

# THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK.

There are "made up" in London the following mails, as specified by the notices to the public, issued by the Post-Master-General:—

	When made up in London.	When Due.	Postage.
France .. .. .	Daily .. .. .	Daily .. .. .	Under ½ oz. 10d.
Belgium .. .. .	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday .. .. .	Sunday, Monday, Thursday & Friday .. .. .	¾ oz. 1s. 3d.
Holland .. .. .	Tuesday and Friday .. .. .	Monday and Thursday .. .. .	¾ oz. 1s.
Hamburg, Sweden, and Norway .. .. .	Tuesday and Friday .. .. .	Tuesday and Saturday, but usually arrive on previous day .. .. .	¾ oz. 6d. Sweden and Norway, 1s. 8d. under ½ oz.
Sweden and Norway (during the summer months) <i>vid</i> Hull .. .. .	Friday .. .. .	Tuesday .. .. .	
Dublin .. .. .	Twice a day .. .. .	Twice a day .. .. .	Inland rates.
Waterford .. .. .	Daily .. .. .	Daily .. .. .	
Donaghadee .. .. .	Daily .. .. .	Daily .. .. .	
Gurnsey and Jersey .. .. .	Tuesday and Friday .. .. .	Monday and Thursday .. .. .	
Lisbon, Madeira, Vigo, Cadiz, Oporto, and Gibraltar .. .. .	Every Thursday Morning .. .. .	.. .. .	Under ½ oz. 1s. 9d.
Malta, Greece, and Ionian Islands, <i>vid</i> Southampton .. .. .	Twice in Each Month, viz.—On the first day of every month, and on the Thursday nearest to the 15th of every month .. .. .	.. .. .	¾ oz. 1s. 3d.
Syria, Egypt, and India, <i>vid</i> Southampton .. .. .	First day in each month .. .. .	.. .. .	¾ oz. 1s. 6d.
Brazil, Buenos Ayres, Madeira, and Canary Islands .. .. .	1st Tuesday in each month .. .. .	.. .. .	¾ oz. 2s. 9d.
British North America, Bermuda, and United States .. .. .	3rd and 18th of every month, except in the Winter Months, December, January, February, and March, and then on the 3rd only .. .. .	.. .. .	See table below,
Jamaica, Leeward Islands, Hayti, Porto Rico, and Cuba .. .. .	Mornings of the 2nd and 17th of every month .. .. .	.. .. .	Ditto.
Mexico, Panama, New Granada, and Venezuela .. .. .	Morning of the 2nd of every month .. .. .	.. .. .	Ditto.

### LONDON DISTRICT POST.

The following table shows the times at which letters are despatched from and to London, and to and from places within the limits of the London district post.

*Letters must be posted at receiving-houses in London,*  
Morning, before 8 for the 10 o'clock dispatch

10	12	"
12	1	"
1	2	"
2	3	"
3	4	"
4	5	"
5	6	"
6	8	"
8	8 next morning.	"

*At the principal office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, letters must be posted,*  
Morning, before 9 for the 10 o'clock dispatch,

11	12	"
q. before 1	1	"
q. before 2	2	"
q. before 3	3	"
q. before 4	4	"
q. before 5	5	"
q. before 6	6	"
before 7	8	"
before 8	8 next morning.	"

The deliveries in the country commence immediately upon the arrival of the dispatch from London, except the 8 o'clock night dispatch, which is not delivered till the next morning. The time of arrival of the day-dispatches may be calculated by the distance from London, allowing the post to travel at about the rate of eight miles an hour. Letters for places on the main roads are delivered generally sooner than those for places a distance from them; the deliveries occupy, according to distance from London, from one hour and a half to three hours after the time of dispatch from London. Receiving-houses where the mail cart stops are also called sorting-offices: where there are other receiving-houses in the same place or town, letters are generally despatched from the latter from a quarter to three-quarters of an hour earlier than from the sorting-offices. There are no receiving-houses at those places having no time stated for dispatch to London.

The mails despatched every Thursday for Vigo, Oporto, Lisbon, Cadiz, and Gibraltar are forwarded by steam vessels from Southampton to Gibraltar. The mails for Malta, Greece, and the Ionian Islands, despatched from London on the Thursday nearest to the 15th of the month, are conveyed from Gibraltar to Malta by her Majesty's steam packets employed in the Mediterranean.

The mail of the first day in each month is forwarded by the same packet from Southampton to Alexandria; leaving mails at Malta.

The mails for Greece and the Ionian Islands are conveyed from Malta every fortnight, by steam packets, which start after the arrival of the mails from England.

The mails for Egypt and India are forwarded direct from Southampton on the 1st of each month by steam packets.

From August to January inclusive, the packet touches at PERAMBUCO and BAHIA, on her outward passage to RIO JANEIRO, and the other six months on her homeward.

### RATES OF POSTAGE WITHIN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Letters forwarded to or from British North America by the Liverpool packets, or by private ships, passing direct between the United Kingdom and British America, are charged with an uniform colonial rate of *twopence the half ounce* when posted or delivered at any other towns than the ports of Halifax, Nova Scotia, or St. John's Newfoundland.

When not conveyed direct between the United Kingdom and British America, but forwarded through the United States, they are liable to the full internal rates, according to distance.

### MONEY ORDERS.

Orders for sums not exceeding £2 are charged threepence; not exceeding £5, sixpence; above £5 no money order can be obtained. They are granted and paid between the hours of ten and four daily: they are paid only to the person for whom they were obtained, but he may depute another person to receive the money by signing the order, and giving his deputy the christian and surname, the address, and occupation of the person who originally obtained the order, so that the deputy may be enabled to give those particulars when he presents the order at the office for payment. Persons residing in London should instruct their correspondents who may obtain money orders, to make them payable at the most convenient of the above offices, as money orders granted, bearing London only, can be paid only at the principal office, St. Martin's-le-Grand.

## METROPOLITAN PUBLIC CARRIAGES, HACKNEY AND STAGE COACHES, ETC.

Office, No. 3, Princes Street, Storey's Gate, Westminster.  
Registrar, H. Wedgwood, Esq.

This office was established in October, 1838, under the provisions of the Act of 1 and 2 Vict. cap. 79. Every carriage plying for hire within 10 miles from the General Post Office, and not being a stage carriage, is to be considered a "Hackney Carriage;" and every Stage Carriage (except such as every journey go beyond these limits) a "Metropolitan Stage Carriage." Every such carriage is to have the number, and the number of passengers licensed to carry, conspicuously placed inside and outside.

The Act requires all drivers, conductors, and watermen to be licensed; authorises the registrar to grant licenses on payment of 5s., and requires such persons to wear badges. A magistrate may suspend for two months, and two magistrates may revoke the license. Driver or conductor by misconduct occasioning damage on highways, being drunk during employment, or abusive, to forfeit not exceeding £5, or be committed for not exceeding two months; and magistrate may order compensation from proprietor not exceeding £5. For obstructing road, improperly delaying on journey, or deceiving as to destination or route, or stopping on crossing, a fine not exceeding £1. The Act requires complaints to be made within seven days from offence. The justice's decision is final. It is important to bear in mind that, if the complainant is the only witness, he must, before his evidence is taken, renounce his right to share of penalty, the whole of which thereupon goes to cost of police of district; otherwise only half, the other going to the complainant. In all cases with costs. Actions under this statute are to be commenced within three months. The regulations to prevent extortion, which are in force as regards the fares for Hackney Carriages, apply to these carriages also. The regulations as to HACKNEY CARRIAGES remain the same as governed by Act of 1 and 2 Will. IV. cap. 22, by which the fares are governed. The general control, however, of these public carriages also, is now vested in the registrar of the Metropolitan Public Carriages. Drivers are compellable to drive to any place within the prescribed limits; to wait, on deposit being made; to obtain hirer's consent before allowing other persons to ride; and to deposit within four days in the office all property left in carriages. The regulations as to Hackney Carriage Fares are as follows:—

They are regulated by either distance or time; by distance, at the rate of 1s. per mile; by time, 2s. per hour, with fractional proportions. One-horse carriages, whether FLYS OR CABRIOLETS, are entitled to two-thirds of the above sums respectively. No single fare is less than 1s. for Coaches, and 8d. for Cabriolets. Every

half mile beyond the first mile is 6d. for Coaches, 4d. for Cabriolets. Every 15 minutes completed, and part of 15 minutes, beyond the first 30 minutes, 6d.

Back fare payable after eight in the evening, but not after five in the morning, where discharged beyond limits.

### NEW REGULATIONS RESPECTING STAGE CARRIAGES, INCLUDING OMNIBUSES.

No stage carriage is to carry passengers otherwise than upon proper seats, allowing 16 inches in breadth for each passenger; children under five years of age, sitting on the lap, not to be reckoned. The number of passengers is to be painted conspicuously in the inside of every carriage, and on the back outside, under a penalty of £10 against the proprietor. No more than the proper number of passengers are to be carried, under a penalty of £5 each against the driver and conductor respectively. Any constable, peace-officer, or passenger, may measure the seats, under a penalty of £5 against any person refusing or obstructing such measurement.

N.B. Rules are laid down respecting the number of outside passengers, limiting it according to the height and size of the carriage, independently of the limitation resulting from the length of the seats. See 5 and 6 Victoria, c. 79, ss. 13—17.

### PORTERAGE.

The Rates of Porterage are regulated by Act of 39 Geo. III. cap. 58. For any parcel not weighing more than 50lbs. and when the distance does not exceed a quarter of a mile, 3d.; half a mile, 4d.; a mile, 6d.; a mile and a half, 8d.; two miles, 10d.; and 3d. for every additional half mile. Porters exacting more to be fined not exceeding 20s.; misbehaving 20s. to 10s. A ticket to be sent with every parcel; charge for carriage and porterage marked on it, under a penalty of 40s. or not less than 5s. Parcels are to be delivered at any place within half a mile of the carriage pavement in six hours after arrival, under a penalty of 20s. and not less than 10s. Parcels arriving between four in the evening and seven in the morning to be delivered in six hours from the latter period, under the like penalty. Informations under Act to be laid within 14 days, with appeal to Quarter Sessions.

The business of the London and Metropolitan Parcels Delivery Company, on the plan of the London Local Post, continues to be conducted with cheapness and punctuality, and to be successful and useful. Chief station, Roll's Buildings, Fetter Lane; and there are upwards of seven hundred receiving houses.

### RATES OF PARCELS FROM INNS IN LONDON.

For any parcel not weighing more than 56lbs., and where the distance does not exceed a quarter of a mile, 3d.; half a mile, 4d.; a mile, 6d.; a mile and a half, 8d.; two miles, 10d., and 3d. for every additional half mile. Porters