

# THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1858.

## POSTAL REGULATIONS.

### THE LONDON DISTRICT POST.

The London district post is now divided into ten postal districts. The following are the names of the districts, with their abbreviations:—

East Central ..	E.C.	South-Eastern ..	S.E.
West Central ..	W.C.	Southern ..	S.
Northern ..	N.	South-Western ..	S.W.
North-Eastern ..	N.E.	Western ..	W.
Eastern ..	E.	North-Western ..	N.W.

By the addition of the initials of the postal districts to the ordinary addresses of letters for London and its neighbourhood, the public would greatly facilitate the arrangements of the Post Office, and consequently a much earlier delivery of their letters. For the purpose of affording the necessary information a complete "Street Directory" has been published, by command of the Postmaster-General, price one penny.

The principal office is at the General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, in the East Central District, where letters may be posted up to six o'clock, and by affixing an extra penny stamp one hour later for the last dispatch—viz., seven P.M.

The letter-boxes at receiving-houses are for the receipt of inland, foreign, ship, and London district post letters, with the exception of those called Branch Offices at 63, Cheapside; 25, Cornhill; 15, Charing-cross; and 152, Oxford-street, at which places London district letters cannot be received. Unpaid letters, and letters bearing adhesive stamps, or inclosed in stamped covers, must be dropped into the box, and paid letters taken into the office. All inland and London district letters must be prepaid by stamps, but foreign and colonial letters may be paid either in money or stamps, at the option of the sender. General Post letters posted after half-past five o'clock cannot be forwarded the same evening, unless stamped with an extra postage stamp as a fee, the postage also being prepaid by stamps. Newspapers intended to pass by the General Post the same night must be posted before five o'clock.

Letters and newspapers intended for delivery within the London district should be posted either at the chief office, or at a receiving-house, and not at any of the Branch Offices; otherwise delay will occur in forwarding them.

Newspapers pass free by the London district post, except in those cases where they shall be posted and delivered within a circle of three miles from the General Post Office, when each newspaper will become liable to a postage of one penny, which must be prepaid by affixing a postage stamp.

The date stamp on letters, or, if there be more than one, that having the latest hour, shows the day and hour it was dispatched from the chief office for delivery. Persons having occasion to complain of their letters being delayed are requested to transmit to the Secretary, General Post Office, the covers, with a statement of the time of posting and delivery, as the date and stamp will assist materially in tracing their course.

To prevent the possibility of letters being surreptitiously obtained from the offices where posted, office-keepers are strictly prohibited returning, to any persons whatsoever, letters that may be applied for, under whatever circumstance the recovery may be urged.

Letters posted at the pillar letter-boxes before five A.M. are sent out by the first delivery in London, and by the morning mails to the provinces. Letters to be registered must be taken to the receiving-houses half an hour before each dispatch is made.

Letters posted at receiving-houses in London before six, or at the chief office before seven, P.M., are delivered at places within three miles (having six deliveries daily) from the General Post Office the same evening.

The times by which letters should be posted at the receiving-houses, for every delivery in the day, and the times at which they are dispatched for delivery, are as follow:—

If posted at Receiving Houses, or Pillar Letter Boxes, by	Or in the Principal Office by	Are sent out for Delivery at
Hours	Hours	Hours
Morning .. 9	Morning .. 10	Morning .. 10
" .. 11	" .. 12	Noon .. 12
Noon .. 12	Noon .. 1	Afternoon .. 1
Afternoon .. 1	Afternoon .. 2	" .. 2
" .. 2	" .. 3	" .. 3
" .. 3	" .. 4	" .. 4
" .. 4	" .. 5	" .. 5
" .. 5	Evening .. 6	Evening .. 6
Evening .. 6	" .. 7	Night .. 8
" .. 10	10 (or bef. 6.30 next M.)	Next morning first del.

Letters posted at the principal office three-quarters of an hour later will be delivered at the same time.

Each delivery should be completed generally within one hour and a quarter after the stated time at which the letters are sent out, varying according to distance and number to be delivered.

### DISPATCHES FROM THE SUBURBS TO LONDON.

Letters posted in time for the morning dispatch are sent out for delivery at twelve from the principal office. If posted for the noon dispatch, they are sent out for delivery at three o'clock. If for the afternoon dispatch, they are sent out for delivery at eight o'clock in the evening; and if posted for the night collection, they are dispatched early on the following morning, and are sent out by the first delivery. In addition to the above there is an extra dispatch from all the principal places within the six-mile circle at eleven o'clock A.M., and the letters fall into the one o'clock delivery. There is also a dispatch from the following places at three o'clock P.M.:—Islington, Holloway, Hackney, Kingsland, Kent-road, Walworth, Camberwell, Newington Butts, South Lambeth, Camden-town, Somers-town, Bayswater, Brixton, Brompton, Chelsea, Clapham, Kensington, Paddington, Stockwell, and St. John's Wood. Letters by this dispatch are sent out for delivery in London at five o'clock.

### DISPATCHES FROM ONE PART OF THE SUBURBS TO ANOTHER.

If going from one part of a ride or district to another part of the same ride or district, and posted for the morning dispatch, they are delivered, through the means of a by-post arrangement, the same day at noon. If posted for the afternoon dispatch, they are delivered the same evening, where an evening delivery is given. If going to parts not belonging to the same ride, they come to London: such letters put into the post for the morning dispatch are delivered in the country the same evening, where an evening delivery is given; if for the afternoon dispatch, the next morning, where a morning delivery is given; or otherwise at noon.

### LONDON DISTRICT MONEY-ORDER OFFICES.

Chief Office. Aldersgate-street, E.C. Branch Offices: Borough, S.E.; Charing-cross, W.C.; Old Cavendish-street, W.; Sherborne-lane, E.C.

Acton ..	W.	Clerkenwell-green E.C.	Hendon ..	N.W.	Richmond ..	S.W.
Albany-street ..	N.W.	Commercial-road ..	Highbury ..	N.	Romford ..	E.
Aldate ..	E.	East ..	High Holborn ..	W.C.	Rotherhithe ..	S.E.
Ashley-crescent ..	N.	Conduit-street, ..	Holloway ..	N.	St. John's Wood N.W.	N.
Bark's Pond ..	N.	Paddington ..	Hounslow ..	W.	Shadwell ..	E.
Balling ..	E.	Coventry-street, ..	House of Commons S.W.		Shooter's Hill ..	S.E.
Barnet ..	N.	Soho ..	(issuing orders only)		Shoreditch ..	N.E.
Barnsbury ..	N.	Croydon ..	Hoxton ..	N.	Sloane-street ..	S.W.
Barrow ..	S.W.	Dalston ..	Isleworth ..	W.	Southall ..	W.
Battle-bridge ..	N.	Deptford ..	Islington ..	N.	Southgate ..	N.
Bayswater ..	W.	(See Broadway and Grove-street.)	Kennington-cross S.		Stammore ..	N.W.
Beckenham ..	S.E.	Kenilworth ..	Kennington ..	N.W.	Stoke Newington N.	
Becknal-green ..	N.E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Strand ..	W.C.
Bexley ..	S.E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Stratford ..	E.
Bi-horsegate-street ..	E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Streatham ..	S.
Within ..	E.C.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Sunbury ..	S.W.
Blackheath-road S.	E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Sutton, Surrey ..	S.
Blackheath-road S.E.	E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Sydenham ..	S.E.
(See Tranquil Vale.)		Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Teddington ..	S.W.
Bloomsbury ..	W.C.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Tooting-street ..	S.E.
Bow ..	E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Tooting ..	S.
Bow-road, Wilby-terrace ..	E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Tottenham ..	N.
Brentford ..	W.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Tottenham-court-road ..	N.W.
Brixton ..	S.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Tranquil Vale ..	E.
Brixton-hill ..	S.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Blackheath ..	S.E.
Broadway, Deptford ..	S.E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Turnham-green W.	
Within ..	S.E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Twickenham ..	S.W.
Bromley, Kent ..	S.E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Upper Baker-street ..	N.W.
Brompton-row ..	S.W.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Upper Berkeley-st. W.	
Brompton, Queen's Eim ..	S.W.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Upper Clapton ..	N.E.
Within ..	S.W.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Vauxhall ..	S.
Camberwell-green S.	E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Walham-green ..	S.W.
Camden-road ..	N.W.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Walham-cross N.	
Camden-town ..	N.W.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Walham-st. N.E.	
Canning-town ..	E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Walworth ..	S.
Within ..	E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Wandsworth ..	S.W.
Carshalton ..	S.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Wapping ..	E.
Chancery-lane ..	W.C.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Waterloo-road ..	S.
Charlton ..	S.E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Westminster ..	S.W.
Chelsea ..	S.W.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Whetstone ..	N.
Chesham ..	S.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Whitechapel ..	E.
Chislehurst ..	S.E.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Wimbledon ..	S.W.
Churtown-street, Pimlico ..	S.W.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Woodford ..	N.E.
Within ..	S.W.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Woolwich ..	S.E.
City-road ..	E.C.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Woolwich Arsenal S.E.	
Clapham ..	S.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Wotton ..	S.E.
Clapham-road ..	S.	Kenilworth ..	Kenilworth ..	N.W.	Wotton ..	S.E.

### NEW BOOK-POSTAGE REGULATION.

A book, or any number of books, publications, or works of literature or art (including stamped newspapers published more than fifteen days, and unstamped newspapers of any date), either without a cover or in a cover open at the ends, provided the packet do not exceed two feet in length, may be transmitted by post within the United Kingdom at the following rates:—4 oz. and under, 1d.; 8 oz. and under, 2d.; 16 oz. and under 4d., and every additional 8 oz. or fractional part, 2d.

Packets, if stamped to the value of 4d. or more, may contain books, bound or unbound, written, printed, or plain, almanacks, prints, maps, book-markers, pens, pencils, or other book-furniture, but no letter. Packets not stamped to the value of 4d. must consist of printed matter only, except that the address may be written both without and within. Newspapers, folded with the stamp outside, posted within fifteen days of publication, free; unstamped, not exceeding 4 oz. in weight, 1d.; to any of the Colonies, stamped or unstamped, 1d. (via any foreign country, 2d.).

PENALTIES.—A book-packet containing a letter, or not being open at the ends, or measuring above two feet in length, or unstamped, to be charged double letter postage. A packet of printed matter, on which less than 4d. has been paid, containing any written matter besides the address, or insufficiently stamped, to be charged the deficiency and 4d. extra. A letter found in a book-packet will be forwarded to its address, charged double postage and 4d. extra.

### FOREIGN AND COLONIAL LETTERS AND NEWSPAPERS.

LETTERS.—Where the dispatch takes place in the evening, letters can be posted at the receiving-houses throughout the metropolis until 5.30 P.M., or with a fee of one penny in addition to the postage, which, as well as the fee, must be paid in stamps, until 6 P.M.; at the Branch Post-offices at Charing-cross, Old Cavendish-street, and Stones' End, Borough, until 6 P.M.; or with a fee of one penny in addition to the postage, which, as well as the fee, must be paid in stamps, until 6.45 P.M.; at the Lombard-street office until 5.50 P.M. if paid in money, and until 6 P.M. if unpaid or paid in stamps; and letters paid in money, and with a fee of one penny, until 6.50 P.M., and until 7 P.M. if the postage and fee be paid in stamps; at the General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, until 6 P.M., and until 7 P.M. with a fee of one penny, which, as well as the postage, may be paid either in money or by stamps; and until 7.30 P.M. with a fee of sixpence. Where the dispatch takes place in the morning, letters are in time at the receiving-houses until 10 P.M. the previous day, and at the Lyall-place receiving-house until 7 A.M.; and at the Charing-cross, Old Cavendish-street, and Borough Branch Offices until 7.15 A.M.; at the General Post Office and at the Branch Office in Lombard-street until 7.45 A.M. For the Foreign and Colonial mails letters are in time at the Charing-cross, Old Cavendish-street, and Borough Branch Offices until 8 A.M.; at the General Post Office and at the Branch Office in Lombard-street until 8.30 A.M. For the morning French mail letters may be posted at the receiving-houses and Branch Offices up to 11 A.M.; at Lombard-street and the Chief Office up to 11.45 A.M.

NEWSPAPERS for those mails dispatched in the evening must be posted at the receiving-houses before 5 P.M.; at the Branch Post Offices before 5.30 P.M.; and at the General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, before 6 P.M. Those for mails dispatched in the morning must be posted at the receiving-houses before 10 P.M. the previous day; at the Branch Offices, Charing-cross, Old Cavendish-street, and Borough, before 6.45 A.M.; and at the General Post Office and Branch Office in Lombard-street before 7 A.M. For the Colonial mails newspapers are in time at the Branch Offices before 7.30 A.M.; at the General Post Office and at the Branch Office in Lombard-street until 7.45 A.M. For the morning French mails newspapers may be posted at the receiving-houses and Branch Offices up to 11 A.M., and at the Lombard-street and chief office until 11.15 A.M. Letters and newspapers brought by the mails arriving in London are always forwarded by those colonial and foreign mails made up on the same mornings.