THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1846.

GENERAL POSTAL REGULATIONS.

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS.

INLAND REGULATIONS.

EATES OF POSTAGE.
All letters from one part of Great Britain to another (including the Local Penny Posts and the London Two Pence Post) are charged by weight as follows, if prepaid:

- Not exceeding half an ounce 1d.
- Exceeding half an ounce, and not exceeding 1 ounce .... 2d.
- 2 ounces 3d.
- 3 ounces 6d.

and so on at the rate of 2d. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Unpaid or unstamped letters, are charged double the amount of such insufficient on delivery.

Letters or packets exceeding 16 ounces in weight not forwarded—except, Parliamentary petitions and addresses to His Majesty Parliament.

Letters or packets addressed to, or received from, places beyond sea.

Letters or packets to and from public departments and public officers.

PRICES OF STAMPS.

At a Post Office—Letters, 1d. and 2d., Covers, 2s. 6d. per two dozen.

At a Stamp Distributor's, as above, or as follows.—Half-crown, or 240 Penny Covers, £1 1s. 9d. Quarter-crown, or 120 Penny Covers, £1 1s. 6d.—Two Shilling Covers, £2 1s. 6d.; Three Shilling Covers, £3 1s. 6d.—Two Pence Postage, £2 1s. 6d. Covers may be had at these prices, either in sheets or cut ready for use. Envelope stamps half-crown and upwards not made up. No one, unless duly licensed, is authorized to sell postage stamps.

The Penny Stamp carries half an ounce (Island), the Two Pence Stamp one ounce. For weights exceeding one ounce, use the highest number of labels, either alone, or in combination with the Stamps of the Covers or Envelopes.

HOURLS OF POSTING.

For the morning mail:

The receiving hours close at 5.30 P.M. Letter carriers ring bells and take letters in the streets to go by the evening mails from 4.30 to 5.30 P.M. (with such letter one penny fee is charged as a premium to the postman). Letters are received for the evening’s dispatch at the Branch Post-offices at Charing-cross, Old Cavendish-street, and 108, Blackfriars-street, Southwark, until 6.30 P.M., and, at a branch post-office at Charing-cross, until 7.30 P.M. Stamps must be paid by 6.30 P.M. Postage must be paid by 6.30 P.M. at the Branch Post-office in Lombard-street, the box remains open without additional fee until 6.30 P.M., and until 7 P.M. by affixing a penny stamp. At the General Post-office in St. Martin’s-lane, until 6 A.M., and 7 P.M. by payment of the extra charge at Lombard-street. From 7 to half-past 7 P.M., letters may be posted upon payment of a fee of sixpence each, which must, as well as the postage, be prepaid. Letters intended to pass by mercury posts abroad must not be marked for the Post Office, but for the Post Office. Mail packets do not pass by any exceptions.

N.B. Postage for newspapers may be put into the receiving boxes before 9 A.M. of General Post-office before 9 A.M. They may also be posted by letter carriers ringing bells from 4.30 P.M. to 6.30 P.M. with the penny fee to the postman. From 6.30 P.M. to 7.30 P.M., they may be put into the office on the left-hand side of the office, at the corner window on the eastern front on payment of one halfpenny fee. Subscribers of a line—the letters of which are published—of the post towns to which the mail is made up morning mail.

Homel Hampstead
Herford
Huddenburgh
Hull
Hurst Green
Ipswich
Keswick
Kelvedon
Keighley
Lancaster
Leamington
Leeds
Leicester
Leighton Buzzard
Lincoln
Liverpool
Loughton
Maidstone
Manchester
Margate
Maryport
Melton Mowbray
Milford
Milton
Monmouth
Morpeth
Naphill
Newcastle
Newport
Newport Prison
Newport on Wye
North Shields
Norwich
Northwich
Northumberland
Nottingham
Nottingham
Oxford
Pembroke
Penrith
Portsmouth
Prentice
Preston
Brook
Prestwich
Plymouth
Plympton
Publicham
Putney
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Quorn
Rednal
Bordesley
York
Redditch
Rochester
Rhuddlan
Rochdale
Romford
Rotherham
Rotherham
Rutland
Saffron Walden
Seven Oaks
Shelburne
Sheffield
Shipley
Shrewsbury
Skegness
South Shields
Southampton
Southwark
St Albans
St Ansgar
St Albans
St Asaph
St Alban's
St Davids
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St James
St John's
St Mary
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St Martin's
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St Paul
St Peter's
St Andrews

N.B. At the above places, the letter boxes at the Receiving Rooms will be open till seven, A.M. for the newspapers, and eight, A.M. for letters; and those at the Branch Offices, Charing-cross, Old Cavendish-street, and the Borough, for newspapers and letters half-past seven, A.M. At the General Post Office and the Branch Office in Lombard-street, the boxes will close for newspapers at a quarter before eight, A.M., and for letters half-past eight, A.M.

LETTER-RATES TO PLACES BEYOND THE LIMITS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM—WEST INDIES AND AMERICA RATES.

Penny Rates, paying the same ordinary, exercising there places beyond sea. Under half-o.

North America, &c.—Quebec, Montreal, and all parts of Canada; Nova Scotia (Halifax excepted); Prince Ed- ward's Island, and New Brunswick, conveyed directly by the contract packets (being one shifting packet postage, and two packets uniform rate of postage). See rates of postage on the per se.

Halfpenny, Newfoundland, *New York, the Bermudas, and the United States.

British West Indies, &c., including Jamaica (James), Barbados, New Providence, Toro Island, Antigua, Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucien, Monserrat, Nevis, St. Vincent's, St. Kitts, Tobago, and Trinidad, and British Guiana.

Foreign West Indies, including Guadalupe, Martinique, St. Thomas, Curacoa, Sainthomea, St. Martin's, St. Christoph, and St. Domingo.

Jamaica (all the island, except the packet-port, Kingston) and British Guiana.

Letters to the West Indies are forwarded at the uniform rates from all parts of the United Kingdom.

All letters addressed to North America will be considered as intended to be forwarded by the contract steam packets, and charged accordingly, unless the words, "By Private Ship" be distinctly written on them.

SHIP LETTER RATES.

The single uniform rate on letters between the United Kingdom and places beyond sea, when conveyed by private ship, is 8d. in whatever part of the United Kingdom the letters may be posted or delivered. This is the rate now taken on letters between the United Kingdom and the East Indies, &c., &c., when conveyed by private ship, the former distinction between those and other descriptions of ship letters having been abolished.

The rate of postage on "Ships as other letters are taken by weight—
Under half an ounce 1d.
Under one ounce 2d.
Under two ounces 3d.
Under three ounces 4d.

The following are exempt from ship letter postage:

1. Owners, Charterers, or Consignees (resident in the United Kingdom), and the Owners, Charterers, and Shippers of Goods on board vessels inward bound, and the owners or consignees of ships free from seizure, to the extent of collectively six ounces in weight, by any one vessel to any one such person. In the case of goods consigned to the Mauritius on the East India or the Cape of Good Hope, for an Owner, Charterer, or Consignee of such vessels, the letters may be collectively twenty ounces in weight. The Owner, Charterer, or Consignee must be distinctly set out as the addressee and superintendence; and in the case of Owners, Shippers, or Consignees of goods, it must also appear to the ship's Master that there were good causes for sending the vessel. Such persons are 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 consignees.

* * * 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 Con- 200. 

The packet rates are too various to be enumerated here. As regards both foreign and colonial letters, there is no limitation as to weight. All sent outwards, with few exceptions, must be prepaid by money or by stamps; and those going by private ship must be marked “ship letter.”

It is requested that all letters be fairly and legibly addressed, and posted as early as possible. All that whitewash on envelopes may be used, it may be invariably stand above the address, and towards the right hand side of the letter, which is the same as in the London Office, as specified by the notice to the public, issued by the Post-Master-General:

F. Josse, daily, due daily, under 6 6. postage, 2d. Sweden and Norvey, post ag 1d. under 6.

Inland rates—Dublin, twice a day, due twice a day.

Ditto, Waterford, daily, due daily.

Ditto, Drogheda, daily, due daily.

Ditto, Galway and Limerick, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, due Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Lisbon, Madeira, Vigo, Cadiz, Corunna, Oporto, and Gibraltar, 7th, 11th, and 21st, of each month.

Malta, Greece, and Ionian Islands, twice at each month, viz.:

—on the 3rd and 26th of each month.

Syria, Egypt, and India, and Spanish India, and 22nd of each month.

Spain, Buenos Ayres, Malaga, and Canary Islands, 12th Tuesday in each month.

Jamaica, Barbados, St. Thomas, 3rd and 26th of each month, except in the winter months, December, January, February, and March, and then on the 3rd and 22nd.

Jamaica, Lower Islands, Hayti, Porto Rico, and Cuba, mornings of the 2nd and 17th of each month.

Monserrat, Panama, New Granada, and Venezuela, mornings of the 2nd of every month.

Mails despatched by Vigo, Oporto, Lisbon, Cadiz and Gibraltar are forward by steam vessels from Southampton to Gibraltar.

The Mail of the 3rd and 26th in each month are forwarded by the same packet from the Mediterranean. The Mail for Greece and the Ionian Islands are despatched from Malta every fortnight, by steam packets, which start after the arrival of the Mail from Egypt and India.

The Mail for Egypt and India are despatched direct from Southampton on the 3rd and 26th of each month.

From August to January inclusive, the packet reaches at Portman’s and Bahia, on her outward passage to Rio Janeiro, and the other six months on her homeward.

RATES OF POSTAGE WITHIN BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Orders for sums not exceeding £2 charge threepence; not exceeding £5, sixpence; above £5 no money order can be obtained. They are granted and paid between the hours of ten and six daily; they are paid only to the person for whom they were obtained, but he may depose another person to receive them on his 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 which he has to his order, and of the person named in it. Persons resident in London should instruct their correspondents who may obtain money orders, to send the order to them most convenient address, and orders granted, bearing London only, can be paid only at the principal office, St. Martin’s-le-Grand.

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 6 for the 10 o’clock dispatch:

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At the principal office, St. Martin’s-le-Grand, letters must be posted at
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The deliveries in this 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 the rate of eight miles an hour. Letters for places on the main roads are delivered generally sooner than those places a distance from them; the deliveries, on average, according to distances from London, from one hour and a half to three hours after the time of dispatch from London. Receiving-houses where the mail stops, or so-called sorting-offices, where there are other receiving-houses in the same place or town, letters are generally despatched from the latter to a quarter to three quarters of an hour earlier than from the sorting-offices. There are no receiving-houses at these points to which a packet is sent direct to London. By a recent Treasury warrant the following regulations respecting Foreign Postage are promulgated:

To all the usual trading-ports of the Cape of Good Hope and Easterward of that Cape, including the Red Sea and Persian Gulf, and between any of the ports in the Western India Company’s dominion, and New Zealand, and Exclusive, between Avonmouth and New Zealand, the mails will be charged, on letters not exceeding half-an-ounce in weight [the weight allowed in the preceding paragraph], 1d. per ounce.

The rate to the Eastern coast of the Isthmus of Panama is to be 1s. 6d. to the Western coast of Panama or the Western coast of America.

The inland rates are the same as above, except the following:—[The above rates are printed in italics.]

Such papers passing between places in British North America or British West India Colonies, to pay a uniform inland rate of 6d.

Each supplement to be charged as a separate newspaper, whether issued separately or not.

With the consent of the Post Office, newspapers, British, Foreign, and Colonial papers between British Colonies, without passing through the United Kingdom, may be sold at 1d.

The Postage to Hanover is altered to a uniform British rate of 6d.; prepayment of the whole postage of British and Foreign rates optional. News- paper.

NEW LINES OF STEAM VESSELS.

British enterprise has now established steam communication with the following countries—To Russia, Sweden, and Denmark, by the Halk line; to St. Peter- burg, to North Germany, by the Hull and London lines to Hamburg; to Holland, Belgium, and France, by the General Steam Company’s vessels; to the South of Spain and to France, by the Peninsular Company’s vessels; To Italy, by the new line from London to Leghorn; to Malta, the Levant, and Alexandria, by the new line from London to Chios and Corfu; to Turkey, to Singapore, and to China, by the Oriental Steam Company’s vessels; to British America and the United States, by the Canadian and Great Western lines from New York, to the West Indies, Martinique from the West Indies, and to the West India line; to Peru and Chili by the West Coast line; to Brazil and the States of America, by the line between Brazil and the States; to the neutral trade, and to all the other parts of the world, the steam vessels of the above companies are well known; more particularly the 6d. papers may not have the advantage of steam communication with the mother country, the Cape, the Mauritians, and Australian colonies.

PASSPORT OFFICES.

AMERICA (United States and Central America).—No passport required.

NORTHUMBERLAND, 7, Chancery-square, Londo.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1, Fleet-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

PROVIDENCE, 1, Broad-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

DANISH,—Consul-general’s office, 10, Portugal-place, London. 19, and 2, grant.

RUSSIAN,—Consul-general’s office, 10, Portugal-place, London. 19, and 2, grant.

FRENCH,—Embassy, 51, Upper-rooms, London. 19, and 2, grant.

ITALIAN,—Consul-general’s office, 50, Portugal-place, London. 19, and 2, grant.

AUSTRIAN,—Embassy, 57, Sussex-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

SWITZERLAND,—Embassy, 57, Hermitage-place, London. 19, and 2, grant.

POLAND,—Embassy, 57, Sussex-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

NAPLES AND SICILY.—Passport-office, 2, Old Cavendish-square, Mondays and Thursdays, between 10 and 12; delivered following day between 2 and 3, or for persons paying 5s. by any post office, 10, Cambridge-place, London. 19, and 2, grant.


NORWAY.,—Consul’s office, 1, Regent-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

SWEDEN,—Consul’s office, 1, Regent-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

DENMARK,—Embassy, 57, Sussex-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

DUTCH,—Embassy, 57, Sussex-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

ITALIAN,—Consul’s office, 50, Portugal-place, London. 19, and 2, grant.

JAPANESE,—Embassy, 57, Sussex-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

TURKEY,—Embassy, 57, Sussex-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

TUNISIAN,—Consul’s office, 15, Angel-court, Throgmorton-street, London. 19, and 2, grant.

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