GENERAL POSTAL REGULATIONS, &c.

RATE OF POSTAGE—All letters from one part of Great Britain to another, and from Great Britain or any part thereof to the Local Penny Posts and the London Two-penny Post are charged 1d. postage, and no, at the rate of 2d. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce. Unpaid and unstampet letters are charged double postage on delivery.

POSTAGE FOR THE RECEIVING-HOUSES—The Receiving-Houses close at 5:30 P.M., but letters are received for the Post Office directly. If an extra penny stamp is affixed, the Branch Post-Office at Charing Cross, Old Cavendish-street, and the Lombard-street, Oxford-street, and London-street, must be at 5:30 P.M., and until 7 P.M. by affixing an additional penny stamp. At the Branch-Office in Lombard-street, London-street, and Oxford-street, it must be at 5:30 P.M., and until 7 P.M. by affixing a penny stamp. At the General Post-Office in St. Martin’s-le-Grand until 6 P.M., and until 7 P.M. by the delivery of the extra penny stamp. Any letters for the Lombard-street, London-street, or Oxford-street must be at 5:30 P.M., no later than 7 P.M., and any letters for the General Post-Office upon payment of a fee of sixpence each, which must, as long as the stamps are unexpired, be paid. Letters intended to pass by outward mails to foreign parts must be posted at the above hours. N.B. Newspapers for the evening mail will be put into the Receiving-Houses before 6 P.M., the Branch Post-Office before 5:30, or General Post Office before 4:30 P.M.

Morning Mails are forwarded to most of the principal towns in England and Ireland, and to all parts of Ireland and Scotland, for which letter-boxes at the Receiving-Houses will be open till 7 A.M. for newspapers, and 4 to 8 A.M. for letters; and at the Branch Offices, Charing-cross, Old Cavendish-street, and the Lombard-street, Oxford-street, London-street, and Lombard-street.

Any single Book or Pamphlet can now be sent through the Post-Office to any part of the United Kingdom if not exceeding 16 lbs. in weight, and open at common postage. For more than one book by affixing an additional sixpence for every additional pound or fraction of a pound. The Postmaster-General does not guarantee the delivery of books and pamphlets, and also that they will be delivered as shape, as newspapers and letters, but in no case will the delivery be delayed more than four hours from the usual post.

DUTIES AND COLONIAL POSTS between British Colonies, without passing through the United Kingdom, to be free; except that id. may be allowed as a specific charge on the master of the vessel.

NEWSPAPERS, BRITISH, FOREIGN, OR COLONIAL, passing between British or Colonial and Foreign ports, and through the British post, to pay 2d., if not by British post, 1d.

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS intended principally for the pre-payment of foreign letters, have been issued. They are of ordinary and the form octagonal, and another of the value of tenpence of a crown color. These stamps may be used for inland as well as foreign postage, but will not necessarily be required for the latter. Their use in the United States, India, China, the West Indies, New South Wales, and New Zealand, &c., is the same as ordinary postage stamps. They are also sold, as are ordinary postage stamps, at post offices, and at printers, booksellers, &c.

MONEY ORDERS.—With a view to simplicity and economy in the accounts of the Money Order Office, it has been found necessary to lay down the following rules:

1. Every money order issued on or after the 6th October, 1845, must be presented for payment before the end of the second calendar month after that in which it was issued (for instance, if issued in October, it must be presented for payment before the end of December). Where the order is for payment after the 6th October, 1845, it must be presented for payment before the end of the second calendar month after that in which it was issued (for instance, if issued in October and not presented before the end of the next October, the money will not be paid). Where the order is for payment after the 6th October, 1845, it must be presented for payment before the end of the second calendar month after that in which it was issued (for instance, if issued in October and not presented before the end of the next October, the money will not be paid). Where the order is for payment after the 6th October, 1845, it must be presented for payment before the end of the second calendar month after that in which it was issued (for instance, if issued in October and not presented before the end of the next October, the money will not be paid). Where the order is for payment after the 6th October, 1845, it must be presented for payment before the end of the second calendar month after that in which it was issued (for instance, if issued in October and not presented before the end of the next October, the money will not be paid).

b. To see that the name, address, and occupation of the person taking out the money order are correctly known to the person in whose favor it is drawn. c. To see that the instructions which will lead to delay and trouble in obtaining payment, and even risk the loss of the money. The instructions, together with some of minor importance, will be found printed on every money order.

CONSULATE AND PASSPORT OFFICES.

AUSTRIA.—Innsbruck, 7, Chaussette-street, Cavendish-square, between 15 and 20, 0, 9, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, delivered next day between 11 and 2, gratis; at the Consul’s office, 3, Cavendish-square.

BAYRAS.—The Minister, 3, Hill-street, Berkeley-square, when personally known to him; or at the Consul’s Office, 325, Great St. Helen’s.

BELGIUM, 41, York-street, between 15 and 20, gratis.

DENMARK.—5, Warrington-court, between 10 and 4—fee 6s. 6d.; under special orders, 1s. 6d. 6d.; at the Consul’s Office, 5, Cavendish-square, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, delivered next day between 11 and 2, gratis. France.—French passport-office, 6, Poland-street, Oxford-street, from 12 to 5; delivered immediately on personal application, and payment of 4s. at the Consul’s Office, 5, Cavendish-square, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, delivered next day between 11 and 2, gratis.

JAPAN.—55, Upper Seymour-street, Portman-square, between 15 and 20, delivered next day after about 8 a.m. at the Consul’s Office, 5, Cavendish-square, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, delivered next day between 11 and 2, gratis.

RUSSIA.—105, Fenchurch-street, between 10 and 4; fee 7s.

SWITZERLAND.—5, Manchester-buildings, between 10 and 4; delivered following day—see 6a.

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