for Turks Islands.

ON the 1st October next, and thenceforward, the provisions of the Colonial Book Post will be extended to Books transmitted by Packet between the United Kingdom and the Colony of Turks Islands, in the West Indies.

Upon Book Packets for the above-mentioned Colony the rates of postage will be as follows, viz. -

For a Packet not exceeding ½ lb. in weight	For a Packet exceeding ½ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	For a Packet exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.
0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.

And so on, increasing One Shilling for every pound or fraction of a pound.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18561018 – Fine for Registered Letters not posted according to regulations

Letters marked "Registered" not posted in accordance with the Regulations of the Department, to be liable to a Registration Fee of one Shilling.

LETTERS marked "Registered," which are deposited in the Letter Boxes instead of being posted in accordance with the Regulations of the Post-Office, will be liable to a Registration Fee of One Shilling (in addition to the Postage) on and from the 1st November next.

If, therefore, Letters marked "Registered" should be observed in your Office after the date named (and which have not been properly Registered), you will tax them so much additional postage as will make the total charge on each letter One Shilling over and above the proper amount of postage, and treat them in the same manner as Registered Letters.

If, for example, a Letter marked "Registered," weighing less than half-an-ounce be prepaid 1d. only, you will surcharge it One Shilling; but should it bear Stamps to the amount of 7d., the tax will be 6d. only, thus making up the charge of One Shilling beyond the amount of pre-paid postage, viz. 1d.

Deficient postage on Letters marked "Registered" will be surcharged with the double rate, as in the case of ordinary Letters; so that if such a Letter, being over the half-ounce, bear a Penny label only, the tax will be 1s. 2d., i.e. 2d. the deficient postage, at the double rate, and 1s. the fee, and so on.

The surcharges are to be obtained on delivering the Letters, and the amounts are to be accounted for to the Revenue in the same manner as all other surcharges.

This Instruction applies to all Letters which are marked "Registered," but which have not been treated as such, whether they be posted at your Office, passing through it, or received there for delivery.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18561022 – Registered letters. Discontinuance of green covers. Fines

DISCONTINUANCE OF GREEN COVERS FOR ENCLOSING REGISTERED LETTERS.

No Registered Letters despatched from your Office on and after the 1st November next, are to be enclosed in Green Covers, and the receipts to be required on the delivery of Registered Letters after that date, must be obtained on the printed forms in the accompanying Book of "Registered Letter Delivery Receipts."

These printed receipt forms, and their counterfoils, must be carefully filled up when Registered Letters are sent out for delivery, and the Letter Carriers and Messengers must be required to sign the counterfoils in the place allotted for that purpose, when they take charge of the Letters.

With Letters forwarded to Sub-Offices for delivery, (which will of course be entered on the Sub-Office Letter Bills as at present,) you will send to the Sub-Postmasters receipt forms filled up as if the Letters were handed to a Letter Carrier or Messenger for delivery, desiring them to return them to you when signed.

You will then have these receipts again attached to their proper counterfoils in the Book by the adhesive matter at the back of the forms. The Book must be carefully examined each day to see that all receipts have been returned and properly replaced in it; thus a complete check will be kept on all Registered Letters received at your Office for delivery.

When this measure is in operation, it will be of the greatest importance that all Registered Letters should be securely tied up with the Letter Bills on being despatched; and any Officer failing to perform this duty in a proper manner will be liable to a fine of 5s. for each omission, that being the penalty imposed at present for neglecting to enclose Registered Letters in Green Covers.

Registered Letters which may be redirected from your Office, must be entered in the receipt book in question, in the same manner as if they were delivered by you; but in the place allotted for the signature of the recipient, you will insert "redirected to," (naming the town) and the date on which the Letter is forwarded from your Office.

Registered Letters despatched from London will continue to be enclosed in Green Covers as at present; but after the date named (1st November next), receipts for these Letters must be obtained on the forms now supplied; and the Green Covers, after being impressed with your dated stamp, must be returned to this Office by first post, whole, instead of the lower portion only of them being sent back as at present.

No alterations, other than those specified are to be made in the treatment of Registered Letters in consequence of the issue of this Instruction.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18561000 – Mailed Out of Course

Letters marked "REGISTERED," not to be Deposited in Letter Boxes.

CAUTION AGAINST SENDING VALUABLE LETTERS BY THE POST.

Much confusion is created by Letters marked "Registered" being deposited in the Letter Boxes instead of being given in at the windows of the Post Office, and proper receipts obtained. In order to discourage this practice, on and from the 1st of November next all such Letters will be liable to a Registration fee of One Shilling, in addition to the proper amount of Postage; the amount of this fee, or such portion of it as may not have been prepaid, will be charged to the person to whom the Letters are addressed. It must, however, be distinctly understood, that although a fee of One Shilling will thus be levied on such Letters as are observed, (from which time they will be treated as Registered,) the Post Office undertakes no new responsibility with regard to Letters so marked which may escape observation.

The irregular practice of posting Letters marked "Registered" in the Letter Boxes, operates prejudicially to the well working of the system of Registration, which now secures the safe transmission of about One Million of Letters annually, and the additional fee in question is levied solely with a view to check the evil. Letters so marked, when not observed, are obviously more liable to failure in delivery than Letters which do not bear the

word Registered on the address; for the securities of Registration are not obtained, whilst attention is directed to the fact that such Letters may contain articles of value.

Should it happen that Letters which have been properly Registered, have been charged the double fee in error, in consequence of being accidentally put out of course, the overcharge will be returned.

The Postmaster General takes this opportunity of again calling the attention of the Public to the very baneful practice, which is still most extensively resorted to, of sending valuable Letters by the Post without having them Registered, and he would urge that it is a moral duty to refrain from subjecting the Officers of the Post Office to unnecessary temptation.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18561108 – Letters For Certain Places Eastward Of India.

BY a Treasury Warrant dated the 23rd October, 1856, the Postage of Fourpence the half-ounce, hitherto chargeable in addition to the rate to India, on Letters for Borneo, Labuan, Sumatra, the Moluccas, and the Philippine Islands, specially addressed to be forwarded via India, has been repealed. Letters so directed will be liable in future to the following ; - viz.: -

1. - Via Marseilles.

Not exceeding ¼ oz	Above ¼ oz. and not exceeding ½ oz.	Above ½ oz. and not exceeding ¾ oz	Above ¾ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 1 ¼ oz	Above 1 ¼ oz and not exceeding ½ oz
11d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 3d.	2s. 8d.	4s. 1d.	4s. 6d

and so on, adding One Shilling British postage for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce, and Fivepence 10 postage for every additional quarter of an ounce.

2. - Via Southampton.

Not exceeding ½ oz.	Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 ozs.	Above 2 ozs. and not exceeding 3 ozs.	Above 3 ozs. and not exceeding 4 ozs.	Above 4 oz. and not exceeding 5 ozs.
6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	5s. 0d

and so on, adding One Shilling for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Newspapers will be liable to a postage of Fourpence each when transmitted via Marseilles, and of Twopence each, when transmitted via Southampton.

The postage on these Letters and Newspapers must be paid in advance, or they cannot be forwarded.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18561220 – Letters via France Rates

REDUCTION OF POSTAGE ON LETTERS SENT via FRANCE.

On the 1st January 1857, and thenceforward, the following Reduced Rates of Postage for Letters forwarded from the United Kingdom in the Mails to France, whether by Packet or by Private Ship, will be substituted for those now levied.

REGISTERED LETTERS.

Letters addressed to all those Countries and Places to which, according to the following Table, the entire Postage to destination can be paid in advance, may be Registered at the desire of the Senders, and in such case, the Postage must be so pre-paid, and at double the rates of Postage chargeable for ordinary Letters.

DESTINATION	Limit to which Letters may be prepaid	Not exceeding ¼ oz	Above ¼ oz and not exceeding ½ oz	Above ½ oz and not exceeding ¾ oz	Above ¾ oz and not exceeding 1 oz.
1. France and Algeria	Destination	0s. 4d.	0s. 8d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 4d.
1. Places in Turkey, Syria, and Egypt, at which France maintains Post Offices, viz. - Alexandria, Jaffa, Beyrout, Tripoli in Syria, Latakia, Alexandretta, Mersina, Rhodes, Smyrna, Mitylene, Dardanelles, Gallipoli and Constantinople, including Scutari	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
Syria and Egypt (the places at which France maintains Post Offices excepted)	Port of Disembarkation	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
Luxemburg	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
Baden	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.

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DESTINATION	Limit to which Letters may be prepaid	Not exceeding ¼ oz	Above ¼ oz and not exceeding ½ oz	Above ½ oz and not exceeding ¾ oz	Above ¾ oz and not exceeding 1 oz.
2. The Netherlands	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
2. Rhenish Prussia (3)	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
Bavaria	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
Wurtemberg	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
2. GERMAN STATES, viz. - Hohenzollern, Birkenfeld, Hesse Homburg, Lippe Detmold, Schwartzburg Rudolstadt, Reuss, Nassau, Saxe Coburg Gotha, Saxe Meiningen Hildburghausen, Hesse Electoral, Hesse Darmstadt, Saxe Weimar Eisenach, Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck					
	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
Sardinia	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
Switzerland	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
Salonica, Tunis and Tangiers	Destination	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
4. Spain	Through	0s. 8d.	0s. 11d.	1s. 7d.	1s. 10d.
5. Portugal	France	0s. 8d.	0s. 11d.	1s. 7d.	1s. 10d.
6. Prussia (the Rhenish Provinces excepted)	Destination	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
6. Hanover	Destination	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
6. Saxony	Destination	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
6. Mecklenburg Schwerin	Destination	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
6. Mecklenburg Strelitz	Destination	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
6. Brunswick	Destination	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
6. Oldenburg (the Principality of Birkenfeld excepted)	Destination	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
6. Anhalt	Destination	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
Tuscany	Destination	0s. 9d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 3d.	3s. 0d.
6. Austrian Dominions	Destination	0s. 9d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 3d.	3s. 0d.
8. Servia	Destination	0s. 9d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 3d.	3s. 0d.
8. Denmark	Destination	0s. 9d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 3d.	3s. 0d.
Parma and Modena	Destination	0s. 9d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 3d.	3s. 0d.
9. Ionian Islands, via Austria	Trieste	0s. 9d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 3d.	3s. 0d.
Papal States	Destination	0s. 11d.	1s. 10d.	2s. 9d.	3s. 8d.
Two Sicilies	Destination	0s. 11d.	1s. 10d.	2s. 9d.	3s. 8d.
Greece	Destination	0s. 11d.	1s. 10d.	2s. 9d.	3s. 8d.
10. Moldavia	Destination	1s. 3d.	2s. 6d.	3s. 9d.	5s. 0d.
10. Wallachia	Destination	1s. 3d.	2s. 6d.	3s. 9d.	5s. 0d.
10. Turkey in Europe (the places at which France maintains Post Offices excepted) via Austria	Destination	1s. 3d.	2s. 6d.	3s. 9d.	5s. 0d.
10. Sweden	Destination	1s. 3d.	2s. 6d.	3s. 9d.	5s. 0d.
10. Norway	Destination	1s. 3d.	2s. 6d.	3s. 9d.	5s. 0d.
10. Poland	Destination	1s. 3d.	2s. 6d.	3s. 9d.	5s. 0d.
10. Russia	Destination	1s. 3d.	2s. 6d.	3s. 9d.	5s. 0d.
11. Any Foreign Country beyond Sea, to which Letters may be despatched from a Port in France by Private Ship	Port of Dis-embarkation	0s. 10d.	1s. 3d.	2s. 1d.	2s. 6d.

Observations:

1. These rates are for prepaid Letters, but Letters for France or Algeria posted unpaid, will be charged with double the rates specified, and Letters for the French Offices in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, posted unpaid, will be chargeable with a rate of 9d. per quarter ounce, instead of 6d.

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2. Letters for the Netherlands, Rhenish Prussia, and the German States, intended to be sent via France, must be so directed.
3. The following are some of the principal Towns in Rhenish Prussia, and a complete List will be given in the next number of the "British Postal Guide," which will be published on the 1st January:-

Aix-la-Chapelle	Crefeld	Furth	Padderborn
Bonn	Dusseldorf	Munster	Pyrmont
Cleve	Elberfeld	Mulheim	Remscheid
Coblentz	Emmerich	Neuss	Sarlouis
Cologne	Eupen	Neuwied	Trier or Treves
4. Letters for Cadiz and Vigo are forwarded by Peninsular Packet, unless specially addressed "via France."
5. Letters for Portugal intended to be sent via France must be so directed.
6. Letters for any of these places intended to be sent via France must be so directed.
7. Letters for Venetian Lombardy are forwarded through France unless otherwise addressed; but Letters for any other part of the Austrian Dominions intended to be sent via France must be so directed.
8. Letters for Servia or Denmark intended to be sent via France must be so directed.
9. Letters for the Ionian Islands intended to be sent via France must be so directed.
10. Letters for these places intended to be sent via France must be so directed.
11. Letters intended to be sent by Private Ship from a Port in France must be so directed.

The Postage upon Letters for Spain, Portugal, Syria and Egypt (the places at which France maintains Post Offices excepted) Salonica, Tunis, and Tangiers, or for Foreign Countries beyond Sea, and upon Letters intended to be sent via Austria to the Ionian Islands must be paid in advance. Letters for the other Countries specified, may either be paid in advance or forwarded unpaid at the option of the Sender. If unpaid, however, Letters for France or Algeria, or for the places in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, at which France maintains Post Offices, will be charged with a higher rate as already stated.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18570016 - Registration to Colonies

A print of the 3 page GPO notice of 16 January 1857, an addition to the Book of Instructions for Postmasters in the West Indies, appears here, heavily annotated in manuscript. Was this a proof, with these the corrections and additions before printing? or was this printed notice issued in this form on 16 January 1857, and this file copy has been used at a later date as a basis on which to update the table? :-

The following Instructions respecting Registration of Letters must be carefully added to the Book of Instructions furnished for the guidance of Postmasters in the West Indies.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
16th JANUARY, 1857.

SIR,

THE Postmaster-General having decided upon extending the system of Registration to Letters forwarded by way of the United Kingdom from the West Indies to any British Colony or Foreign Country with which arrangements have been made for registering Letters sent from the United Kingdom, I have to communicate to you the following Instructions for your guidance :

Letters posted at your Office, addressed to any of the Colonies or Countries specified in the Table below, if sent in the Mails to this Country may, in future, be "Registered," provided both the fee for registering the Letters to the United Kingdom and the fee for Registration from this Country to the Colony or Country, together with the total postage from to destination, be paid in advance.

The Regulations laid down in Colonel Maberly's letter of the 26th August, 1850, relating to the mode of treating Registered Letters posted at your Office, addressed to the United Kingdom, will apply equally to this class of Letters.

I annex herewith a List of the British Colonies and Foreign Countries, to which Letters may be sent from this Country as "Registered," showing the amount of the fee in each case. To this amount must be added the fee of Sixpence to the United Kingdom, as well as the total postage.

Antigua, Bahamas, Barbis, Bermuda, Demerara,
Dominica, Grenada, Honduras, Jamaica, Montserrat,
Nevis, St. Vincent, Palmaria, St. Kitts, Tortola, Tobago,

CLIMATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY.	Registration fee from United Kingdom.	Observations.
Hong Kong, Gibraltar, Malta		
France and Algeria, or the following Countries, the correspondence of which is forwarded as a rule through France, viz. —	0s. 6d.	Alexandria, Jaffa, Beyrout, Tripoli, in Syria, Larakia, Alexandretta, Messina, Rhodes, Smyrna, Mytilene, Danubius, Galzipsi and Constantinople, including Suez.
The places in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, at which France maintains Post Offices — Luxemburg, Baden, Bavaria, Wurttemberg, Sardinia, Switzerland, Salomies, Tunis and Tangiers, Turkey, Persia, and Mexico, Papal States, Two Sicilies, and Greece	An additional amount exactly equal to the amount of Postage, British and Foreign.	
Any of the following Countries, if specially addressed to France, viz. —		
The Netherlands, Prussia, German States, Hanover, Saxony, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Brunswick, Oldenburg (the Principality of Hildesheim excepted), Denmark, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Denmark, Schleswig, Wallachia, Transylvania, Europe, the place at which France maintains Post Offices excepted, viz. Austria, Sweden, Norway, Poland, and Russia.		Hildesheim, Kirckenfeld, Hase Homburg, Lippe-Deimold, Meiningen, Hildesheim, Bressa, Nassau, Sax-Schwarzburg, Sax-Meiningen, Hildburghausen, Hesse-Electoral, Hesse-Darmstadt, Sax-Weimar-Eisenach, Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck.
Prussia, or any of the following Countries, when not addressed to France, viz. —		
† German States, Hanover, Saxony, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Brunswick, Oldenburg (the Principality of Hildesheim excepted), Sardinia, Austria, Prussia, the Ionian Islands, Denmark, Mecklenburg, Wallachia, Turkey in Europe, the place at which France maintains Post Offices excepted, viz. Austria, Sweden, and Norway	0s. 3d.	A registered Letter for Russia or Poland is liable to three fees, viz. — British — 6d. Prussian — 3d. Russian — 2d. (the Russian fee) increases according to the weight of the Letter, and is charged when the Letter does not exceed 1 oz. 54. When it weighs more than 1 oz., but does not exceed 1 lb. and so on, according to the British scale.
Any of the following Countries, if specially addressed to Prussia, viz. —		
Belgium and the Netherlands — — — — —	0s. 6d.	
United States — — — — —	1 lb. 9d.	
Italy. — This Table is only applicable to Letters addressed to the following places specified, and sent <i>through the United Kingdom</i> .	0s. 6d.	

You will cause to be made known throughout the Colony in which you reside, that, in future, any Letters sent by Packet, addressed to the Colonies and Countries named in this Table, may be registered if the writers desire to adopt that course, whether they contain coin or articles of value or not.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ROWLAND HILL.

18570123 – Registered letters. Letters addressed to persons in the Military, naval & Coast Guard Services

Delivery of Registered Letters addressed to Persons in the Military, naval, and Coast Guard Services.

A representation has been made to this Department that great laxity prevails on the part of Postmasters in delivering Registered Letters, addressed to Persons in the Military, Naval, and Coast Guard Services, and that the practice is to deliver such Letters to any person wearing the respective Uniforms of those Services who may apply at the Post Office for them. Your attention is therefore called to the subject, in order that greater care may be observed in future.

Letters addressed to persons in those Services, are subject to the same Regulations as Letters addressed to the Public generally, and you will be careful, henceforth, to require a written authority from each Commanding Officer for delivering all such Letters to the Orderly or Servant appointed to call at the Office for them.

The signature of a person, so selected and nominated, may be taken to receipts for Registered Letters.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18570331 – Registration to Colonies

BPMA Catalogue entry:-

Post 29, Piece no 115. "Registration system extended to Colonies. c1864"

Transcriber's note: these extracts are transcribed from copies made by the Public Archives, Ottawa, and held at the BPMA. See reference on copies pictured below:-

Manuscript drafted as if to Barbados, but circular presumably also sent to other Colonies
(3 page document):-

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Copy
circular

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Approved 31st March 1857

Downing Street
31st January 1857

Sir,

With the view of providing increased security, during their transmission through the Post, for Letters of importance, or Letters containing valuable Enclosures, the Postmaster General is very desirous of affording to the Public the opportunity of registering Letters, forwarded in the mails between the United Kingdom and all the British Colonies, with which a regular exchange of Mails takes place.

In those Colonies, the Posts of which are under the control of the British Post Office, the privilege of registering Letters sent to the United Kingdom has been enjoyed for some time past, and Letters, professedly registered, are constantly received from other Colonies. But, as regards these last, Registration has not yet been placed upon any proper footing.

I have, therefore, to propose to you, the following arrangements:-

1. That any Letter or Packet of printed papers sent from the United Kingdom to Barbados, or from the Colony to the United Kingdom, may be registered at the wish of the sender, provided the entire postage and the Registration fee be paid in advance.

2. That Letters, but only Letters, forwarded through the United Kingdom from Barbados to any other British Colony, or to any foreign country to which

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Letters can be paid to destination, may also be registered at the wish of the sender, under like conditions.

3. That the amount of the fee to be levied for Registration shall be fixed by the Dispatching Office; that is to say, that the British Post Office shall fix the amount of the fee for the Registration of Letters sent to Barbados, and that your Government shall be at liberty to fix the amount of the fee for the Registration of Letters sent to the United Kingdom.

4. That the fee charged for the Registration of Letters sent from the United Kingdom to Barbados, or vice versa, shall be equally divided between the Imperial and the Local Post Office.

5. That in the case of Letters forwarded through the United Kingdom from Barbados to another Colony, or from Barbados to any foreign country with which there is provision for registering Letters, two fees shall be collected from the sender of the Letters, one for the Registration as far as the United Kingdom, and the other for the Registration from the United Kingdom to the place of destination.

6. That upon this last class of Letters your Government shall account to the British Post Office for one half of the fee levied for Registration as far as the United Kingdom, and for the entire fee levied for the Registration from the United Kingdom to the place of destination. For example, supposing a registered Letter be sent from Sierra Leone

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to Nova Scotia, and the Government of Sierra Leone to have fixed sixpence as the amount of the fee for Registration, the Post Office of Sierra Leone would collect on the Letter referred to, over and above the postage,

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For the Registration Fee to the United Kingdom...	0.	6
For the Registration Fee from the United Kingdom to Nova Scotia...	0.	6
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Total...	1.	0
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and would account to the British Post Office for nine pence, that is three pence for half the Registration Fee to the United Kingdom, and six pence, the entire fee for the registration from the United Kingdom to Nova

Scotia, and, on sending the Letter to Nova Scotia, the British Post Office would account to the Nova Scotia Post Office for three pence, half the fee for the Registration the United Kingdom to Nova Scotia.

I annex a Table *[not found at this point in the copy, Transcriber's note]* shewing the several British Colonies and the Foreign Countries to which Letters sent from the United Kingdom may at present be registered, and the amount of the fee in each case

I request that you will inform me, at your earliest convenience, whether your Government is willing to assent to these proposals.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your obedient

Humble Servant,

(signed) [H Labouchier?]

18570424 – GB Inland Book Post Rates

cancelling Instructions No. 40, 1855 and No. 39, 1856

INLAND BOOK POST.

On the 1st of May next and thenceforward, writing [when not of the nature of a letter] will be allowed in all Book Packets even when the postage is less than fourpence: and the regulations of the Inland Book Post will then be as follows, viz.: -

POSTAGE RATES.				
1 .				
For a Packet		not exceeding.	4 oz	1d.
Ditto	above	4 oz.. and not exceeding	8 oz	2d.
Ditto		8 oz. “	16 oz.	4d.
Ditto		1 lb. “	11/2 lb.	6d.

and so on, twopence being charged for every additional half-pound or any less weight.

2 . The postage must be prepaid in full by means of postage stamps affixed outside the Packet or its cover.

3 . Every Book Packet must be sent either without a cover or in a cover open at the ends or sides, so as to admit of an examination of the contents.

4 . A Book Packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment or vellum (to the exclusion, however, of written letters, whether sealed or open), and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, &c., or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached, as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto: but no patterns or books of patterns can be admitted.

5. No Book Packet may contain any written letter, closed or open, or any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor must there be any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in any such packet or on its cover.

6. No Book Packet can be received, if it exceeds two feet in length, width or depth.

7. Any Book Packet which shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall have any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in it or upon its cover, will be charged with the "unpaid" or double letter postage.

8. If a Book Packet be found to contain any written letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other unauthorized enclosure, the letter or enclosure will be taken out and forwarded to the address on the Packet, charged with full postage as an unpaid letter, together with an additional rate of fourpence: and the remainder of the Packet, if duly prepaid with stamps, will then be forwarded to its address.

9. If a Book Packet be not sufficiently prepaid with stamps, but nevertheless bear a stamp of the value of one penny, it will be forwarded charged with the deficient Book postage, together with an additional rate of fourpence: but any Packet which shall bear no postage stamp will be charged with the "unpaid" or double letter postage, according to its weight.

10. These regulations will not interfere with the privileges allowed to Votes and Proceedings of Parliament, or with those allowed to Newspapers and other periodical Publications bearing a Newspaper stamp, and posted in accordance with the regulations applicable to such privileged Publications.

11. To prevent obstacles to the regular transmission of letters, any Officer of the Post Office may, when necessary, detain a Book Packet for a period not exceeding twenty-four hours beyond the time when it would otherwise be forwarded.

12. The Head Postmaster who first receives a Book Packet must, whenever he has ground for suspecting an infringement of any of the above conditions, and occasionally, even when there is no ground for suspicion, open and examine the Packet: and every Book Packet which shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall exceed two feet in length, width, or depth, or shall have any letter or any communication of the nature of a letter written in it or upon its cover, or shall bear no postage stamp, must be sent up, with as little delay as possible, to the Dead Letter Office in London, Edinburgh, or Dublin, as the case may be: but, in the event of any other infringement of the regulations, the Packet must be dealt with by the Postmaster himself, as laid down in paragraph No. 8, and in the first part of No. 9.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18570523 – Forces Rates

Reduction of Postage on Letters to Officers serving on Board Ships of War on Foreign and Colonial Stations.

On the 1st June next, and thenceforward, Letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Officers serving on board any of Her Majesty's Ships on a Foreign or Colonial Station, will be chargeable with the uniform British rate of -

0s. 6d. when not exceeding ½ oz. in weight.

1s. 0d. when above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz

2s. 0d. when above 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 ozs.

and so on, instead of being subject to the ordinary rates of Postage from this Country to the particular Foreign Country or Colony at which the Ship may be stationed.

In addition to this British rate of Sixpence, the Letters will, of course, be subject to any Foreign rate of Postage chargeable upon them. Letters, therefore, forwarded via Marseilles, to or from the Mediterranean, India, China, or Australia, will be liable to a French transit rate of Threepence per Quarter Ounce, and Letters forwarded to or from the Pacific will be liable to a New Granadian transit rate of Sixpence per Half Ounce.

The prepayment of the Postage will be optional or compulsory, according to the regulation in force with respect to ordinary correspondence addressed to the place at which the Ship is stationed, but the delivery of the Letters will, in most cases, be accelerated if the Postage be pre-paid.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18570810 – Registration to Colonies

Single page memorandum:-

Downing Street
10th August 1857

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State to transmit to you for the information of the Postmaster General Copy [*interpolated*: July 9 / 57] of a Despatch from the Governor of Jamaica with copy of a Despatch from the Resident Administering the Government of the Turks Islands covering a Resolution of the Legislative Council, accepting the proposal contained in your Letter of the 16th of January last respecting the Registration of Letters sent to and from that Colony.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant
[signature]

R Hill Esq, &c &c
Genl. Post Office

Memorandum. First page only transcribed as yet; the copies made of subsequent pages are obscured by the printed notice of 16 January 1857, an addition to the Book of Instructions for Postmasters in the West Indies (next document) which has been copied lying on top of them.

PACKETS

Main No....858. 14

Regd. No. ... 12,835/55.

The Postmaster General

1. Replies have now been received from the majority of the British Colonies to the proposal made to them, in January last, through the Colonial Office, for the establishment of a mutual system of Registration of Letters with this Country.

2. Excepting in the case of some of the Australian Colonies (which owing to their distance from England require a longer period than ordinary for replying,) the only Colonies from which answers have not been received are,

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18570905 – Book Post To The Colonies.,

Alteration in Scale of Weight, &c.

On the 1st October next, and thenceforward, Printed or Lithographed Letters may be sent, like other printed matter under the regulations of the Colonial Book Post.

At the same period, an alteration will take place in the scale of weight under which Book Packets sent to the Colonies have hitherto been charged. When a Book Packet does not exceed in weight four ounces, it will be chargeable with one half only of the present rate of postage, and when the weight of a Book Packet exceeds one pound, the charge will increase in steps of half a pound instead of by steps of one pound, as at present. The Colonial Book Post has now been extended to the whole of the British Colonies and Possessions, and the following Table shows the mode by which Book Packets may be forwarded to each Colony and the rates of postage to which such Book Packets will, in future, be liable : -

Rates of Postage.

Names Of British Colonies And Possessions	Mode of forwarding	For a Packet not exceeding 4 oz. in weight	Above 4 ozs. and not exceeding ½ lb.	Above ½., lb. and not exceeding 1 lb	Above 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Above 1½ lb. - and not exceeding 2 tbs.
The British West Indies Islands	by Packet	0s. 3d.	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.
	"		and so on, increasing by Sixpence for each additional half-pound or fraction of half a pound.			
Turks Islands	"					
Honduras	"					
Bermuda	"					
Canada	"					
Nova Scotia	"					
New Brunswick	"					
Prince Edward Island	"					
Newfoundland	"					
Malta	"					
Gibraltar	"					
Ionian Islands	By Private Ship					
Sierra Leone	By Packet					
Gambia	"					
Gold Coast	"					
St Helena	By Packet or by Private Ship					
Ascension	"	"				
Cape Town	"	"				
Heligoland	By Private Ship					
Labuan	"					
Vancouver Island	"					
Falkland Islands	By Packet					
Ceylon	By Packet	0s. 4d.	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
	"		And so on, increasing by Eightpence for each additional half pound or fraction of half a pound.			
East Indies	"					

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Names Of British Colonies And Possessions	Mode of forwarding	For a Packet not exceeding 4 oz. in weight	Above 4 ozs. and not exceeding ½ lb.	Above ½., lb. and not exceeding 1 lb	Above 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Above 1½ lb. - and not exceeding 2 tbs.
Hong Kong	"					
Mauritius	"					
New Zealand	"					
New South Wales	"					
South Australia	"					
Tasmania	"					
Western Australia	"					

No Book Packet must exceed two feet in length, width, or depth; and Book Packets sent to the East Indies or to New South Wales must not exceed three pounds in weight.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18570908 – Forces Rates

LETTERS TO OFFICERS SERVING ON BOARD SHIPS OF WAR on Foreign and Colonial Stations.

There appears to be some misapprehension respecting the reduction authorised on the 23rd May last in the Postage of Letters addressed to Officers serving on board Ships of War upon Foreign and Colonial Stations.

It frequently happens that upon Letters chargeable with a Foreign Postage in addition to the British Postage of Sixpence, the latter only is paid; whereas, whenever prepayment is either compulsory or intended, both postages should be paid.

Thus, upon prepaid Letters forwarded via Marseilles, addressed to Officers serving on board Ships of War in the Mediterranean, India, or China, and upon all Letters, via Marseilles, addressed to Officers on board Ships of War in Australia or New Zealand, not only the British rate of Sixpence per half ounce, but the French transit rate of Threepence per quarter ounce, must be prepaid.

In like manner, upon all Letters addressed to Officers serving on board Ships of War on the Pacific Station, the New Granadian transit rate of Sixpence per half ounce must be paid in advance, in addition to the British rate of Sixpence per half ounce.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18570923 – Reduction of Postage on Letters, etc. for Belgium.

A new Postal Convention having been made with Belgium, which will come into operation on the 1st October next, the following alteration in the Rates of Postage will take place on and from that date: -

LETTERS.

When prepaid, Letters will be chargeable as follows: -

Not exceeding ½ oz.	Above ½ oz and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 ozs.	Above 2 oz. and not exceeding 3 ozs.
0s. 4d.	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.

and so on, according to the scale for charging Inland Letters.

When posted unpaid, letters will be chargeable, on delivery, with double the above rates.

The foregoing rates comprise both the British and Belgian charges, and will be applicable to Letters for Belgium, whether conveyed direct by Packet or by Private Ship.

Letters for Belgium intended to be forwarded in the Closed Mail, via France, must be specially addressed "via France," or "via Calais," and they will be chargeable with the above rates, in addition to a French transit rate of 2d. per half ounce.

In the case of Registered Letters, the Postage must in all cases be paid in advance, and in addition, there must be paid the usual Registration fee of sixpence.

The British postage on Letters for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, when specially addressed to be forwarded via Belgium, will be reduced to 6d. the half ounce; 1s. above half an ounce and not exceeding 1 ounce, and so on: but this rate must be paid in advance, or the Letters cannot be forwarded.

Letters from the United Kingdom for any British Colony, or Foreign Country beyond sea addressed via Belgium, will be liable to a British and Belgian rate combined of 7d. per half ounce; which rate must be paid in advance.

Newspapers and other Printed Papers.

Great Britain Post Office Notices

On the 1st OCTOBER and thenceforth, the entire postage, British and Belgian, chargeable upon Newspapers and other Printed papers posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Belgium, must be paid in advance; but no further charge of any kind will be levied as heretofore upon their delivery.

The following will be the rates of Postage: -

For a Packet of British Newspapers, duly Registered at the General Post Office for transmission abroad.

Not exceeding 4 oz.	Above 4 oz. and not exceeding ½ lb.	Above ½ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Above 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Above 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.
0s. 1d.	0s. 2d.	0s. 4d.	0s. 6d.	0s. 8d.

and so on, adding 2d. for each additional half pound.

For a Packet of Printed Papers other than such Newspapers.

Not exceeding 4 oz.	Above 4 oz. and not exceeding ½ lb.	Above ½ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Above 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Above 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.
0s. 3d.	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.

and so on, adding 6d. for each additional half pound.

Under the term "Printed Papers," are included, Periodicals Works, other than Registered Newspapers, Stitched or Bound Books, Pamphlets, Sheets of Music, Catalogues, Prospectuses, Announcements, and notices of every kind, whether Printed, Engraved, or Lithographed. Most of these have not hitherto been transmissible, except at the Letter rate of Postage.

The following Regulations must be strictly observed: -

1. - Every Packet must be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.
2. - There must be no enclosure, except Newspapers or other Printed Papers.
3. - There must be no other writing or marks, than the name and address of the person to whom the papers are sent, nor anything upon the cover but such name and address, the printed title of the papers, and the printed name and address of the publisher or vendor who sends them.

If any of the above Regulations be disregarded, either the Packets will be detained, or will be forwarded charged as unpaid Letters.

Newspapers for Belgium addressed to be forwarded via France, will be liable to the same Postage as those forwarded direct.

Upon Newspapers addressed to the Grand Duchy of Luxemburgh, and specially directed to be sent via Belgium, the British Postage, at the rate of 1d. for 4 ounces, must be paid in advance.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18571020 - Inland Book Post Rate

referring to Instructions No. 18, 1857

INLAND BOOK POST.

ON the 1st of November next, the regulations of the Inland Book Post will be modified to the following extent, viz.: -

1. When a Book Packet is found to contain any written letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other unauthorized enclosure, the letter or enclosure must be taken out and forwarded to the address on the Packet, charged with full postage as an unpaid letter, together with an additional rate of one penny (instead of fourpence, as at present).
2. When a Book Packet is not sufficiently prepaid with stamps, but nevertheless bears a stamp of the value of one penny at least, it must be forwarded charged with the deficient Book Postage, together with an additional rate of one penny (instead of fourpence, as at present).

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18571210 - Newspaper Rate to New Granada

POSTAGE UPON NEWSPAPERS FOR NEW GRANADA.

Great Britain Post Office Notices

On the 17th December next, and thenceforward, British Newspapers posted in conformity with the authorized regulations, addressed to New Granada, will be chargeable with a British Postage of One Penny each, WHICH MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE, or the Newspapers cannot be forwarded.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18571212 – Registration of Letters and Packets of Printed Papers for certain British Colonies.

On the 1st January next, and thenceforward, a Letter or a Packet of Printed Papers addressed to any of the undermentioned British Colonies may be registered on the application of the person posting it, provided the Postage, together with a Registration Fee of Sixpence, be paid in advance: -

Canada,	Turk's Islands,	St. Helena,	Ceylon,
New Brunswick,	Trinidad,	Cape of Good Hope,	South Australia,
Prince Edward Island,	Sierra Leone,	Natal,	and
Barbadoes,	Gold Coast,	Mauritius,	Western Australia.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18571226 – Reduction of the Ship Letter Rate of Postage.

On the 1st January next and thenceforward, the British rate of Postage upon letters despatched from any Port of the United Kingdom by a private ship, whether steamer or sailing vessel, will be reduced to Sixpence the half-ounce, in all cases where it now exceeds that sum.

The charge upon letters above half an ounce in weight will increase according to the scale for charging Inland letters.

Letters, however, conveyed by private ship from this country to France or Belgium will continue liable to a combined British and Foreign rate of fourpence the quarter-ounce in the case of France, and of fourpence the half-ounce in the case of Belgium; and letters conveyed by private ship to Holland, Hamburgh or Bremen, will still be charged with a combined British and Foreign rate of eightpence the half-ounce as heretofore.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18579999 – GB Postmaster's Report 1857

JAMAICA-	In 1843 the system of charging letters by weight instead of by the number of enclosures was adopted.	On letters not exceeding 4. oz., 4d. for a distance not more than 60 miles ; between 60 miles and 100 miles, 6d. ; between 100 miles and 200 miles, 8d.; and so on, adding 2d. for every 100 miles.	1842	£
			Gross Receipts	18,653
			Expenses	8,763
			Profit	9,890
		The increase of weight is the same as by the English scale. Newspapers are charged ½d. each. On pamphlets, up to a weight of 16 oz., the charge is 1d. per oz.	1854	
			Gross Receipts	13,008
			Expenses	11,882
			Profit	1,126

18580112 – Compulsory Prepayment of Postage on Letters for the Colonies.

On the 1st FEBRUARY next and thenceforward, the compulsory Prepayment of Postage will be extended to all Letters addressed to the following Colonies: -

Malta	Antigua	Honduras	St. Vincent	Tobago
Gibraltar	Demerara	Dominica	St. Lucia	Carriacou
Hong Kong	Berbice	Montserrat	St. Kitts	Grenada
Jamaica	Bahamas	Nevis	Tortola	

The Postage also of Letters posted in the several Colonies mentioned addressed to the United Kingdom, will be required to be prepaid by the Senders.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18580116 – Compulsory Prepayment of Postage on Letters for the Colonies.

Circular.

The following Instruction must be carefully affixed to the Book of Instructions furnished for the guidance of Postmasters in the West Indies.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.

16th January, 1858

SIR,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to inform you that the system of compulsory pre-payment of Postage on Letters between this Country and certain British Colonies, to which it has for some time past been applied, has been found so greatly to facilitate the duties connected with the receipt and despatch of Mails, and to expedite the delivery of the Letters, that it has been decided to extend the measure to letters between the United Kingdom and those British Colonies in the West Indies, the Posts of which are under the control of this Department.

Accordingly on the 1st February next, and thenceforward, the postage of letters posted in the United Kingdom, addressed towill, in all cases, be required to be paid in advance.

In order to obviate, however, the inconvenience which would be caused to the Public by detaining and returning to the senders those Letters which through inadvertence may be posted without the full amount of postage being paid upon them, it has been determined to adopt arrangements similar to those which now exist in the case of the Colonial Book Post, that, is, to detain, and return to the senders, Letters dropped into the Letter Box wholly unpaid or paid less than a single rate of postage, and to forward, charged with the deficiency of postage, and a fine of sixpence, Letters insufficiently prepaid but paid at least the single rate of postage.

With regard to the Letters posted inaddressed to the United Kingdom, you will fix the 1st April next as the date for bringing this measure into operation, which will leave about one clear month for making known the new regulation, and I am to desire that, in the mean time you will take all the means in your power for giving publicity to this arrangement by advertising it in the Public Newspapers, and by affixing a Notice in your Office window, and in the Public Edifices.

Any letters which may be posted at your Office addressed to the United Kingdom after the 1st April, next, unpaid must at once be opened by you and returned to the senders, in covers which will be supplied to you for the purpose, bearing a printed notification of the cause of their being thus treated; and, as it will be highly important that these Letters should reach the hands of the senders as promptly as possible, in order that they may be made aware that their Letters have not been forwarded, you will use all the means in your power to effect this object.

In the town in which you reside, you can have no difficulty in sending the Letters to the several persons for whom they are intended; and, as regards Letters written by persons residing in other parts of the Colony, you must exhibit a list in some conspicuous part of your Office of the names of such persons, and, if there be a local Newspaper, advertise such list from time to time.

By these means it may be hoped that all Letters detained in consequence of non-payment of postage will speedily be received back by the writers, so that they may be again posted properly pre-paid, and that the regulation requiring pre-payment will soon become generally known.

You will take care to keep yourself supplied with a stock of covers for returning unpaid Letters, and to make application to the Surveyor for more in sufficient time to allow of their being sent to you before your stock is exhausted.

In conclusion, I must caution you that this Instruction refers exclusively to Letters posted unpaid addressed to the United Kingdom, and that you are not authorized to detain or to open any other description of Letters.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary

18580312 – Registration to Colonies (Bermuda)

Eleven page draft of a GPO Instruction. Although addressed to Bermuda, this was probably sent with suitable alterations to a number of Colonial administrations – presumably those under the control of the British Post Office - but the addressees are not listed. It may be inferred that this letter or something based on it was indeed sent to Bermuda because of the note amending 2 figures in the table with the remark

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alongside "corrected by letter to Bermuda of 27th May 1859". The draft on file has been heavily deleted and amended; all these alterations have been incorporated in this transcription.

Draft to

Bermuda

No 126 J

Sir, 12 March 1858,
and 27th May 1859.

I am directed by the Postmaster General to acquaint you that, on the 1st April next, and thenceforward, Letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Bermuda and Letters posted in Bermuda addressed to the United Kingdom, may be registered, if the writer desire it, provided the extra postage, together with a registration fee of sixpence be prepaid.

Letters forwarded through the United Kingdom from Bermuda to other Countries and places enumerated in the Table annexed to these Instructions may also be registered provided both the fee for registration of the Letters to the United Kingdom and the fee for the Registration from the United Kingdom to the Country or place to which the Letters are addressed together with the entire postage to destination be paid in advance.

With regard to Registered Letters sent from this Country to Bermuda their addresses will in all cases be entered on the Letter Bill, and the Letters then also will be enclosed in the Letter Bill, on the arrival of the Mail you must at once search for the Letter Bill and its contents, and having found them, you must certify the safe arrival of the Registered Letters by placing your initials against the entry on the Letter Bill, afterwards entering their addresses on the Acknowledgment of the Mails which you forward to this Office.

The signatures of the persons to whom each Registered letter is addressed must be obtained on one of the printed receipts contained in the Book which accompanies these Instructions and this receipt must be retained by you as your voucher for the delivery of the Letter.

Registered Letters received from the United Kingdom, which have been refused, or which from any cause remain undelivered must be sent with your return of Dead Letters enclosed in a Packet addressed to the Returned letter Office, London, and this Packet must be entered on the Letter Bill for London; the addresses of such Registered Letters must also be entered on the form No. 4, in the place assigned for them.

The amount of the fee for the registration of Letters between the United Kingdom and Bermuda will be equally divided between the Mother Country and the Colony.

One half of the fee on Registered Letters from this Country will, therefore, be credited to you in the Letter Bill, under Article 5, Table 2, and you must place this amount to the credit of the Colonial Post Office.

With reference to the Registration of Letters intended to be despatched from Bermuda, the following regulations must be observed:-

On being applied to to register a Letter you must write distinctly upon the front of the Letter the words "Registered Letter", and stamp it plainly with your Office dated stamp. You must then enter the address on the left hand side of the smaller Receipt Book, which I also transmit to you by this Mail, and give to the person applying the receipt, which you must tear out of the book, and upon which you must also enter the address of the Letter so as to correspond with the entry in the book: the receipt must also bear an impression of your office stamp.

Both the postage and the registration fee must be marked upon the Letter in red ink. The proportion of postage due to the Mother Country, together with one half the registration fee, viz. three pence if the Letter be addressed to the United Kingdom must be accounted for to this Office in the Letter Bill of the Mail by which it is despatched.

The other half of the registration fee, with the postage belonging to the Colony, must be placed by you to the credit of the Colonial Post Office.

If the Letter be addressed to a Country or place beyond the United Kingdom half the fee for the registration to the United Kingdom and the whole of the fee for the registration from the United Kingdom must be accounted for to this Office.

In despatching a Registered Letter, you must enter the address of it distinctly and legibly on the record pages of the Letter Bill and carefully tie up the Letter with the Letter Bill.

By a strict observance only of these directions, you will discharge yourself of the responsibility attached to the registration of Letters at your Office.

The following are the British Colonies and Foreign Countries to which Letters may be sent Registered, showing the amount of the fee in each case for the registration from the United Kingdom.

Colony or Foreign Country	Registration fee from the United Kingdom	Observations
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Hong Kong, Gibraltar, Malta, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, St Helena, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Mauritius, Ceylon, South Australia and Western Australia.	0s . 6d.	
<p>France and Algeria, or the following Countries, the correspondence of which is forwarded as a rule through France, viz:- The places in Turkey, Syria or Egypt at which France maintains Post Offices* - Luxemburg, Baden, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Switzerland, Tunis and Algiers, Papal States, Two Sicilies and Greece.....</p> <p>Any of the following Countries <u>if specifically addressed via France</u>, viz:- The Netherlands, Prussia, German States†, Hanover, Saxony, Mecklenburg Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Brunswick, Oldenberg (the Principality of Birkenfeld excepted), Anhalt, Austrian Dominions, Servia, Denmark, Moldavia, Wallachia, Turkey in Europe (the places at which France maintains Post Offices excepted) via Austria, Sweden & Norway, Poland and Russia.....</p>	An additional amount exactly equal to the amount of Postage British and Foreign	<p>*Alexandria, Jaffa, Beyrout, Tripoli in Syria, Latakia, Alexandretta, Mersina, Rhodes, Smyrna, Mitylene, Dardanelles, Gallipoli, Constantinople, including Scutari, [Volo?], Salonica, Varna, [Julina?], [Tultacha?], Galatz, [Jhaila?], Gaboli, Sinope, Samsoun, Kerasun and Trebizond.</p> <p>† Hohenzollern, Birkenfeld, Hesse-Homburg, Lippe Detmold, Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt, Reuss, Nassau, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Saxe-Meiningen, Hilburghausen, Hesse-Electoral, Hesse-Darmstadt, Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Hamburg, Bremen and Lubeck.</p>
<p>Prussia or any of the following Countries, when not addressed via France, viz:- German States†, Hanover, Saxony, Mecklenburg Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Brunswick, Oldenberg (the Principality of Birkenfeld excepted), Anhalt, Austrian Dominions, Servia, the Ionian Islands, Denmark, Moldavia, Wallachia, Turkey in Europe (the places at which France maintains Post Offices excepted) via Austria, Sweden & Norway.....</p> <p>Any of the following countries <u>if specifically addressed via Prussia</u>, viz:- Luxemburg, Baden, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Sardinia, Switzerland, Papal States and Greece.....</p>	0s. 9d.	

Belgium and the Netherlands	0s. 6d.	<p>‡ A Registered Letter for Russia or Poland is liable to these fees, viz:- British.....6d. Prussian...3d. Russian....3½d; but this last, (the Russian fee) increases according to the weight of the Letter; 3½d being charged when the Letter does not exceed ½ oz, 7d when it weighs more than ½ oz, but does not exceed an oz, and so on, according to the British scale.</p>
Russia and Poland	‡ 1. 0½.	
Liberia	0. 6.	
Sardinia	1. 6. ¤ [“1”]	

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	<i>deleted]</i>	¤ corrected by letter to Bermuda of 27 th May 1859.
Tuscany, Parma and Modena- -	1. 5. 11 ¤ [↑“1. 5.” <i>deleted]</i>	

I have caused an amended form of Letter Bill and Acknowledgment for the Mails despatched from, and received at, your Office to be prepared and a supply of these Letter Bills and Acknowledgments will be forwarded to you by this Mail.

I am &c

LETTER BILL

For the Correspondence between the United Kingdom and

From London for _____ via Southampton.

GENERAL POST OFFICE

185

Herewith you will receive the following Articles, the receipt of which you are requested to acknowledge, viz. :—

<i>To the Credit of the United Kingdom.</i>	Statement by the London Office			Statement by the Office		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Unpaid Letters from Foreign Countries for the postage upon which could not be collected in advance }						
2. Unpaid Newspapers from Foreign Countries for the postage upon which could not be collected in advance }						
<i>To the Credit of</i> _____						
3. Fees on Registered Letters, &c.						
	Number			Number		
4. Total number of Letters contained in the whole Mail..						
Number of Boxes containing Letters. Number				Number of Boxes containing Newspapers. Number		

Number of Registered Letters (as per Lists sent herewith).

Number

W. BOKENHAM,
Controller.

LETTER BILL

For the Correspondence between the United Kingdom and

From London for _____ *via* *Marseilles.*

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

185

HEREWITH you will receive the following Articles, the receipt of which you are requested to acknowledge, viz.:—

<i>To the Credit of the United Kingdom.</i>		Statement by the London Office			Statement by the _____ Office		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Unpaid Letters from Foreign Countries for the postage upon which could not be collected in advance }							
2. Unpaid Newspapers from Foreign Countries for the postage upon which could not be collected in advance }							
<i>To the Credit of</i> _____							
3. Fees on Registered Letters, &c.....							
		Number			Number		
4. Total number of Letters contained in the whole Mail..							
Number of Boxes containing Letters. Number		Number of Boxes containing Newspapers. Number					

Number of Registered Letters (as per Lists sent herewith).

Number

W. BOKENHAM,
Controller.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

For the Correspondence between _____ and the
United Kingdom.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

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The Mail of _____ 185, from _____ via Southampton,
has been received, containing the following Articles, viz. :—

<i>To the Credit of the United Kingdom.</i>		Statement by the _____ Office			Statement by the London Office					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
1. Paid Letters transmitted through the United Kingdom for British Colonies and Foreign Countries, and upon which the postage has been collected in _____	}									
2. Paid Newspapers transmitted through the United Kingdom for British Colonies and Foreign Countries, and upon which the postage has been collected in _____										
3. Fees on Registered Letters, &c.										
4. Total number of Letters contained in the whole Mail		Number			Number					
Number of Boxes containing Letters. Number		Number of Boxes containing Newspapers. Number								
Number of Registered Letters received. Number										

For Controller.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

For the Correspondence between _____ and the
United Kingdom.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

_____ 185

The Mail of _____ 185, from _____ via Marseilles, for
London has been received, containing the following Articles, viz. :—

<i>To the Credit of the United Kingdom.</i>		Statement by the _____ Office			Statement by the London Office		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Paid Letters transmitted through the United Kingdom for British Colonies and Foreign Countries, and upon which the postage has been collected in _____	}						
2. Paid Newspapers transmitted through the United Kingdom for British Colonies and Foreign Countries, and upon which the postage has been collected in _____							
3. Fees on Registered Letters, &c.							
4. Total weight of Letters including the above		Ounces			Ounces		
5. Total weight of Newspapers to the credit of the United Kingdom	}	Number			Number		
6. Total number of Letters contained in the whole Mail							
Number of Boxes containing Letters. Number		Number of Boxes containing Newspapers. Number .					

Number of Registered Letters received.

Number

For Controller.

18580313 – Registration of Letters and Packets of Printed Papers for BERMUDA.

Registration of Letters and Packets of Printed Papers for NOVA SCOTIA, BERMUDA, or NEWFOUNDLAND. On the 1st April next, and thenceforward, a Letter, or a Packet of Printed Papers addressed to NOVA SCOTIA, NEWFOUNDLAND, or BERMUDA, may be registered on the application of the person posting it, provided the postage, together with a Registration fee of Sixpence, be paid in advance.
ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18580416 – Issue of GB Stamps in Jamaica

[Link](#)

18580612 – Green Tape for Registered Letters

GREEN TAPE TO DISTINGUISH REGISTERED LETTERS.

ON and from the 1st proximo, all Letters registered at your Office, and addressed to places within the United Kingdom, must be distinguished from the ordinary correspondence by being tied over the ends and round the middle with green tape

The tape must be drawn tightly over the letter, though not so tightly as to alter its shape, and must be invariably tied in a fast knot at the back of the letter, in order that it may interfere as little as possible with the address.

Each letter will require, on an average, twelve inches of tape, and, in order to prevent a wasteful use of the material, you will always, in making application for a fresh supply of tape, state the number of letters registered at your Office since you were last supplied.

You will adopt the following form of application:

Post Office _____
_____ 185

SIR,

I have to request a fresh supply of Green tape for the purpose of distinguishing Registered letters.

Since I was supplied with _____ yards of the tape in question, on the _____, I have registered _____ letters.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,

Missing Letter Branch,

General Post Office.

The fine imposed by Instruction No. 5, 1858, will be strictly enforced for all omissions to tie Registered letters with green tape. You will, therefore, be careful to report every such omission on the proper form, and to state, in doing so, whether you found any green tape loose in the bag in which the Registered letter arrived.

This Instruction does not extend to Registered letters addressed to or received from the Colonies and Foreign Countries.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18580619 – Reduction of Postage on Letters to Martinique, Guadeloupe and Curaçoa.

On the 1st July next, and thenceforward, the postage upon Letters conveyed by Packet between the United Kingdom and Martinique, Guadeloupe, or Curaçoa, will be reduced to the uniform British rate of Sixpence the half-ounce, and so on according to the usual scale.

This postage must be paid in advance, or the Letters will not be forwarded.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18580708 – Green Tape for Registered & Money Letters

Inland Registered Book Packets and Official Money Letters to be tied with green Tape.

WITH reference to Instruction No. 25, 1858, you will distinctly understand that not only all Inland Registered Letters and Inland Letters marked "Registered" which have been dropped into the Letter Box by the Public, and which should be treated as Registered Letters in accordance with Rule 199 in the book of Amended and Supplementary Rules, but that all Inland Registered Book Packets, and all Official Money Letters (with the exception of Letters containing Revenue and Money Order Remittances, and Money Letters containing fines imposed for Registered Letter Irregularities, which are distinguished by their printed covers,) must be tied with Green Tape as directed in the Instruction referred to. The average length of Tape required for letters and packets will be 24 inches each, and not 12 inches, as stated in the Instruction above mentioned.

When the present supply of Green Tape is exhausted, it will be replaced by Green Twine, to be used in precisely the same manner as the Tape.

His Lordship has further decided that a fine of Two Shillings shall be imposed on any person employed at a Head Office, and a fine of One Shilling on any person employed at a Sub-Office or a Receiving House who may detain a Registered Letter.

These fines will come into operation on and from the 1st proximo.

With regard to the fine now inflicted for omission to send a Letter Bill with a despatch, Postmasters will take notice that in all such cases the penalty is incurred whether the despatch comprise Registered Letters or not.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

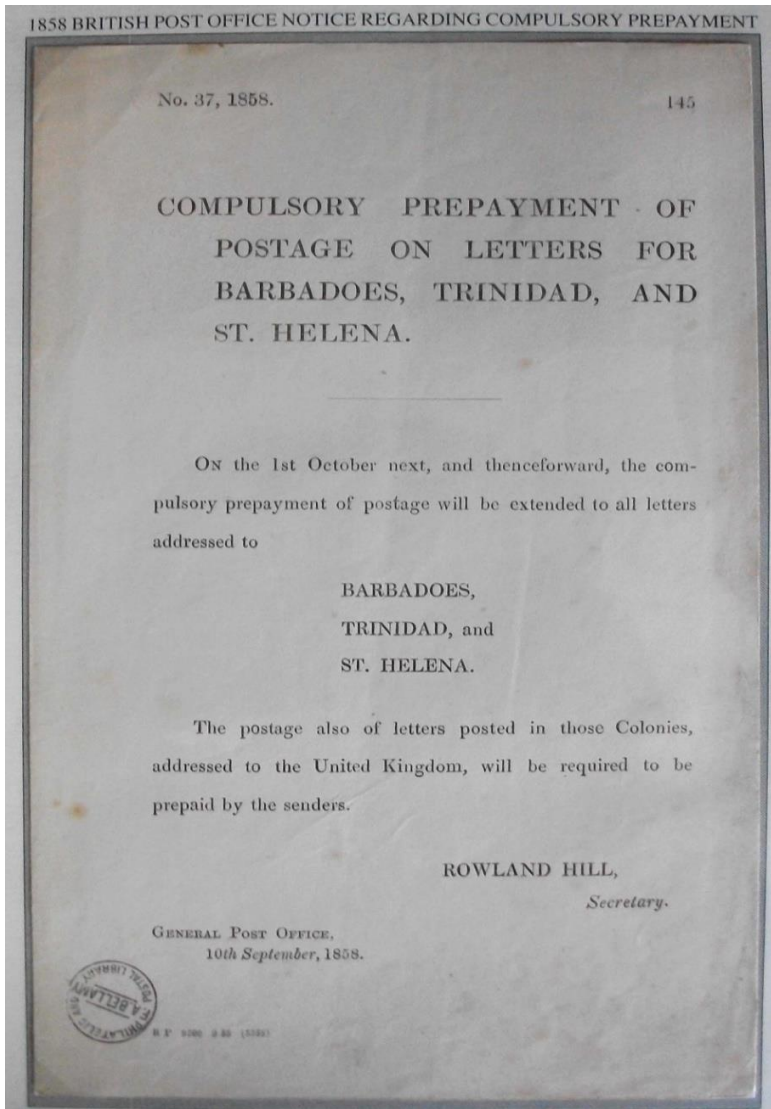
18580910 – Compulsory Prepayment Of Postage On Letters For Barbadoes, Trinidad, & St. Helena.

On the 1st October next, and thenceforward, the compulsory prepayment of postage will be extended to all Letters addressed to

Barbadoes, Trinidad, and St. Helena.

The postage also of Letters posted in those Colonies, addressed to the United Kingdom, will be required to be prepaid by the senders.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.



18581119 - Late Fees

FEES ON LATE LETTERS, &c.

The Late Fee on Letters posted after the ordinary Letter Box has been closed, must not only be prepaid in Postage Stamps, but the Postage Stamps must in future be placed on the Letters by the Senders themselves. Any Officer of the Post Office who may hereafter receive money for such Fees, will render himself liable to dismission from the Service.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18581213 - Mails For The Bahamas & Havana.

After the despatch of the Packet of the 17th instant, the Mails for the Bahamas will be forwarded via New York, instead of via St. Thomas, and will be conveyed from New York to Nassau by a branch Steam Packet under contract with Her Majesty's Government.

The first Mail under the new arrangement will be made up at this Office on the evening of the 24th instant for transmission from Liverpool on the following morning by the British Mail Packet for New York, and subsequent Mails will be forwarded from Liverpool on the following days in the Year 1859:

Saturday January 22

Saturday August 6

February 19

September 3

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March	19	October	1
April	16		29
May	14	November	26
June	11	December	24
July	9		

The Branch Packet from New York, after landing the Mails at Nassau will proceed to the Havana, and Letters, &c., addressed to Cuba may be forwarded by this opportunity, if specially addressed "via New York and Nassau."

Letters and Newspapers sent to Cuba by this route will be liable to the same rates of Postage as those forwarded by the West India Mail Packets.

Mails from Havana and Bahamas will be due at Liverpool by the Packet from New York appointed to arrive on the 17th February next, and by each alternate Packet from New York.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18589999 - PMG Report 1858

Arrangements have been made with many of the colonies. for providing for the registration of letters passing between them and the mother country, or through the mother country to other colonies or foreign states ; so as to afford the same security, in the whole passage of the letter from the time of its posting to its delivery, as has long existed with regard to inland letters ; and I hope that these arrangements will soon be extended to all the other colonies.

Registration

18590310 - Book Post to Colonies Cannot be Registered

BOOK PACKETS CANNOT BE REGISTERED for Foreign Countries.

There appears to be a good deal of misapprehension as to the registration of Book Packets, it being supposed that, as such Packets may be registered for places in the United Kingdom and for most of the Colonies upon payment of the Book postage only in addition to the registration fee of sixpence, the same system is applicable to all Book Packets indiscriminately, including those addressed to France and other Foreign Countries.

This, however, is not the case. Book Packets cannot be registered to any Foreign Countries except as Letters, and there are still a few of the Colonies to which the system of registration, as regards either Letters or Book Packets, has not yet been extended.

The following is a List of the Colonies for which Book Packets may at present be registered upon payment of the Book postage, viz.:-

BRITISH WEST INDIES,		BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,	OTHER BRITISH COLONIES,	
Antigua	Nassau, ,	Canada,	Cape of Good Hope,	Mauritius,
Barbadoes	Nevis	New Brunswick,	Ceylon,	Natal,
Berbice	St. Kitt's,	Newfoundland,	Gibraltar,	New South Wales
Demerara	St. Lucia,	Nova Scotia,	Gold Coast,	St. Helena
Dominica	St. Vincent,	Prince Edward's Island	Hong Kong, ,	Sierra Leone,
Grenada	Tobago,	Bermuda.	Malta	South Australia,
Honduras	Tortola,		East Indies	Western Australia.
Jamaica	Trinidad,			
Montserrat	Turk's Island			

Those for Ceylon, Hong Kong, East Indies, Mauritius, New South Wales, South Australia, and Western Australia may be registered via Marseilles as well as via Southampton.

The Colonies to which Book Packets cannot at present be registered (beyond the Port of despatch), are as follows,

Victoria, Tasmania, New Zealand, Ascension, Gambia, Vancouver's Island, British Columbia, Labuan, and Falkland Islands.

ROWLAND HILL, *Secretary*.

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MAILS DUE.

1	Sat.	(Mg.) to West Indies, Mexico and Havana	
2	Sun.		
3	Mon.	(Mg.) to India (Calcutta) and China, via Southampton, and (Evg.) to India (Bombay), via Marseilles	from India (Calcutta) and China, via Southampton, and from Australia and Mauritius, (via Marseilles)
4	Tues.	(Evg.) to Cape of Good Hope, Ascension and St. Helena	from Brazil, Buenos Ayres, &c.
5	Wed.	(Mg.) to America (N.York) U. S. Packet (v. Southampton)	
6	Thurs.	(Mg.) to Lisbon, Vigo, and Oporto, and (Evg.) to Newfoundland (via Galway)	
7	Fri.		
8	Sat.	(Mg.) to Brazil and Buenos Ayres	from West Coast of Africa

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Bahamas & Havana	Apr. 15 (Evg)	Liverpool		Mar. 18	Apr. 14	Adelaide " 27
Canada, &c. (by Canadian Packet)	Apr. 19 (Evg)	Liverpool		Mar. 22		King George Sound . . . 13
Cape of Good Hope, Ascension and St. Helena	Apr. 5 (Evg)	Devonport		Mar. 6	May 3	Hobart Town " 28
						Wellington Feb. 4
Ceylon	{ via Southampton Apr. 4 (Mg) via Marseilles . . Apr. 11 (Evg)	Southampton	CEYLON	Mar. 20 Mar. 26	Apr. 4 Apr. 12	Sydney " 1
China, Penang, and Singapore	{ via Southampton Apr. 4 (Mg) via Marseilles . . Apr. 11 (Evg)	Southampton	CEYLON	Mar. 20 Mar. 26	Apr. 4 Apr. 12	Melbourne " 4
Gibraltar, Malta, Egypt, Aden, and India	{ via Southampton Apr. 4 (Mg) via Marseilles . . Apr. 4 (Evg)	Southampton	CEYLON	Mar. 27 Mar. 26	Apr. 4 Apr. 4	Ceylon " 28
Honduras and Blewfields	Apr. 18 (Mg)	Southampton		Mar. 17	Apr. 16	Aden Mar 9
Lisbon, Brazil, Buenos Ayres, and Falkland Islands	Apr. 9 (Mg)	Southampton	TAMAR	Mar. 9	Apr. 5	Alexandria " 17
Lisbon, Vigo, and Oporto	Apr. 7 (Mg)	Southampton	TAGUS	Mar. 26	Apr. 11	Malta " 21
Mexico and Havana	Apr. 2 (Mg)	Southampton	MAGDALENA	Mar. 2	Apr. 1	
Newfoundland	Apr. 7 (Evg)	Galway	FR. ALBERT	Mar. 6		
United States & British North America (by British Packet)	Apr. 8 (Evg)	Liverpool	EUROPA	Mar. 26	Apr. 6	
Ditto (by United States' Packet)	Apr. 6 (Mg)	Southampton	FELTON	Mar. 30		BREMEN,
Western Coast of Africa, Madeira & Tenerife	Apr. 23 (Evg)	Liverpool		Mar. 24	Apr. 9	Philadelphia Mar. 18
West Indies, British Colonies (except Honduras & Bahamas)						New York " 19
Foreign Colonies (except Havana) California, Venezuela, New Granada, Chili & Peru, Grey Town	Apr. 2 (Mg)	Southampton		Mar. 17	Apr. 1	

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18590604 - Charge upon the Letters of Soldiers and Seamen

in Her Majesty's Service to or from parts beyond Sea.

As some misapprehension is believed to exist with regard to the charge upon Soldiers' and Seamen's Letters sent from or brought into the United Kingdom, the Postmaster-General feels it necessary to call attention to the following regulations.

Great Britain Post Office Notices

Letters sent by Soldiers and Seamen may be forwarded, on payment of a British rate of One Penny, to any part beyond Sea with which there is a direct communication by means of British Mail Packets.

Letters addressed to a Soldier or Seaman brought to the United Kingdom by a British Mail Packet, without passing through a Foreign country, are, in like manner, subject to no higher charge than One Penny. But, if this sum of One Penny be not prepaid, the Letters are chargeable with a rate of Two Pence.

Upon Soldiers' and Seamen's Letters addressed to, or originating in, a place with which there is no direct communication by British Packet, and which Letters are, therefore, sent by a Private Ship, as well as upon Letters specially directed to be forwarded by a Private Ship, the gratuity of One Penny, payable to the Commander of such Ship, must also be paid.

When Letters sent by Soldiers or Seamen pass through a Foreign country, the transit rate due to such country must be paid upon them, in addition to the British rate of One Penny, and the following Table shows the amount of the transit rate in each of the instances specified.

Soldiers' or Seamen's Letters sent to or from	Route.	Amount of the Foreign Transit Rate to be paid, in addition to the British Rate of One Penny	
		When not exceeding ¼ oz.	Above ¼ oz and not exceeding ½ oz.
MALTA, IONIAN ISLANDS, INDIA, CEYLON, MAURITIUS, CHINA, JAPAN, or AUSTRALIA	Marseilles	0s. 3d.	0s. 6d.
PANAMA, or any other Place on the Pacific side of NEW GRANADA; VALPARAISO, or any other Place in CHILI; CALLAO, or any other Place in PERU	Panama	0s. 6d.	0s. 6d.
VANCOUVER'S ISLAND or BRITISH COLUMBIA	New York and Panama conveyed between the United Kingdom and the United States by British Packets	0s. 5d.	0s. 5d.
	New York and Panama conveyed between the United Kingdom and the United States by United States Packets.	1s. id.	1s. Id.
	St. Thomas and Panama	1s. 4d.	1s. 4d.
CANADA	United States	0s. 2d.	0s. 2d.

Upon Unpaid Letters sent by Soldiers and Seamen from any of the places specified in the foregoing Table to the United Kingdom, and upon Letters sent from any of those places addressed to Soldiers or Seamen in the United Kingdom, the same transit rates will be chargeable, in addition to a British rate of Two Pence.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18599999 – Fifth Report of the Postmaster General on the Post Office - 1859

Colonial Posts.

The European and Australian Royal Mail Company, which for some time conveyed the Mails between this country and Australia, but which performed the service very ill and incurred heavy penalties for overtime on the voyages and other irregularities, has been permitted to terminate its contract. The service (which hitherto has always been in an unsatisfactory state) is now undertaken by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company; and I trust that it will be executed with vigour and punctuality, the best guarantee for which is the excellent manner in which this Company has performed its other postal services, together with the peculiar advantages which it possesses for the service in question.

By the completion of the railway between Alexandria and Suez, and under the provisions of a new agreement with the Pacha, the Mails are now conveyed through Egypt with much greater expedition than formerly; and the transit has been further expedited by an arrangement with the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, under which the packet containing the heavy part of each Mail, namely, that from Southampton, will arrive at Alexandria a day earlier than the packet from Marseilles; so as to allow of the passengers, goods and Mails brought by the first packet being carried on to Suez before the swifter Mail arrives. A provision similar in principle has been made for the return Mails.

In accomplishing these objects, and in effecting various improvements in the Post Offices at Alexandria, Suez, Malta, and Gibraltar, much valuable aid was afforded by Mr. Anthony Trollope, one of the surveyors, who, for these purposes, was on a special mission to the Mediterranean, and who is now rendering important service of a similar kind in the West Indies.

The contract with the Union Steam Shipping Company for the conveyance of a monthly Mail to the Cape of Good Hope (referred to in the last Report), has been definitely settled, and the Company is performing the service in a very creditable manner.

The Government of Newfoundland has concluded a contract with the Atlantic Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of Mails, once a month, between Galway and St. John's.

In consequence of the difficulties attending the land conveyance between Halifax and Quebec, all letters for Canada are now forwarded either direct by Canadian Mail Packets or through the United States.

The means of complete registration from the place of posting to that of delivery have been extended to letters addressed to New South Wales, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Bermuda.

The arrangements for sorting letters on board ship, hitherto confined to the Australian Mails, having been found to work well, and greatly to expedite the delivery of the letters, have been extended, within the present month, to the Indian Mails and I am in communication with the Postmaster-General of the United States and Canada, with a view to the adoption of the same plan in the packets between this country and North America.

It having been found that the use of English postage stamps at Malta, Gibraltar, and Constantinople led to no forgery, the privilege has been extended to the British West Indies, and to the Foreign ports touched at by the Mail Packets on the Western Coast of Africa. It is obvious, that such an arrangement is applicable only when the whole of the postage belongs to the British Post Office.

The new Post Office at Gibraltar, mentioned in the last Report as in the course of erection, has been completed and Opened to the public.

Foreign Posts.

I have had the pleasure of bringing to completion the Postal Treaty with Spain referred to in previous Reports, and which has been long in hand. For this success I am indebted, in part, to the exertions of Mr. Edward Rea, whom I despatched to Madrid to render assistance to our ambassador there, Lord Howden, who expressed, in strong terms, his satisfaction with Mr. Rea's proceedings.

Under the new Treaty, the postage of letters has been much reduced, registration is provided, and a book post established.

The benefits of the Treaty extend to the Balearic and Canary Islands, and I hope they will soon include Cuba and Porto Rico.

With the zealous aid also of Mr. Howard, British Minister at Lisbon, assisted likewise by Mr. Rea, I have concluded a new Treaty with Portugal, including, as in the case of Spain, a large reduction of postage, and the establishment of a book post; and, as soon as practicable after the Treaty shall have been ratified by the Cortes, the measure will come into operation.

The very heavy postage of letters to Portugal and Madeira (which latter place will partake of the advantages of the new Convention), and which have remained with little alteration since 1808, have led to repeated and just complaints from our merchants and the relatives of the many invalids who resort for health to Madeira; but all past efforts to effect a remedy had been fruitless. It is, therefore, with peculiar satisfaction that I have brought this long protracted negotiation to a successful issue.

Proposals for new Postal Conventions, including a large reduction of postage and the establishment of a book post have been sent to Brazil, Chili, Peru, Mexico, and all the other States in South and Central America where there appeared any hope of a successful result; and measures have been taken for ascertaining whether at other places in that part of the world reductions in British postage could safely be made; the danger to guard against being the retention or imposition of a heavy local charge which would almost - possibly altogether - neutralize the effect of our reduction.

At Buenos Ayres and other parts of the Argentine Republic, and in Hayti, the alterations have already been adopted and carried into effect; as also, with the exception of the book post, in Paraguay. On the 1st August, similar improvements will be made in the postal arrangements with Nicaragua, (with which State a postal treaty has just been concluded,) and probably with the Mosquitos and some other parts of Central America.

A low rate of postage has also been established between this country and Martinique, Guadeloupe, Curacao, and the foreign settlements on the Western Coast of Africa; with which latter there is now also a book post.

The negotiations for a new Convention with the German Postal Union proceed very slowly, and those with the United States make no progress whatever, notwithstanding our proposal made more than two years ago to the United States Post Office for a large reduction in postage and for the establishment of a book post. Progress, however, has been made towards a new Postal Treaty with Holland; and like negotiations have been entered into with Tuscany.

The Brazilian and Argentine Mail Service has been much improved by increased speed in the packets; an alternative which has greatly shortened the course of post, by securing the arrival in England of the homeward packet a few days before the departure of the outward packet.

I have not yet been able to effect an improvement in the important Mails between London and Paris, and between London and Ostend, for which the necessary negotiations are still pending. I hope that ultimately all these Mails will be accelerated, that the hours of despatch and arrival will be improved, and that the night service to Ostend will be exchanged for a day service.

18600227 – West India Mail Service.**WEST INDIA MAIL SERVICE.**

Commencing on the 2nd March next, a new table of routes for the West India mail service will be brought into operation, with the object of securing the arrival at Southampton of the Packet bringing the homeward mails three days before the departure of the Packet conveying the outward mails, and thus accelerating the course of post between the United Kingdom and the several places served by those Packets.

The Packets for the West Indies will continue to sail from Southampton on the same days as at present, viz., the 2nd and 17th of each month; and the Packets from the West Indies will be due at Southampton on the 14th and 29th of each month.

Mails for Carthagena, Santa Martha, Greytown, and Blewfields, will in future be despatched once a month only instead of twice a month as heretofore.

The Mails for Carthagena and Santa Martha will be forwarded by the Packet of the 2nd of the month, and the return mails will be due on the 29th of the month.

The mails for Greytown and Blewfields will be despatched by the Packet of the 17th, and the return mails will be due on the 14th of the month.

In all other respects the mails to be conveyed from this country by the West India mail Packets will be despatched under the existing regulations.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18600428 – Pre-payment is compulsory

Letters posted in Ireland and Scotland for Foreign places to which pre-payment is compulsory.

Referring to Instructions issued in the Postal Official Circular of the 12th November, 1859, Postmaster in Ireland and Scotland are to understand that not only wholly unpaid letters of the above description are to be selected and sent to the Returned Letter Offices of Dublin and Edinburgh respectively, but also such letters as are only partly paid, unless they be addressed to the Countries named below and bear postage of the value of at least one rate (6d.), in which case they must not be sent to the Returned Letter Offices, but must be despatched in the direct bags to London, to be forwarded to their destinations: -

Aden	Falkland Isles	New Zealand
Antigua	Gibraltar	Penang
Australian Colonies	Grenada	St. Helena
Bahamas	Hong Kong	St. Kitts
Barbadoes	India	St. Lucia
Berbice	Jamaica	St. Vincent (West Indies)
Cariacou	Liberia	Singapore
Ceylon	Montserrat	Tobago
Demerara	Malta	Tortola
Dominica	Nevis	Trinidad

18600428 – Colonial And Foreign Letters – Bundling

To all Head Postmasters who make up Mails for London.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN LETTERS.

Postmasters will henceforth, when making up Mails for London, carefully divide all Colonial and Foreign letters from the rest of the correspondence, and tie such letters in separate bundles, in the following divisions, viz.;

- "Colonial and Foreign No. 1"
- "Colonial and Foreign No. 2"
- and "Colonial and Foreign unpaid."

Division No. 1 is to contain paid letters, for

British North America	East Indies
The United States	Gibraltar (Soldiers and Seamen's letters paid one penny only: no others
Australia	Malta Do. Do.

Cape of Good Hope and West Indies

Division No. 2 is to contain all other paid letters for places abroad.

And unpaid letters for all places abroad, without distinction, must be comprised in the other division.

The bundles are to be securely tied, with distinguishing labels of colored paper, which will be supplied for the purpose, and are to be sent in the bag containing the "forward" letters to go through London.

18600514 – West India Packet to Carthegena

ADDITIONAL MAILS for CARTHAGENA, NEW GRANADA.

In addition to the regular Mails for Carthagena which are now forwarded by the West India Packet leaving Southampton on the 2d of each month, a Mail for Carthagena will, in future, be made up for conveyance as far as Colon by the West India Packet sailing from Southampton on the 17th of the month; it being understood that the communication between Colon and Carthagena by means of Private Ships is frequent, and that Mails can be thus forwarded with tolerable certainty of reaching their destination during the fortnight in which there is no direct Packet communication.

Besides correspondence for the town of Carthagena, any Letters, &c., for the interior of New Granada posted between the 2d and 17th of the month will be sent in this additional Mail.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18600914 – Extension of The Book Post To Danish Colonies In The West Indies.

On the 1st October next and thenceforward, the provisions of the Book Post, as applied to the Colonies, will be extended to Books transmitted by Packet between the United Kingdom and the Danish Colonies in the West Indies, viz.: -St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John's.

The Postage on Book Packets addressed to any of the above places will be as follows: -

For a Packet not exceeding 4 oz. in weight	Above 4 oz. and not exceeding 1/2 lb.	Above 1/2 lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	For every additional 1/2 lb.
0s. 3d.	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	0s. 6d.

The Postage must, in all cases, be paid in advance by means of Postage Stamps.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18600914 – Bermuda Prepayment

LETTERS FOR BERMUDA.

On the 1st October next and thenceforward, Letters addressed to Bermuda posted unpaid, will be charged with an additional rate of Sixpence each Letter, besides the usual postage; and Letters posted insufficiently prepaid will also be charged with the amount deficient, and with Sixpence additional.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18609999 – PMG Report 1860

Foreign and Colonial Posts.

From a conviction that the present West Indian posts could be more efficiently and economically managed on the spot, by the colonial governments, than at a great distance by this office, a transfer of these posts to the local authorities was recommended by this Department more than four years ago; but the Legislature of the colonies were averse to the change, and the transfer was consequently postponed.

Under these circumstances, it was deemed expedient by my predecessor, to send a superior officer to the West Indies, to examine the whole working of the system, with a view to improvements and greater economy. The gentleman selected was Mr. Anthony Trollope, who, as mentioned in the last Report, had, on a previous occasion, ably discharged a similar duty in the Mediterranean and in Egypt, and who performed

the new work assigned to him with even greater success. Not only did Mr. Trollope devise many improvements in the details of the service, and effect a considerable saving, but although a landsman, was able to propose a scheme of routes for the mail packets, which, while better adapted than the present to postal purposes, would be attended with a great saving of mileage, and is pronounced by Captain Washington, Hydrographer of the Admiralty, to be superior to the existing routes, even in a nautical point of view. The Directors of the Royal Mail Steam Navigation Company indeed raised objections to Mr. Trollope's proposal, owing, apparently, to an apprehension that the alteration would injure them in their mercantile interests; but were it not for the existing contract with the company, which has still nearly four years to run, I should unhesitatingly have recommended the adoption of Mr. Trollope's scheme; the more especially as it includes a withdrawal of much of the packet business from the unhealthy station at St. Thomas, and its transfer to Jamaica.

Unfortunately the present contract has been so framed as not to admit of our claiming any reduction in the payment consequent on a reduction in the mileage, although at the rate at which we are bound to pay for additions to the mileage this reduction would amount to more than £15,000 a year.

Under the circumstances, the Company, which was bound by the terms of the last renewal of its contract to accelerate the mails, has, as an experiment, been permitted to effect the acceleration in its own way; but with a clear understanding that if the result be not satisfactory the company will be required to adopt Mr. Trollope's scheme; and with a proviso, also, that no additional payment shall be demanded on the ground that the company's new plan of routes involves more mileage than the present plan.

By means of this acceleration, which began with the packet sailing on the 2nd instant, the interval in England between the arrival of the inward and the despatch of the outward packet will be extended from one day to three days.

One advantage arising from Mr. Trollope's visit was to place, in a yet clearer point of view, the propriety of calling upon the colonies to manage their own Post Office; and your Lordships and the Duke of Newcastle having concurred in the expediency of the measure, it has now been formally announced to the West Indian colonial governments, that on the 1st May next (with a proviso that in Jamaica the period may, if desired, be postponed to the 1st June) this Department will cease to charge itself with the management of the West Indian posts, and that from that day the colonial governments must themselves undertake their control.

18610311 – Accountancy Arrangements Jamaica, Demerara, Barbados, Trinidad

Letter from Mr. F. Hill of the General Post Office, London, to Sir F. Rogers, Bart., &c. dated 11 March 1861, which accompanied the above message states, *inter alia*:

'Sir,- I am directed by the Postmaster General to request that you will be good enough to state to the Duke of Newcastle that his attention has been drawn to the great length of time that is unavoidably occupied in this office in preparing mails for despatch to Jamaica, Demerara, Barbados and Trinidad, owing to the necessity, under the existing arrangements, of marking upon each individual letter the amount of postage due either to the Colonial Post Office or to the Imperial Office, according as the postage has been paid in this country or has been left to be paid upon the delivery of the letter at its destination.

In addition to the time consumed in marking these sums upon the letters transmitted, the total amount due to each office has to be subsequently ascertained and inserted in the letter bill, and as great accuracy is required in this duty, the operation is necessarily tedious and causes much delay in the despatch of the mails.

A similar loss of time, although perhaps not to the same extent, takes place on the arrival of mails from the Colonies mentioned, when it becomes necessary to check the amounts placed to the debit or credit of this department

The Postmaster General has little doubt that the trouble and delay to which I have referred, are felt with equal force in the Post Offices of Jamaica, Demerara, Barbados and Trinidad, and he hopes that the Governments of those Colonies will cordially co-operate with him in this endeavour to apply a remedy to the inconvenience.

With this object, I am directed by His Lordship to request that the Duke of Newcastle will propose to the Officers administering the Government of the several Colonies specified that instead of accounting as at present letter by letter for the postage due to the Colony or to the Imperial Post Office upon the correspondence contained in the mails exchanged with this country, each Officer shall in future account to the other according to the weight in bulk of the letters comprised in the mails...'

18610727 – Additional Mails For Bermuda Via New York.

With the view of affording to the Public more frequent opportunities than at present exist of forwarding Letters to Bermuda, it is intended, in future, to despatch a Mail for Bermuda by each of the Cunard Packets proceeding to New York.

These extra Mails will be conveyed from New York to Bermuda by means of private ships, as opportunities offer.

The postage upon Letters forwarded by this route will be 9d. for a Letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, is. 6d. for a Letter above half an ounce and not exceeding 1 ounce, 3s. for a Letter above 1 ounce and not exceeding 2 ounces, and so on for heavier Letters.

This postage must be paid in advance, or the Letters will be liable to an extra charge on delivery.

Upon Newspapers a postage of one penny each must be prepaid. A like sum of one penny will be collected on their delivery, to cover the United States transit rate of postage.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary,.

18619999 – PMG Report 1861

Foreign and Colonial Posts.

The Packet Service to the West Indies has been accelerated, and homeward letters now arrive in time for replies to be sent by the outgoing mail.

The transfer of the management of the Posts in the West Indies from this Office to the local Governments, an object long desired by this Department, from a conviction that the direction on the spot would be much more efficient and economical than when conducted at a distance, was last year carried into effect,

18620517 – Bundling of Colonial and Foreign Letters

To all Head Postmasters who make up Mails for London.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN LETTERS.

With reference to the Notices in the Postal Official Circular of 28th April and 30th June, 1860, it is necessary to remind Postmasters that, when making up Mails for London, they should carefully divide all Colonial and Foreign Letters from the rest of the correspondence, and tie such Letters (when prepaid by Stamps or sent unpaid) in separate bundles in the following divisions, viz.: -

"Colonial and Foreign No. 1." "Colonial and Foreign No. 2."

and "Colonial and Foreign Unpaid, No. 3."

Division No. 1., should comprise Letters prepaid by Stamps for -

British North America.

East Indies.

The United States.

Gibraltar (Soldiers and Seamen's Letters paid one penny only - no others.

Australia.

Malta

Do.

Do.

Cape of Good Hope.

and West Indies.

Brazil.

Division No. 2., should comprise Letters prepaid by Stamps for all other places abroad.

And Division No. 3., should comprise all unpaid Letters for the Colonies and Foreign parts.

The Letters for each Division should be securely tied in bundles of convenient size with the distinguishing labels of colored paper supplied for the purpose, and be sent in the bag containing the "through" or "London Forward" Letters.

When the postage is prepaid with money all Colonial and Foreign Letters must be tied up with the Letter Bill.

On Saturday Night, the Colonial and Foreign Letters comprised in the divisions 1, 2, & 3 must be sent with the "through" or "London Forward" Correspondence, but the Colonial and Foreign Letters prepaid with money should be retained by Postmasters and forwarded in the direct London bag.

18620719 – West Indies Mail Service Contract

Contract for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails between the United Kingdom and the West Indies, or between New York and the West Indies.

HER MAJESTY'S POSTMASTER-GENERAL hereby gives Notice, that, on SATURDAY, the 1st NOVEMBER next, at One o'Clock, he will be ready to receive Tenders from such Persons as may be willing

to contract for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails between the United Kingdom and the West Indies, or between New York and the West Indies.

No Tender will be received after One o'Clock on the day above mentioned, nor any entertained unless made on the Printed Form provided for the purpose, which may be obtained on application, personal or written, at the General Post Office.

Every Tender must be addressed to the Secretary of the Post Office, and must bear in the left-hand corner of the Envelope, the words "Tender for the Conveyance of Mails to the West Indies."

18620717 – Registration Fee Reduction

NOTTCE TO THE PUBLIC.

Reduction of the Fee charged for Registering Letters, and Precautionary Regulations regarding the transmission by Post of Letters containing Coin.

On the 1st August next, and thenceforward, the Fee charged at all Post Offices for registering Inland Letters during the present hours of Registration will be reduced from 6d. to 4d. The Registration Fees on Foreign and Colonial Letters will remain unaltered.

At the Metropolitan Chief Offices, - at the London District Offices (including the Lombard Street and Charing Cross Branches), - and at all Provincial Head Offices, Registration, whether for Inland, Foreign, or Colonial Letters, will be extended until the closing of the Letter Box for each despatch, or until the Office is closed for the night, upon payment of a late Fee of 4d. in addition to the ordinary Registration Fee.

The Post Office cannot undertake the safe transmission of valuable Enclosures in unregistered Letters. So sent, they are exposed to serious risk, but when registered they are practically safe.

As a step, therefore, towards the more general Registration of all such Letters, it is intended not only to reduce the fee, but to treat as registered all Letters unquestionably containing coin, even though they be posted without registration, charging them on delivery with a double Registration Fee, that is to say, with a Fee of 8d. in addition to the ordinary postage; and further, should it be found that any such Letters cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the Mail for which they were posted, they will be detained for the next despatch. In the first instance, however, this course will be adopted only as regards Letters posted in, or addressed to, or passing through London - Foreign and Colonial Letters excepted.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18620719 – Registration Fee Reduction

Instructions to Head Postmasters.

Referring to the Notice to the Public of this date, on the subject of the reduction of the Fee for Registering Letters, and the transmission, by Post, of Letters containing Valuable Enclosures, the special attention of Head Postmasters is directed to the following regulations: -

On and after the 1st August next, the ordinary Fee charged for Registering Letters for places within the United Kingdom will be reduced from 6d. to 4d.

Letters must be registered at the reduced Fee of 4d. until half-an-hour before the closing of the Letter Box, and at a Fee of 8d. (being the late Fee of 4d. in addition to the Registered Fee of 4d.) from that time until the Letter Box closes, after which time no Letters can be registered for that despatch.

The present Registration Fees on Foreign and Colonial Letters will not be reduced, but whenever the extra or late Fee of 4d. is charged on Inland Registered Letters, the same extra or late Fee will be charged on Foreign and Colonial Registered Letters.

Two forms of receipt will be used - one printed on white paper, for Letters registered at the Fourpenny Fee; the other printed on buff coloured paper, for Letters registered at the Extra or Late Fee. Both these forms of receipt will be supplied in hooks prepared on the manifold plan.

On and from the same date, a system of compulsory Registration of Letters containing Coin, will be adopted in the London Office, and such Letters will be charged with a double Registration Fee, of 8d., in addition to the Postage; this Fee will, for the present, be charged only in the London Office; but, in order to assist the Officers of the London Office in the performance of this duty, Head Postmasters will be required to collect together all Letters containing Coin which are addressed to London, or to places circulating through London (Foreign and Colonial Letters excepted), observing that this collection must be strictly confined to Letters to be forwarded in the London Bag and to such Letters as contain Coin.

The names only of the persons to whom these Letters are addressed must be entered on a slip which will be specially supplied for that purpose, and the Letters and the slip must be tied in a bundle and forwarded to London in the Registered Letter Bag.

Postmasters are not to mark such Letters, nor to tax them with the Fee, though they are of course to surcharge them in the ordinary way, if the postage be deficient.

The special slip must be stamped, signed, and forwarded in every Registered Letter Bag, even when there are no Coin Letters to accompany it.

In the event of application being made for the return of the compulsory Registration Fee charged on a Letter, which on delivery may be found not to contain Coin, Postmasters will not be authorized to return the charge without the previous authority of the Secretary, to whom the facts of the case must be reported on a special Form, which will be supplied for the purpose.

18620719 – Registration Fee Reduction but not for Colonial Letters

Instruction to Sub-Postmasters and Letter Receivers.

On and after the 1st August next, the Fee charged for Registering Letters for places within the United Kingdom will be reduced from 6d. to 4d.

The present Registration Fees on Foreign and Colonial Letters will remain unaltered.

In reference to the Notice to the Public on the subject of compulsory registration of Coin Letters, Sub-Postmasters will observe that at present no new duties will devolve upon them in regard to such Letters.

18621227 – Registered Mailed Out of Course

Registration of Letters.

Referring to Instruction No. 30 of this year, containing regulations on the subject of Registration, Head Postmasters, Sub Postmasters, and Letter Receivers will receive herewith a supply of a new Notice to the Public on this subject, which entirely supersedes the Notice of the 17th of July, 1862. This new Notice is not to be exhibited to the Public until the day on which it takes effect, viz., on the 1st of January, 1863, on and from which date the Notice of the 17th of July 1862 is to be wholly withdrawn.

The regulations laid down in this new Notice are the same as those in the old Notice, with the exception that, on and from the 1st of January, 1863, the fee charged on Letters with the word "Registered" written upon them, but dropped into the Letter Box without being registered, will be 8d. besides the ordinary postage, instead of 1s. besides the ordinary postage, as heretofore. All Head Postmasters, Sub Postmasters, and Letter Receivers will act accordingly.

18629999 – PMG Report 1862

Foreign and Colonial Posts.

With respect to the packets plying between this country and its colonies, I am of opinion that, except in special cases, the principle which has been applied to India and Australia, viz., that of requiring the colonies themselves to pay half the cost, should, as the present contracts come to an end, be extended.

One advantage of requiring the colonies to pay a fair share of the expense of the packets is that it gives them an interest both in keeping down the expenditure and in establishing rates of postage sufficiently high to be remunerative.

The mother country and the colonies have a right, on giving reasonable notice, to fix their respective rates of postage for inland service, and whichever may perform the packet service may determine the sea postage also, or if the packet service be performed jointly, may determine the sea postage in one direction; although it is of course desirable that this right should in all cases be exercised with care and moderation, and so as to avoid, as far as practicable, variety in the charge.

18630101 – West Indies Mail Contract Tender

Contract for the conveyance of Mails between the United Kingdom and the West Indies.

HER MAJESTY'S POSTMASTER-GENERAL hereby gives Notice, that on MONDAY the 2nd FEBRUARY next, at One o'Clock, he shall be ready to receive Tenders from such Persons as may be willing to contract for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails between the United Kingdom and the West Indies.

No Tender will be received after One o'Clock on the day above-mentioned.

Printed Forms of Tender may be obtained on application, personal or written, at the General Post Office.

Every Tender must be addressed to the Secretary of the Post Office, and must bear in the left-hand corner of the Envelope, the words "Tender for the Conveyance of Mails between the United Kingdom and the West Indies."

18630101 – Registration Regulations

Registration of Letters.

The Regulations in force with regard to the Registration of Letters are as follows: -

1. That the Registration rate of Postage payable at any Post Office in the United Kingdom on Inland Letters Registered during the ordinary hours appointed for the Registration thereof at such Post Office shall

be Fourpence; but this Regulation shall not extend to the Registration rates chargeable and payable on Colonial or Foreign Letters.

2. That all Letters, whether Inland, Colonial, or Foreign, may be Registered at the Metropolitan Chief Post Office, or at the London District Offices, (including the Lombard Street and Charing Cross Branch Post Offices), or at any provincial Head Post Office in the United Kingdom, after the ordinary hours appointed for the Registration thereof at any such Post Office, until the closing of the Letter Box for each dispatch, or until such Post Office is closed for the night, upon payment of a late Registration rate of Postage of Fourpence, which shall be payable in Stamps, in addition to the ordinary Registration rate, and to any other rates chargeable or payable thereon.
3. That all Letters containing Coin posted in or addressed to London, or posted in any Town or place in the United Kingdom addressed to any other town or place in the United Kingdom and transmitted through London, and all Letters which shall have written or put thereon the word "Registered," or any other word or words of the like meaning or to the like effect, when posted, whether the same shall have or contain therein Coin or not, shall be Registered at the time of the same being posted, and a rate of Postage of Fourpence for the Registration thereof shall be then paid thereon in Stamps, in addition to any other rate of Postage chargeable thereon.
4. That if any Letters mentioned in the third clause hereinbefore contained, shall be posted without being at the same time Registered, such Letters shall, if observed, be afterwards Registered at and by the Post Office, and shall be forwarded to their destination charged with double the ordinary Registration rate of Postage in addition to any other rates of Postage chargeable thereon, with a deduction, however, equal to the amount of any Stamps which may have been affixed to the Letter in payment or part payment of the Registration rate.
5. That any Letters in the fourth clause mentioned which cannot be Registered, as therein mentioned, in time to be forwarded by the Mail for which they were posted, may be detained, and forwarded by the next dispatch.
6. That the third, fourth, and fifth Regulations hereinbefore contained shall not extend to any Letter sent to or from any of Her Majesty's Colonies or any Foreign Country.

18630128 - Book Packet & Newspaper Rates

MODIFICATIONS OF THE RATES AFFECTING BOOK PACKETS AND NEWSPAPERS.

ON the 2nd of FEBRUARY the following alterations will take effect in the rules affecting Book Packets and Newspapers.

1. Book Packets sent through the Post between places in the United Kingdom, or between the United Kingdom and any of the Colonies, which may have been posted either wholly unpaid or paid less than a single rate of Book postage, will be forwarded to their destination charged, not as at present with the letter postage, but only with a postage which, together with any stamps which they may bear, will be equal to double the Book postage which should have been pre-paid.
2. No prints or printed matter will be allowed to be sent in Book packets between places in the United Kingdom, or between the United Kingdom and any of the Colonies, except such as may be printed on paper, parchment, or vellum.
3. Any Newspaper bearing the impressed or Newspaper stamp, posted for transmission between places in the United Kingdom, which may be found to have any writing or marks (though it be only a previous address to another person, and that canceled) either upon the Newspaper itself or upon its cover, other than the name and address of the person to whom it is sent, or anything printed upon its cover, except the name or title of the Newspaper and the name and address of the Publisher, Newsvendor, or Agent, by whom it is sent, will be charged, not as now with the double letter postage according to its weight, but only with a postage of twopence, being the double postage for a letter not exceeding half-an-ounce in weight. This charge is to be made for each Newspaper written upon or marked, whether sent singly or in a packet of Newspapers.
4. A Newspaper for any place abroad, which may be found to infringe the rules in the manner described in paragraph 3, will not be forwarded, but will be sent to the Returned Letter Branch.
5. A Newspaper received as such from abroad, in regard to which there has been a similar violation of the rules, will be charged, in addition to any postage which may be chargeable upon it as a Newspaper, with the postage payable on a single letter from the same Country.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18630214 – Book Packet & Newspaper Rates

referring to No. 2, 1863.

MODIFICATIONS of the RULES affecting Book Packets & Newspapers.

BOOK PACKETS for the Colonies, when posted either wholly unpaid or paid less than a single rate of Book postage, will, for the present, be detained and sent to the Returned Letter Branch, as the arrangement for forwarding them to their destination charged with the double Book postage cannot yet be carried into effect.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18630324 – Packet Letter & Ship Rates to West Indies

Increase of Postage on Letters for the West Indies, Bermuda, &c., when conveyed by Packet; and Reduction of Postage when conveyed by Private Ship.

THE revenue derived from letters conveyed by Packet between the United Kingdom and the West Indies, having been found to be wholly insufficient to cover the expense of the Packet Service, it has been decided to revert to the former rate of postage of One Shilling for letters not exceeding half-an-ounce in weight, and the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have, by Warrant, directed that this increased rate shall be charged on the 1st April next, and thenceforward, upon all letters addressed to, or received from, the undermentioned British Colonies in the West Indies, viz.: -

ANTIGUA	CARRIACOU	MONTSERRAT	TORTOLA
BAHAMAS	DOMINICA	NEVIS	TOBAGO
BARBADOES	GRENADA	ST. KITTS	TRINIDAD
BERMUDA	HONDURAS	ST. LUCIA	TURKS ISLAND;
BRITISH GUIANA	JAMAICA	ST. VINCENT	

as well as to the following Foreign Possessions in the West Indies, viz.:

ST. THOMAS	ST. MARTIN	MARTINIQUE	CURACOA
ST. CROIX	GUATEMALA	GUADALOUPE	THE MOSQUITO
ST. EUSTATIUS	CAYENNE	SURINAM	TERRITORY.

As regards letters for Bermuda, the increased rate will apply, as well to letters forwarded by the West India Packets, via St. Thomas, as to letters forwarded by the Cunard Packets, via Halifax.

Letters for Bermuda sent in the Extra Mails which are made up for despatch by each of the Cunard Packets proceeding to New York, for conveyance thence, by Private Ship, to Bermuda, will be liable to a Postage of 1s. 3d., instead of 9d. for a letter not exceeding half-an-ounce, increasing at the rate of 1s. 3d. for each additional half-ounce.

Simultaneously, the scale of progression for charging letters addressed to any of the foregoing places will be modified by substituting for the existing scale, a scale of weight having half-an-ounce as a unit throughout, with the postage advancing by single rates, as follows: -

Not exceeding ½ oz.	Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 1½ oz.	Above 1½ oz. and not exceeding 2 ozs.	Every additional ½ oz.
1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	1s. 0d.

At the same time, in order to provide a yet cheaper means than at present of sending letters, not requiring great speed and punctuality, to and from the British West India Colonies, the postage by Private Ship will be reduced from 6d. to 3d. the half-ounce, increasing for heavier letters at the rate of 3d. for each half-ounce, according to the above scale of progression.

The postage upon letters for the British Colonies in the West Indies, whether conveyed by Packet or by Private Ship, may either be paid in advance or left to be paid on delivery; but in all cases where the postage is not prepaid, the letters will be charged, on delivery, with one additional rate besides the usual postage.

The postage upon letters for St. Thomas and St. Croix may either be paid in advance, or left to be charged on delivery, at the option of the sender; but the postage upon letters for all the other Foreign Possessions in the West Indies must be paid in advance, or the letters cannot be forwarded.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18630400 – Registration Rates**REGISTRATION OF LETTERS.**

Extension of the Regulations regarding Inland Coin Letters passing through London, to all Inland Coin Letters without exception.

On and from the 1st May next, the Regulations in force with regard to the Registration of Letters will be as follows: -

1. That the Registration rate of Postage payable at any Post Office in the United Kingdom on Inland Letters Registered during the ordinary hours appointed for the Registration thereof at such Post Office, shall be Fourpence, and such Registration rate shall be payable in Stamps, but this Regulation shall not extend to the Registration rates chargeable and payable on Colonial or Foreign Letters.
2. That all Letters, whether Inland, Colonial, or Foreign, may be Registered at the Metropolitan Chief Post Offices, or at the London District Post Offices (including the Lombard Street and Charing Cross Branch Post Offices), or at any Provincial Head Post Office in the United Kingdom, after the ordinary hours appointed for the Registration thereof at any such Post Office, until the closing of the Letter Box for each despatch, or until such Post Office is closed for the night, upon payment of a late Registration rate of Postage of Fourpence, which shall be payable in Stamps, in addition to the ordinary Registration rate, and to any other rates chargeable or payable thereon.
3. That all Letters containing Coin posted in any town or place in the United Kingdom addressed to any person, town, or place, in the United Kingdom, and all Letters which shall have written or put thereon the word "Registered," or any other word or words of the like meaning or to the like effect, when posted, whether the same shall have or contain therein Coin or not, shall be delivered to the Post Office for Registration, and shall be Registered by the Post Office at the time of the same being posted, and a rate of Postage of Fourpence for every Letter so Registered shall be charged for the Registration thereof, in addition to any other rates of Postage payable thereon, or which may become chargeable thereon, under the regulations hereinbefore in the second clause mentioned. And every such Registration rate shall be paid in Stamps at the time of such Letters being posted.
4. That if any such Letters shall be put into the Post Office without being Registered by the Post Office, and without the Registration rate or rates chargeable thereon being paid in Stamps as hereinbefore in the third clause is mentioned and directed, such Letters shall be Registered by any Post Office through which they may pass in course of transmission thereof by the Post, and shall be forwarded so Registered to their destination, and shall be charged with double the ordinary Registration rate of Postage of Fourpence in addition to any other rates of Postage chargeable or payable thereon, with a deduction, nevertheless, equal to the amount of any Stamps which may have been affixed to such Letters in payment or part payment of the Registration rate chargeable thereon.
5. That any such Letters as are hereinbefore in the fourth clause mentioned, may be detained for the purpose of being Registered by any Post Office through which they may pass in course of transmission thereof by the Post, until the next ordinary despatch to that by which they would have been forwarded, conveyed, and delivered, if they had been Registered by the Post Office according to the directions hereinbefore in the third clause mentioned.
6. That the third and fourth clauses hereinbefore contained shall not extend to any Letters sent to or from any of Her Majesty's Colonies or any Foreign Country.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18630523 – GB Rates to India

Alteration of Postage of Letters to India, China, Australia, Mauritius, &c., via MARSEILLES.

ON the 1st June next and thenceforward, the whole of the postage upon Letters forwarded, via Marseilles, to the East Indies, China, Australia, or any place to the Eastward of Suez, will be charged by the British scale of weight, instead of, as at present, by the British scale for the Inland and Sea postage, and by the French scale, advancing by steps of a quarter of an ounce, for the French transit rate.

The following will be the amount chargeable upon such Letters from the date specified -

Addressed to	Not exceeding ½ oz. in weight	Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 ozs.	Above 2 ozs. and not exceeding 3 ozs.	Every ounce after the first
INDIA	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.
CEYLON	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.

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Addressed to	Not exceeding ½ oz. in weight	Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 ozs.	Above 2 ozs. and not exceeding 3 ozs.	Every ounce after the first
MAURITIUS	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.
AUSTRALIA	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.
TASMANIA	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.
NEW ZEALAND	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.
PENANG	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
SINGAPORE	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
HONG KONG	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
CHINA	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
JAVA	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
LABUAN	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
JAPAN	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
BORNEO	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
THE MOLUCCAS	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18630729 – Postage on Letters, &c., for India and China, by French Packet.

Arrangements have been made with the French Post Office, by which, after the 1st August next, Letters and Printed Papers may be forwarded to India and China by the French line of Mail Packets at the same rates of postage as are chargeable on Letters and Printed Papers sent via Marseilles for conveyance by British Packet, as shewn in the following Table: -

Addressed to.	Not exceeding ½ oz.	Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 ozs.	Above 2 ozs. and not exceeding 3 ozs.	Each additional ounce
Aden	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.
Ceylon	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.
Madras	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.
Calcutta	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.
Pondicherry	0s. 10d.	1s. 8d.	3s. 4d.	5s. 0d.	1s. 8d.
Cochin China	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
Hong Kong	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
Shanghai	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 8d.
Singapore	1s. 4d.	2s. 8d.	5s. 4d.	8s. 0d.	2s. 3d.

NEWSPAPERS

3d. each not exceeding 4 ounces.

OTHER PRINTED PAPERS

Not Exceeding 4 ozs.	Above 4 ozs. and not exceeding ½ lb.	Above ½ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Every additional ½ lb.
0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	1s. 0d.

Letters, &c., intended to be forwarded by these Packets must be specially addressed: -

"By French Mail Packet from Marseilles."

Upon Letters for Ceylon the postage must be prepaid, but upon those for the British Possessions in India and Hong Kong, the postage may either be paid in advance, or left to be paid on delivery, at the option of the sender. In all cases, however, where the postage is not prepaid, an additional rate will be charged on delivery. The prepayment of postage on Letters for Pondicherry, Saigon (Cochin China), and Shanghai (at which places France has Post Office Agents) is optional, without any fine for those sent unpaid.

The postage on Newspapers, Books, and other Printed Papers must in all cases be prepaid according to the regulations in force with respect to similar articles sent by the British Packets.

The French Packets leave Marseilles on the 19th of each month for Alexandria, in correspondence with a line from Suez proceeding to Aden, Point de Galle, Madras, Calcutta, Singapore, Cochin China, Hong Kong, and Shanghai. Letters &c., intended to be forwarded by them must be posted in, or reach London, at the latest in time for the Day Mail to France of the 18th.

18630801 – Mails to West Indies By French Packet

Mails for St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada, & Trinidad, by FRENCH PACKET.

INFORMATION has been received from the Director-General of the French Post Office of the establishment of a Branch Packet between Martinique and Trinidad, calling at St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and Grenada, in connection with the line of French Mail Packets leaving St. Nazaire on the 16th of each Month for Mexico, and touching at Martinique; and arrangements have been made by which Mails for these places will be made up in London, and forwarded by the Day Mail to France on the 15th of each Month, or when that day falls on Sunday by the Night Mail of the 14th.

The rates of postage chargeable upon Letters, Newspapers, and other Printed Papers will be the same as by British Packets, viz.: -

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Not exceeding ½ oz.	Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 1½ oz.	Above 1½ oz. and not exceeding 2 ozs.	Each additional ½ oz.
1s. 0d.	2s. 0d.	3s. 0d.	4s. 0d.	1s. 0d.

NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS, &C.

For each Newspaper

Not exceeding 4 ozs.	Above 4 ozs. and not exceeding 1½ lb.
0s. 1d.	0s. 2d.

0s. 1d.

0s. 2d.

0s. 3d.

For a Packet of Printed Papers other than Newspapers

Not exceeding 4 ozs.	Above 4 ozs. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Above 1½ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Above 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Above 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.	Every additional 1½ oz.
0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.	0s. 6d.	

0s. 6d.

1s. 0d.

1s. 6d.

2s. 0d.

0s. 6d.

The postage upon Letters may either be paid in advance, or left to be paid on delivery, at the option of the sender. When, however, it is not prepaid, the Letters will be charged on delivery with one additional rate, besides the usual postage. The postage upon Newspapers and Book Packets must in all cases be paid in advance.

Letters, Newspapers, or Printed Papers intended to be forwarded by this route to either of the Colonies mentioned, must be specially addressed "By French Packet."

ROWLAND HILL, Secretary.

18630926 – Money Order Offices.

13. On the 1st November next, and thenceforward, Money Orders will be issued at all Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom on the undermentioned Colonies, viz.: -

COLONY. NAME OF MONEY ORDER OFFICE. COLONY. NAME OF MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

TOBAGO Scarborough JAMAICA Kingston

at the same rates of charge, and under the same regulations, as those already in force with respect to other Colonies.

Money Orders will also be issued in those Colonies on all Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom.

14. Money Order business has been commenced during the past quarter with the undermentioned Colonies, viz.: -

COLONY. NAME OF MONEY ORDER OFFICE. COLONY. NAME OF MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

ANTIGUA St. John's

GAMBIA Bathurst

BARBADOES Bridgetown

SIERRA LEONE Freetown

18631107 – GB Mail to Colonies Bundling

To all Head Postmasters who make up Mails for London.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN LETTERS.

Owing to the imperfect manner in which the duty is now frequently performed, it is again necessary to remind Postmasters, that when making up Mails for London, they should carefully divide all Colonial and Foreign Letters from the rest of the Correspondence, and tie such Letters in separate bundles, in the following Divisions, viz.:

"Colonial and Foreign	No. 1"
"Colonial and Foreign	No. 2"
and "Colonial and Foreign unpaid	No. 3"

Division No. 1, comprises Letters prepaid by Stamps for

British North America East Indies

The United States Gibraltar

Australia Malta

Cape of Good Hope West Indies

The Brazils and West Coast of Africa.

Soldiers and Seamen's Letters paid one penny only: no others.

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Division No. 2, Letters prepaid by stamps for all other places abroad. And Division No. 3. all unpaid Letters for the Colonies and Foreign parts.

The Letters for each Division should be securely tied in bundles of convenient size, with the distinguishing coloured cardboard labels supplied for the purpose, and be sent in the bag containing the "through" or "London Forward" Letters. The Colonial and Foreign Letters prepaid with money must be tied up with the Letter Bill.

On Saturday nights the Letters prepaid with Stamps and the unpaid Letters only should be forwarded, those prepaid with money being retained by the Postmasters and forwarded in the direct London bag on Sunday night.

18639999 – PMG Report 1863**Foreign and Colonial Posts.**

When calling for tenders for the service to Brazil the Post Office advertised also for tenders for the West Indian Service, as the Contract for both will end with the present year.

In the case of the West Indies, as in that of the Cape of Good Hope, while reverting, under your Lordships' authority, to the old rate of 1s. the half ounce on letters sent by Mail packets, we have, for the benefit chiefly of the poorer classes, reduced the postage on letters sent by private ships to 4d.

At the end of the period for which the new Contract is taken, it will, I hope, be found possible to make yet further approximation between income and expenditure.

With reference to the increase of postage to the West Indies and the Cape of Good Hope, I should remark that, with your Lordships' authority, advantage was taken of the opportunity to make an alteration in the scale of weight, by adopting the uniform step of half an ounce, instead of advancing first by the half ounce and then by the ounce, as in the scale for inland letters.

According to the latter scale, which has hitherto applied also to all Colonial letters, a letter to the West Indies, if found to weigh more than an ounce, even by a single grain, would, at the advanced rate, have been subject to an additional charge of 2s., making in the whole 4s.; whereas, by the amended scale, such a letter, and any other letter, not weighing more than an ounce and a half, will be charged only 3s.

When the postage is low there can be little objection to the inland scale of weight; but when it is comparatively high, this scale becomes objectionable.

While the postage of letters sent by mail packets to the Cape of Good Hope and to our West Indian colonies has been increased, that of letters between this country and Mexico, Cuba, and Porto Rico has been reduced, the rate in all these cases being now 1s. the half-ounce; and it is intended ultimately to make this rate uniform to all parts of the West Indies, whether colonial or foreign, and to the eastern sides of Central and South America.

Subjoined is a statement of the mileage at present contracted for by the several Packet Companies having Contracts with the Post Office for the conveyance of Mails to British Colonies or to Foreign Countries; together with the cost of the Service during the past year, and other particulars: -

Service	Contractors	Annual Mileage*	mean speed	Number of Voyages within	Number of Voyages after	Annual payment	Average Payment per Statute
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				Contract Time	Contract Time		Mile
Cape of Good Hope	Union Steamship Company	177,419	81/4	24	-	£32,400	3s. 8d.
Dover, Calais and Ostend.	J.G. Churchward	42,058	13½	++	++	£18,600	8s.10d.
India, China, Australia and Mauritius	Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company	1,436,968	10%	275	197	£399,297	5s. 7d.
Newfoundland and Bermuda	Sir S. Cunard, Bart	77,136	8	20	36	£14,700	3s. 9d.
New Zealand	Intercolonial Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.	53,542	#	#	#	£24,000	9s. Od.
North America and Bahamas	Cunard, Burns & MacIver	381,548	11½	124	6	£176,340	9s. 2d.
West Coast of Africa.	African Steam Ship Co	139,333	8	17	5	£30,000	4s. 4d.
West Coast of South America	Pacific Steam Navigation Company	166,980	9½	30	16	£25,000	3s. Od.
West Indies, Mexico, Brazil and River Plate	Royal Mail Steam Packet Company	639,066	1014	234	88	£269,243	8s. 5d.
Total		3,114,050	10½	724	348	£989,580	6s. 4d.

* Both the mileage and mean speed are given in statute miles.

+ The mean speed has been calculated according to the direct distance from port to port, no allowance having been made for deviation from the direct course. These deviations are in some cases considerable, especially with respect to voyages performed in the Eastern seas during the prevalence of the monsoons. The mean speed actually attained by the Packets in those cases was therefore proportionately higher.

++ Under this Contract the precise time to be occupied in the voyages between Dover and Calais, and Dover and Ostend, is not fixed.

#The Postmaster General's powers under this Contract having been delegated to the Governor of New Zealand, no records are kept at this Office of the manner in which the Service is performed.

From the above table it will be seen that, without counting home services, such as those to Ireland, the Channel Islands, and Orkney and Zetland, the voyages performed by the Mail Packets during the year were equal, in aggregate, to more than three millions miles, and that the cost (including payments by the Colonies) was nearly a million sterling, or about 6s. 4d. per mile; also that the average speed was rather more than 10 miles per hour.

The most distant point to which mails are conveyed by British packet is Auckland, New Zealand, about 15,000 statute miles from Southampton; the nearest is Calais, 26 miles from Dover.

The excess of time, when the packets were too late, was often a few hours only; sometimes, only a few minutes.

Several instances occurred of remarkable punctuality in the delivery of mails conveyed over great distances, even when such punctuality was dependent on packets arriving at a point of junction by different routes.

Among them were the following: -

1st The arrival of the Mails via Marseilles despatched from Sydney, New South Wales, distant nearly 13,000 miles, on the 22nd September; from Calcutta, distant 8,000 miles, on the 10th October; from Shanghai, distant upwards of 11,000 miles, on the 19th, and from Hong Kong, distant upwards of 10,000 miles, on the 27th September. These Mails were all due in London on the 13th November at midnight, and they arrived one hour and ten minutes before that time.

2nd. The Mails from the West Indies and Central America despatched from Southampton on the 17th September, were delivered at the Danish Island of St. Thomas, distant more than 4,000 miles, at the precise moment at which they were due, viz., at 6 a.m. on the 2nd October. On the same voyage the Mails for Jamaica and Demerara, conveyed in each case by a separate branch packet, were delivered within a few minutes of the time at which they were due, while the Mails for parts of Central America and for the Pacific were delivered at Colon on the Eastern Coast of the Isthmus of Panama, distant 5,400 miles, 30 minutes after time, the Packet having been detained at sea that precise time by H.M.S. "Orlando;" and the Mails for

Chili, after having been conveyed with others across the Isthmus of Panama, were delivered at Valparaiso, distant nearly 9,000 miles from Southampton, two hours before the appointed time.

The total number of steamships employed in the Packet Service, exclusive of Tenders, &c., is 96, with an aggregate of 140,000 tons and 36,000 horse-power.

The largest and most powerful Packet is the paddle-wheel steamship "Scotia," of 3,871 tons and 1,000 horse-power, belonging to Messrs. Cunard, Burns, and Maciver, the Contractors for the North American Service; and the smallest is the "Vivid," of 300 tons and 128 horse-power, the property of Mr. Churchward, Contractor for the Dover and Calais and Ostend Services.

The Mail Packets are manned by a force, including officers, of more than 8,000 men. In addition to which a staff, maintained by the Post Office, of 33 Naval Agents in charge of Mails (all officers of the Royal Navy), is employed, on board the Packets, for the threefold purpose of securing the correct delivery of the Mails, guarding against unnecessary delay on the voyage, and reporting on nautical questions affecting the performance of the service. In some cases, however, where it has been found expedient to sort the Mails during the voyage, so as to save labour at the Chief Office in London, and to accelerate the delivery of the letters, Officers of the Post Office (28 in all) have been substituted for the Naval Agents; and in other cases, whether neither a Naval Agent nor an Officer of the Post Office has been deemed necessary, the Mails are placed in charge of the Commander.

During the year 1862 there was a large number, - unprecedentedly large, I believe, - of shipwrecks in the Mail Service, five Packets having been totally lost; viz., the "Karnak," belonging to Messrs. Cunard, Burns and Maciver, in entering the harbour of Nassau, Bahamas; the "Lima," belonging to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, on a reef off Lagarto Island, in the South Pacific Ocean; the "Cleopatra," the property of the African Steam Ship Company, on Shebar Reef, near Sierra Leone; the "Colombo," belonging to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, on Minicoy Island, 400 miles west of Ceylon; and the "Avon," belonging to the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, at her moorings in the harbour of Colon, New Granada.

The only loss of life was in the case of the "Cleopatra," where one officer and four Kroomen were washed from a raft in endeavouring to reach the shore and were drowned; nor was there any considerable loss of correspondence, although many letters on board the "Colombo" arrived in a state requiring the greatest care in drying and handling their crumbling to pieces, while others were found reduced to a hopeless state of pulp.

Experiments are in progress with a view of seeing whether, without undue hindrance in the despatch of the mails, or in the sorting on board ship, registered letters, at least, may not be packed in bags or boxes which are waterproof.

Owing to the prompt arrangements of the several contractors, there was very little inconvenience to the public service, beyond the injury to some of the correspondence, from the foregoing wrecks.

18641017 - Forces Rate

Letters for Officers serving on board Ships of War on Colonial Stations.

On the 1st November next, and thenceforward, the regulations under which letters addressed to Officers on board any of Her Majesty's Ships on a Colonial Station may be forwarded at the reduced British postage of sixpence the single rate, will be so far modified, that such reduced rate will be chargeable only when the full postage is paid in advance.

In all cases where such letters are posted unpaid, they will be chargeable, on delivery, with a fine of sixpence, in addition to the postage, and when they are posted insufficiently paid (by means of postage stamps) they will be chargeable, on delivery, with a fine of sixpence in addition to the deficient postage.

The same regulations will apply equally to letters from Officers serving on board Her Majesty's Ships in the Colonies when addressed to this Country.

18641219 - Letters for Danish Colonies in the West Indies.

ON the 1st January next, and thenceforward, Letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and the Danish West India Colonies, viz., St. Thomas and St. Croix, posted unpaid, will be charged on delivery with an additional rate of One Shilling each Letter, besides the usual postage; and Letters posted insufficiently prepaid, will also be charged the amount deficient, and One Shilling additional.

18641219 - Pattern Post to the British Colonies in the West Indies

Pattern Post to the British Colonies in the West Indies and the British Settlements on the West Coast of Africa.

ON the 1st January next, and thenceforward, Patterns of Merchandize may be transmitted by Post between England and the undermentioned British Colonies in the West Indies, viz.: -

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ANTIGUA	DOMINICA	NEVIS	TORTOLA
BAHAMAS	GRENADA	ST. KITT'S	TRINIDAD
BARBADOES	HONDURAS	ST. LUCIA	TURKS ISLANDS;
BRITISH GUIANA	JAMAICA	ST. VINCENT	
CARRIACOU	MONTSERRAT	TOBAGO	

and the following British Settlements on the West Coast of Africa, viz.: -

GAMBIA GOLD COAST LAGOS SIERRA LEONE

The following will be the rates of postage, which must be prepaid by means of postage stamps, chargeable upon such packets of patterns, viz.: -

For a packet not exceeding 4 ozs.	Above 4 ozs. And not exceeding ½ lb.	Above Y2 lb. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Above 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Above 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.	Every additional ½ lb.
0s. 3d.	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.	0s. 6d.

Special attention is directed to the following rules and regulations, which will be strictly enforced -

1st. No packet of patterns must exceed two feet in length, breadth, or depth.

2nd. The patterns must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and, indeed, whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material, sent ostensibly as a pattern, must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having, on this ground, an intrinsic value.

3rd. There must be no writing or printing other than the address of the person for whom the packet is intended, the address of the sender, a trade mark and numbers, and the prices of the articles.

4th. The patterns must be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Samples, however, of seeds, drugs, and so forth, which cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen, or other material, tied at the neck; bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, must not be used for this purpose.

Non-compliance with either of the foregoing rules will subject a packet of patterns to be treated and charged as a letter.

In all other respects the regulations of the Colonial Book Post will apply to the Pattern Post with the above Colonies. Under these regulations, in order to prevent any interruption to the regular transmission of letters, a packet of patterns may, when it is necessary, be kept back for 24 hours beyond the time when, in the ordinary course, it would be forwarded.

N.B. - The rule which forbids the transmission through the post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or the person of any Officer of the Post Office is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped and not sent to its destination.

18649999 - PMG Report 1864

Accelerations of Foreign and Colonial Mails;

Establishment of additional Mails between United Kingdom and Foreign Countries and Colonies; and Reductions in the Rates of Postage on Foreign Letters.

The improvements which have been effected during the past 10 years in postal communication with Foreign Countries and Colonies, by the establishment of more frequent or more rapid Mails, and by reductions in the rates of Foreign Postage, have been so numerous as to amount in the aggregate to a re-organization of the entire Foreign Mail Service.

Thus the establishment of more frequent or more rapid Mails, the time required for the transmission of a letter and the receipt of a reply has been reduced since 1854, in the case of correspondence between:

The United Kingdom and the Brazils by 7 days,
do. and the West Indies and Pacific by 5 days,
do. and Calcutta by 19 days,
do. and Sydney by not less than 40 days in any case,
but by a much longer period in the majority of cases.

18650102 - Prices Current and Commercial Lists from the Colonies

Postage on Printed Prices Current and Commercial Lists from the Colonies or Foreign Countries.

HENCEFORWARD, Printed Prices Current and Printed Commercial Lists received in this Country from the Colonies and Foreign Countries will be classed, in all respects, with Newspapers, and will not be charged on

delivery with any postage above that usually charged upon Newspapers from the same Colonies and Foreign Countries.

18650220 – Additional Mails for Jamaica, Hayti, and Mexico.

Commencing on the 20th March next, additional Mails for Port-au-Prince (Hayti), Jamaica, Vera Cruz and Tampico will be forwarded under a Contract with the West India and Pacific Steam Ship Company by the Steam Vessels of that Company, which sail from Liverpool on the 20th of each month.

The Mails will be made up in London on the Evening of the 19th of each month, and at Liverpool on the Morning of the 20th.

When, however, the 20th of the month falls on a Sunday, the Packets will not sail from Liverpool until the 21st, and the Mails will not be closed at Liverpool until the Morning of that day.

Any correspondence for Hayti, Jamaica, and Mexico which may be specially addressed via Liverpool will be forwarded in these additional Mails, and the rates of postage on Letters, &c., so forwarded will be the same as are chargeable on correspondence sent by the regular British Mail Packets.

18650223 – West India and Pacific Steam Ship Company Contract for Honduras and Jamaica

Mails for Honduras and Jamaica.

A CONTRACT has been entered into by the Postmaster-General with the West India and Pacific Steam Ship Company for the conveyance of the Mails, once a Month, from Liverpool to Belize (Honduras), and from Belize to Liverpool.

The Mails for Honduras will be made up in London on the Evening of the 4th of each Month, and at Liverpool on the following Morning, and the Packets will sail as soon as the Mails are embarked.

When, however, the 5th of the Month falls on Sunday (as in March next) the Packets will not sail from Liverpool until the 6th, and the Mails will not be closed at Liverpool until the Morning of that day.

These Packets will call at Kingston (Jamaica) on each voyage, out and home, and will convey Additional Mails for Jamaica, comprising any correspondence for that Colony which may be specially addressed to be forwarded via Liverpool.

The existing Packet rates of postage will be chargeable on all letters, newspapers, books, samples, &c., for Honduras and Jamaica, which may be forwarded by the new line of Packets.

18650320 – French Packet Rates

Increase of Postage on Newspapers, &c., conveyed by French Mail Packets from Bordeaux or St. Nazaire.

IT having been found that the postage now charged on Newspapers and other Printed Papers addressed to Portugal, the Cape de Verds, Senegal, Brazil, Uruguay, or the Argentine Confederation, as well as to Martinique, Guadeloupe, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada, or Trinidad, Cuba or Mexico, forwarded via France and by French Mail Packet, is insufficient even to defray the transit and sea rates which are paid to the French Post Office, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, by warrant, authorized the following augmented rates to be charged, on the 1st April next and

thenceforward, on such Newspapers and Printed Papers, viz.: -

Not exceeding	Above 4 ozs. and not exceeding	Above 8 ozs. and not exceeding	Above 1 lb. and not exceeding
4 ozs.	8 ozs.	1 lb.	1½ lb.
For each Newspaper registered			
for transmission abroad0s. 2d.	0s. 4d.		---
For a packet of other Printed Papers0s. 4d.	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.

and so on, increasing Eightpence for every additional Half-pound, or fraction of Half-a-pound, in the case of Printed Papers other than Newspapers registered for transmission abroad.

These rates of postage must, in all cases, be paid in advance.

It must be understood that, if more than one Newspaper is enclosed in a packet, postage according to the above scale will be chargeable on each Newspaper. Thus, if two Newspapers, neither of which exceeds Four ounces in weight, be enclosed in one packet, a postage of Four-pence must be paid. If three Newspapers of

like weight be enclosed, Sixpence must be paid, and so on. If they exceed Four ounces in weight, Four pence must be paid for each Newspaper.

18650911 – Mails for Honduras, Jamaica, Hayti, and Mexico, via Liverpool.

The Postmaster-General has sanctioned an alteration in the dates for despatching from Liverpool the Mails for Honduras, Jamaica, Hayti, and Mexico, by the Packets of the West India and Pacific Steam Ship Company.

In future, the Packet for Belize (calling at Jamaica) will leave Liverpool on the 29th, instead of on the 5th, of each month, and the Packet for Mexico (calling at Port-au-Prince, Hayti, and Jamaica,) will leave Liverpool on the 15th, instead of on the 20th, of each month.

When either the 15th or 29th of the month falls on a Sunday, the Packets will sail from Liverpool on the following day. All the other regulations for the despatch of Mails by these Packets, laid down in Instructions Nos. 6 and 7 of this year, remain unchanged.

18651127 – Alteration of French Mail Packet Service to the West Indies.

THE FOLLOWING ALTERATIONS have been made in the French Mail Packet Service to the West Indies, viz.:

1st. Mails for St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Grenada, and Trinidad, instead of being forwarded, as formerly, by the Mexican Packet, which leaves St. Nazaire on the 16th of each Month, are now carried by the Packet for Colon, leaving St. Nazaire on the 6th of each Month.

2nd. Mails for Demerara can now be forwarded by the French Packet leaving St. Nazaire on the 6th of each Month. 3rd. By the French Packet on the line to Mexico, which leaves St. Nazaire on the 16th of each Month, Mails can be forwarded to Jamaica, St. Thomas, Porto Rico, and Cape Haytien.

Letters, &c., intended to be sent by the French Packet sailing from St. Nazaire on the 6th, must be posted in or reach London, at the latest, in time for the Day Mail to France of the 5th; and Letters intended for despatch by the Packet sailing from St. Nazaire on the 16th, must be posted in or reach London in time for the Day Mail to France of the 15th; and if either the 5th or the 15th of the Month happen to fall on a Sunday, in those cases the Letters must leave London on the evening of the previous day.

The Rates of Postage on Letters for the several Places above mentioned, when sent by French Packet, will be the same as the rates charged to those places by British Packet.

To the British Colonies prepayment is optional, but to St. Thomas, Porto Rico, and Cape Haytien, the Postage must be paid in advance.

Newspapers and other Printed Papers (the Postage of which must, in all cases, be prepaid), will be liable to the following rates, viz.:

	Not exceeding 4 ozs. in weight	Above 4 ozs. And not exceeding 8 ozs.	Above 8 ozs. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Above 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.
For each Newspaper registered for transmission abroad	0s. 2d.	0. 4d.	---	
For a packet of other Printed Papers	0s. 4d.	0s. 8d.	1s. 4d.	2s. 0d.

and so on, increasing 8d. for every additional half-pound, or fraction of half-a-pound, in the case of Printed Papers other than Newspapers registered for transmission abroad.

Letters, Newspapers, or Printed Papers, intended to be forwarded by this route to either of the places mentioned, must be specially addressed "By French Packet."

18651229 – Pattern Post to the Colonies - modifications of Regulations.

On the 1st January next and thenceforward, the prohibition which now exists to the transmission, as patterns, of articles of intrinsic value by the post, between the United Kingdom and the Colonies, will be withdrawn.

Further, the rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article which might injure the contents of the mail bags or the Officers of the Post Office is so far relaxed as to permit the transmission of scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, and such like, as samples, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secured a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and the officers of the Post Office, while at the same time the samples may be easily examined. If any packet containing such articles as these be posted, which is found not to be sufficiently guarded, it must be stopped.

Samples of seeds and similar articles may also be sent in bags entirely closed, if transparent, so that the Officers of the Post Office may satisfy themselves of the nature of the contents.

In exception to the rule permitting articles of intrinsic value to be forwarded, it must be understood that such articles cannot be forwarded to any Colony in the Mails via Marseilles.

18659999 – PMG Report 1865

Foreign and Colonial Posts.

Increase of Correspondence.

The following table show roughly the growth during the year 1864 of the correspondence between this country and foreign countries and colonies: -

	In 1863	In 1864
The letters passing between this country and France (i.e. in both directions) were	6,373,000	6,771,000
The letters between this country and Spain were	522,000	617,000
The letters between this country and Italy were	742,000	827,000
The letters between this country and Belgium were	838,000	924,000
The letters between this country and Holland were	523,000	600,000
The letters between this country and Prussia, Hamburg, and Bremen were	4,013,000	4,403,000
The letters between this country and the East Indies, China, &c. were	3,372,000	3,632,000
The letters between this country and Australia were	2,693,000	2,915,000
The letters between this country and the West Indies, the Pacific and the Brazils were	1,662,000	1,727,000
The letters between this country and Canada and British North America and the US were	4,474,000	4,865,000

18660115 – West Indian and Pacific Steam Company Unable to Despatch Vessel to Jamaica

The West Indian and Pacific Steam Company have announced that they are unable to despatch a Vessel with the Mails for Jamaica and Mexico this day. Letters will be in time if posted tomorrow Evening or in Liverpool on the morning of Wednesday the 17th instant.

18660122 – Reduction Of Fee On Registered Letters For British Colonies And Foreign Countries.

ON the 1st February next and thenceforward, the British Registration Fee on every Registered Letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to any British Colony or Foreign Country, will be reduced from Sixpence to Fourpence.

The same reduction will take place in the fee chargeable on any Newspaper or Book Packet addressed to a British Colony or to the Kingdom of Italy, which the senders may desire to register.

Registered Letters, however, addressed to France, or to any Foreign Country the correspondence of which is sent in the French Mail, will continue chargeable with a registration fee of the same amount as the postage to which they are liable.

To the following Countries and Places, Letters are sent, as a rule, by way of France and in the French Mail, viz.: -

Baden, Bavaria, Switzerland, Wurtemberg, Greece, the Papal States, Tangiers, Tunis, and the places in the Levant at which France maintains Post Offices (Constantinople and Alexandria excepted), a List of which appears at page 80 of the "British Postal Guide."

In consequence of this reduction in the amount of the British fee for Registration, the total Registration fee required to be paid in advance on Registered Letters addressed to the undermentioned Countries and places will, in each instance,

be reduced to the extent of Twopence, and will be as follows: -

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		Reduced Registration Fee
Austria	When specially addressed via Italy	0s. 9d.
Places in Turkey, Moldavia, Wallachia, the Levant, 8c., at which Austria maintains Post Offices, viz.: - Botuschany, Plojeshte, Bakau, Berlad, Bucharest, Fookschan, Jassy, Piatra, Roman, Antivari, Durazzo, Valona, Galatz, Giurgevo, Ibraila, Philippopol, Prevesa, Rustchuk, Sofia, Adrinople, Beyrout, Bourgas, Caifa, Candia, Canea, Cavalla, Chio, Constantinople, Tchernavoda, Dardanelles, Gallipoli, Jaffa, Kustendjie, Ineboli, Lagos, Larnaca, Mitylene, Retimo, Rhodes, Salonica, Samsoun, Seres, Sinope, Smyrna, Sulina, Tenedos, Trebizond, Tultcha, Varna, Volo, Janina, Jerusalem	When specially addressed via France and Austria	0s. 7d.
Ionian Islands	Do.	0s. 7d.
Greece	Do.	0s. 7d.
Alexandria	Do.	0s. 7d.
Cairo, Damanour, Kaferzajat, Tanta, Birket-el-Sab, Bentra, Zagasik, Zifta, Miholla, Samanud, Mansoura, Damietta, Suez, and Porto Said	Do.	1s. 0d.

18660219 – GB Inland Books & Packets Rate

INLAND BOOK & PATTERN POST.

On the 1st of March next, and thenceforward, Inland Packets of Books or Patterns will be charged a single rate of postage for every weight of four ounces, instead of being charged two rates, as at present, for any fraction of half a pound after the first half-pound.

The scale of charge will be as follows, viz.:

1. INLAND PACKETS OF BOOKS.

For a packet weighing not more than	4 oz.			1d.
more than	4 oz.	but not more than	8 oz.	2d.
	8 oz.		12 oz.	3d.
	12 oz.		1 lb.	4d.
	1 lb.		1¼ lb.	5d.
	1¼ lb.		1½ lb.	6d.

and so on, 1d. being charged for every additional quarter-pound or fraction of a quarter-pound.

2. INLAND PACKETS OF PATTERNS.

For a packet weighing not more than	4 oz			2d.
more than	4 oz.	but not more than	8 oz.	4d.
	8 oz.		12 oz.	6d.
	12 oz.		1 lb.	8d.
	1 lb.		1¼ lb.	01d
	1¼ lb.		1½ lb.	1s.

No packet of Patterns or Samples must exceed 24 oz. in weight.

The other regulations both of the Inland Book Post and of the Inland Pattern Post will remain for the present unaltered.

18660226 – Additional Mails for Honduras.

In addition to the regular Mail for Honduras which is despatched via Liverpool on the 29th of each month, supplementary Mails for that Colony are now forwarded as far as Jamaica by the Contract Mail Packets

leaving Southampton on the 2nd and 17th of each month, to be conveyed from Jamaica to their destination by the Honduras Packet which touches at Kingston (Jamaica) on its way from Liverpool to Belize.

All correspondence for Honduras which may be posted or arrive at your office too late for the Packet from Liverpool of the 29th of the month, and in time for conveyance by the Packet from Southampton either on the 2nd or the 17th of the month must, in future, be circulated in the same manner as the correspondence for all other places in the West Indies.

18660409 – West India and Pacific Steam Ship Company Mail Service Contract Termination

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT for Honduras Mail Service, and for additional Mail Service to Mexico

THE West India and Pacific Steam Ship Company having given notice to terminate their Contract, the monthly communication between Liverpool and Honduras, which has been maintained by the Steamers of that Company, is at an end, and, until other permanent arrangements shall be made, the Mails for Honduras will, as a rule, be forwarded by Private Ships as opportunities may offer, and Letters will be charged with the Ship Letter Rate of 3d. per half-ounce. Any Letters, however, which may be specially addressed via Jamaica will be forwarded by Packet as far as Jamaica, and there left for conveyance to Belize by the first opportunity. Upon such Letters, the Packet Postage, at the rate of One Shilling the half-ounce, will be chargeable.

The additional Mail Service between Liverpool and Jamaica, Hayti and Mexico, which has also been maintained by the West India and Pacific Steam Ship Company, under their Contract with the Postmaster-General, also ceases from the present time, and any Letters, &c., for those places may hereafter be forwarded by the Company's Steamers, will be treated in all respects as Ship Letters.

18660430 – Colonial Book and Pattern Post.

On the 1st May next and thenceforward, Packets of Books or Patterns posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the British Colonies or Possessions, will be chargeable with a single rate of postage for every weight of four ounces or fraction thereof, instead of being charged two rates, as at present, for every half a pound or fraction thereof after the first half pound.

18660514 – Reduction of Soldier's Letters

Letters for non-Commissioned Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen redirected from one part to another of the United Kingdom.

The special attention of Postmasters is called to Rule 183 in the Book of Rules for Head Postmasters (Rule 118 in the Book of Rules for Sub Postmasters) so far as it relates to the exemption from additional postage of Letters for non-Commissioned Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, redirected from one part to another of the United Kingdom.

It is found that such Letters, even when posted in conformity with the conditions under which the exemption is granted, are frequently charged for redirection, contrary to the rule; and Postmasters are enjoined to observe this rule carefully hereafter.

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18670527 – Mails For British Honduras.

THE Mails for British Honduras will, in future, be forwarded via the United States; the Colonial Government having entered into a Contract for a Mail Service, by Steam Vessel, once in each Calendar Month, between New Orleans and Belize. The first Mail under the new arrangement will be despatched from London on Saturday, the 1st June next, to Queenstown, for embarkation on board the Cunard Mail Packet; and thenceforward, a Mail for British Honduras will be made up on the evening of the first Saturday in every Month. Pre-paid Letters will be liable to a Postage, including the United States' transit rate of 1s. 2d. per half-ounce. Upon Unpaid Letters, an additional charge will be made on delivery.

On Newspapers, a Postage of 2d. each must be paid in advance. Book Packets and Patterns of Merchandise cannot, for the present, be forwarded to British Honduras, as no arrangements exist for the transmission of such articles through the United States.

18670902 – Extension of Book and Pattern Post to certain places in East and West Indies.

On the 1st September next, and thenceforward, Book Packets and Packets of Patterns or Samples of Merchandise may be transmitted by Post between the United Kingdom and the under-mentioned Countries and places by the routes, and at the rates of postage, specified, viz.: -

Borneo, Japan, Philippine Islands, New Caledonia, Reunion, Madagascar.

	Not exceeding	Above 4 ozs. and	Above 8 ozs. and	Above 12 ozs. and	Every
	4 ozs.	not exceeding	not exceeding	not exceeding	additional
	in weight	8 ozs.	12 ozs.	1 lb.	4 ozs.
Via Southampton	0s. 4d.	0s. 8d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 4d.	0s. 4d.
Via Marseilles	0s. 6d.	1s. 0d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 0d.	0s. 6d.
San Domingo, Guadeloupe	Cuba, Mexico,	St. Martin's	Martinique,	Porto Rico,	French Guiana.
By West India Mail Packet ...	0s. 3d.	0s. 6d.	0s. 9d.	1s. 0d.	0s. 3d.

This postage must in all cases be paid in advance by means of postage Stamps.

A Book Packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications, prints or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written or plain, or any mixture of the three. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, &c., or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached, as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise), in the case of books, and in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto.

A packet of Patterns or Samples must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed, whatever may have a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern or sample must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having, on this ground, an intrinsic value.

The following Regulations must be strictly enforced :

1st. No packet must exceed two feet in length, or one foot in breadth or depth.

2nd. Every packet must be sent either without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides, so as to be easy of examination. Samples, however, of seeds, drugs, and so forth, which cannot be sent in open covers may be enclosed in bags of linen or other material, tied at the neck. Bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, must not be used for this purpose.

3rd. A packet must not contain any written letter, closed or open, nor any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor must there be any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in any such packet, or in or upon its cover, other than the name and address of the person for whom the packet is intended, the address of the sender, and (in the case of Patterns or Samples) a trade mark and numbers and the prices of the articles.

In order to prevent any interruption to the regular transmission of Letters, any packet may, when it is necessary, be kept back for twenty-four hours beyond the time when, in the ordinary course, it would be forwarded.

N.B. - The rule which forbids the transmission through the post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or the person of any Officer of the Post Office, is of course applicable to the Pattern Post, and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination.

18670916 – Registration to and from Colonies - Regulations

REGISTRATION OF LETTERS.

Extension of the Regulations regarding Inland Coin Letters, to all Coin Letters addressed to or received from British Colonies.

On and after the 1st October next, the Regulations in force with regard to the registration of Letters to or from any of the British Colonies will be as follows:

1. All Letters containing coin, and all Letters which shall have written or put thereon the words "Registered," or any other word or words of the like meaning or to the like effect, whether the same shall have or contain therein coin or not, posted at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the British Colonies, or posted at any Post Office in any of such Colonies, addressed to the United Kingdom, shall be delivered to the Post Office for registration, and shall be registered by the Post Office at the time of the same being posted, and a rate of postage of fourpence for every such letter registered at any Post Office in the United Kingdom during the ordinary hours appointed for the registration thereof, shall be charged for such registration, in addition to any other rates of postage payable thereon; and every such registration rate shall be paid at the time of such letter being posted.
2. If any such letters shall be posted without being registered, such letters shall be registered at any Post Office in the United Kingdom through which they may pass in course of transmission thereof by the post, and shall be forwarded so registered to their destination, and shall be charged with a registration rate of postage of eightpence, in addition to any other rates of postage chargeable or payable thereon, with a deduction, nevertheless, equal to the amount of any stamps which may have been affixed to such letters in payment, or part payment, of the registration fee chargeable thereon.
3. Any such letters may be detained for the purpose of being registered at any Post Office in the United Kingdom through which they may pass in course of transmission thereof by the post until the next ordinary despatch to that by which they would have been forwarded, conveyed, and delivered if they had been registered by the Post Office according to the directions hereinbefore mentioned.

19670916 – Contract for the Conveyance of Mails between Halifax, Nova Scotia, and St. Thomas, West Indies.

HER MAJESTY'S POSTMASTER-GENERAL HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that, on Thursday, the 24th October next, at One o'Clock, he shall be ready to receive Tenders from such Persons as may be willing to contract for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails between HALIFAX (Nova Scotia) and ST. THOMAS (West Indies), via Bermuda.

No Tender will be received after One o'Clock on the day above-mentioned.

Printed Forms of Tender may be obtained on application, personal or written, at the General Post Office.

Every Tender must be addressed to the Secretary of the Post Office, and must bear in the left-hand corner of the Envelope, the words "Tender for the conveyance of Mails between Halifax and St. Thomas."

18670923 – Book Packets and Patterns for British Honduras.

On the 1st October next, and thenceforward, Book Packets and Packets of Patterns or Samples of Merchandize may be forwarded, under the usual conditions, in the Mails to British Honduras.

The following rates of postage must be paid in advance, by means of Postage Stamps, on such Packets: -
FORA PACKET.

Not exceeding 4 ozs. in weight 0s. 4d.	Above 4 ozs. and not exceeding 8 ozs. 0s. 8d.	Above 8 ozs. and not exceeding 12 ozs. 1s. 0d.	For every additional 4 ozs. 0s. 4d.
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18670927 – Commissioned Officer Rate

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Treasury Warrant.

Letters, to or from any commissioned officer, between the UK and any Colony or Foreign Country: 6d per ½ oz

18671230 – Bahamas Mail Contract

Mails for the Bahamas.

The Contract with Messrs. Cunard, Burns and MacIver, under which the Mails for the Bahamas have hitherto been conveyed from New York to Nassau being about to expire, the Government of the Bahamas have made arrangements for the Mails being carried by the Steam Vessels of another Company.

The first Packet to be despatched under the new arrangements will leave New York on Thursday, the 30th January, 1868, and thenceforward a Packet will leave on every fourth Thursday throughout the year.

The Mails for the Bahamas will be despatched from London on the Evening of every fourth Wednesday, commencing with Wednesday, the 15th January, and Supplementary Mails will always be forwarded on the Evening of the following Saturday, to take the chance of arriving in New York before the departure of the Bahamas Packet.

No Mails for Havana will, for the present, be forwarded via New York and Nassau.

18680217 – Reduction Of Postage On Letters For British Honduras.

THE Postage on Pre-paid Letters addressed to British Honduras will, in future, be One Shilling per Half-Ounce, or fraction thereof, instead of One Shilling and a Penny as at present.

Upon Unpaid Letters an additional charge will be made on delivery.

18680217 – Increase Of Postage On Letters For The East Indies And Ceylon.

CONCURRENTLY with the establishment of the Weekly Mail Service to India, the postage on Letters between this country and the East Indies, including Aden, or between this country and Ceylon, will be raised to Nine-pence per half ounce when forwarded via Southampton, and Thirteen-pence per half-ounce when sent via Marseilles, either by British or by French Packet.

This increased charge will take effect on the 1st March next.

Simultaneously with the increase of postage, the scale of progression for charging Letters to and from the East Indies and Ceylon will be modified, by substituting for the existing scale a scale of weight having half-an-ounce as a unit throughout, with the postage advancing by single rates as follows, viz.: -

	Not exceeding ½ oz	Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 1½ oz.	Above 1½ oz. and not exceeding 2 ozs.	For every additional ½ oz
Via Southampton	0s. 9d.	1s. 6d.	2s. 3d.	3s. 0d.	0s. 9d.
Via Marseilles	1s. 1d.	2s. 2d.	3s. 3d.	4s. 4d.	1s. 1d.

(By British or French Packet)

The postage may either be paid in advance or left to be paid on delivery, at the option of the sender; but in all cases where the postage is not fully pre-paid, the Letters will be charged, on delivery, with one additional rate of Nine-pence, besides the usual postage.

On Registered Letters the postage, as well as the registration fee, must, in all cases, be paid in advance.

This increase of postage will not affect the Letters of Officers of the Army and Navy serving in India and Ceylon; such Letters will continue to enjoy the privilege of transmission at the reduced postage of Six-pence the half-ounce via Southampton, and Ten-pence the half-ounce via Marseilles.

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Foreign and Colonial Posts.

Improvements in 1866 and 1867.

The British fee on registered letters, newspapers, and book packets addressed to the kingdom of Italy, or to any British colony, was reduced from 6d. to 4d.

A like reduction took place in regard to letters addressed to any foreign country, - letters addressed The scale for charging book-packets and packets of patterns addressed to any of the British colonies, or to any foreign country to which book packets and patterns can be sent at a reduced rate of postage, was altered, and the charge was made to increase one single rate for every four ounces or fraction of four ounces.

In June 1867 a new convention was signed, under which the total postage on a single letter passing between the United Kingdom and the United States was reduced from one shilling to sixpence; the transmission of book packets and patterns at a low rate of postage was sanctioned, and reduced rates of charge were established for correspondence sent in transit through either country.

The privilege enjoyed for many years by naval officers serving abroad of sending and receiving their letters by British packet to and from the United Kingdom for a postage of sixpence has been extended to officers of the army stationed in the Colonies, in all cases where the postage of ordinary letters between the United Kingdom and such Colonies is more than sixpence.

18690104 - French Packet Route

Additional Mails for Colon by French Packet.

Information has been received from the French Post Office that the line of French Packets from St. Thomas to Jamaica, in connexion with the Packet leaving St. Nazaire on the 16th of each month, has been extended to Colon.

Correspondence for Colon, specially directed to be sent via France, may, therefore, be forwarded by this Packet, as well as by the French Packet leaving St. Nazaire on the 8th of each month.

Mails containing such correspondence will, accordingly, be made up in London on the Evening of the 14th of each month and Supplementary Mails on the Morning of the 15th of each month.

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18690621 - Reduction of Postage on Book Packets and Patterns,

not exceeding two ounces in weight, for the Colonies, &c.

ON the 1st July next, and thenceforward, packets consisting of Printed Papers, Books, and Patterns of Merchandise, not exceeding two ounces in weight, addressed to the undermentioned British Colonies and Foreign Countries, will be liable to the following rates, viz.: -

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For a packet not exceeding one ounce in weight 1d.

For a packet above one ounce and not exceeding two ounces 2d.

NAMES OF PLACES.	NAMES OF PLACES.	NAMES OF PLACES.
Canada	Cuba	Ascension
Nova Scotia	Surinam	West Coast of Africa
New Brunswick	Curacoa	(British and Foreign)
Prince Edward Island	Bahamas	Liberia
British Columbia	British Honduras	Mexico
Vancouver's Island	<u>East Indies</u>	Brazil
Newfoundland	<u>Ceylon</u>	do.
*Bermuda	<u>Penang</u>	do.
*Falkland Islands	<u>Singapore</u>	do.
West Indies, British Colonies in	<u>Hong Kong</u>	do.
West Indies, Foreign, viz.: -	<u>China</u>	do.
St. Thomas	<u>Java</u>	do.
St. Croix	<u>Japan</u>	do.
St. Eustatius	<u>Borneo</u>	do.
St. Martins	<u>Philippine Islands</u>	do.
St. Domingo	<u>Australian Colonies</u>	do.
Cayenne	<u>Tasmania</u>	do.
Martinique	<u>New Zealand</u>	do.
Guadaloupe	Cape of Good Hope	
Hayti	Natal	
Porto Rico	St. Helena	
Venezuela		

* Patterns cannot be sent to Bermuda or the Falkland Islands, and, consequently, these Rates apply only to Printed Papers, Books, &c.

Similar packets addressed to be forwarded via Marseilles to the several places the names of which are printed in italics, (Note of the editor: those places are underlined for clarity) will be chargeable with a postage of -

2d. when not exceeding one ounce in weight.

4d. when above one ounce and not exceeding two ounces.

Upon all packets exceeding the weight of two ounces, the charges will be as heretofore.

All the conditions which now regulate the transmission of Books and Patterns to the various Colonies and Foreign Countries above referred to will remain in force.

18690823 – West Indian Mail Sorting Arrangements

To Postmasters who have hitherto received Bags from the West Indian Mail Packets.

It having been determined to withdraw the Sorting Officers employed on board the West Indian Mail Packets and to sort the Mails on the Railway between Plymouth and Bristol, the bulk of the towns which have hitherto received a special bag containing West Indian correspondence will cease to receive one in future, and the correspondence will reach the several towns in the same manner as letters from the West of England.

Those few Postmasters who will hereafter receive special bags from the railway containing correspondence from the West Indies, should forward the empty bags to London without delay after the arrival of each Mail.

18690900 – Supplementary Mails For India, China, Australia, &c., Via Brindisi.

THE Italian Post Office having established direct and accelerated Trains between the French frontier and Brindisi, and having offered, as an experiment, to convey by those Trains British Supplementary Mails for the East Indies, China, Australia, &c., commencing with the morning of Saturday the 2nd of October next, Mails Supplementary to those despatched on the previous evening, via Marseilles, will henceforth be made up at this Office on the morning of every Saturday and forwarded through France and Italy to Brindisi, and thence by Italian Packet to Alexandria.

It is expected that these Supplementary Mails will reach Alexandria in time to go on to Suez with the Mails forwarded weekly from Southampton and from Marseilles, but, in the event of the Packets from Brindisi not arriving in due course, the Mail Packets leaving Suez will not delay their departure.

All Letters, &c., intended to be forwarded in these Supplementary Mails must be specially directed "via Brindisi," and they will be liable to the following rates of postage: -

ADDRESSED TO	FOR A LETTER		FOR EVERY NEWSPAPER	
	Not exceeding ½ oz in weight	For every additional ½ oz.	Not exceeding 4 oz. in weight	For every 4 ozs. in weight additional 4 ounces
West Indies or Ceylon	1s. 4d.	1s. 4d.	0s. 4d.	0s. 4d.
Straits Settlements, China and Japan	1s. 7d.	1s. 7d.	0s. 4d.	0s. 4d.
Australia	1s. 1d.	1s. 1d.	0s. 4d.	0s. 4d.

The postage must be fully pre-paid. Unpaid or Insufficiently Paid Letters, &c., will not be sent via Brindisi. Book Packets and Patterns will not be forwarded in the Supplementary Mails

In London, Letters may be posted under the same regulations as Letters intended to be despatched by the Day Mail to France, except that none can be posted at the Cannon Street Railway Station.

Newspapers must be posted before 7 a.m., and only at the Chief Office.

18691206 – Naval and Military Officers' Letters, withdrawal of privilege as to reduced postage.

Re-issue of Instructions No. 26, 1869

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased, by a Warrant dated the 17th of August last, to direct that, after the termination of the present year, the privilege now granted to Commissioned Officers of the Army, Navy, and Royal Marines, as well as to Superintending or 1st Class Army Schoolmasters, serving abroad, of sending and receiving their Letters at the reduced British Postage of Sixpence per half-ounce, in cases where the Postage of ordinary Letters to or from the same place is higher than Sixpence, shall be withdrawn.

In pursuance of the Warrant referred to, Letters addressed to Naval and Military Officers, &c. (as above stated), serving abroad, or sent by such Officers to this Country, will be liable, on and after the 1st January next, to the same rates of Postage and regulations as Letters of the general Public.

The privileges, as regards Letters of Non-Commissioned Officers, Soldiers, and Seamen, in Her Majesty's Service, will remain undisturbed.

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On the other hand, the department felt itself constrained to raise the postage upon letters from the United Kingdom to India and Ceylon by 3d. per ½ oz., making the rate 9d. instead of 6d. via Southampton, and 13d. instead of 10d. via Marseilles. Even at these enhanced rates postal communication is maintained only at heavy cost to the Imperial and Indian Governments.

The old contracts with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company had not long to run when the company sustained almost unparalleled losses through the hurricane and earthquake which occurred at St. Thomas in the autumn of 1867. Unwilling at such a moment to invite competition, or to withhold a concession without which the Company might have succumbed to their losses, the late Government, after much consideration,

renewed the contracts, in the case of the West India service for five years, and in the case of the Brazil service for four years, appending however, the following conditions, viz.:

1st. That in the event of the company in any year earning sufficient to pay a dividend exceeding 8 per cent. per annum, a moiety of such excess should be allowed to her Majesty's Government in diminution of the subsidies payable for that year.

2nd. That the company, on receiving reasonable notice, should remove their station from St. Thomas to such other port in the West Indies as her Majesty's Government might select.

The payment for these two services are, for the West India service £172,914 a year with an additional £2,000 for calling at Plymouth on the homeward voyage, and for the Brazil service £33,500 a year. After 1872 both contracts are terminable on two years' notice.