

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1859.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.

LETTERS AND NEWSPAPERS.

INLAND LETTERS.—All inland letters should be prepaid by an affixed stamp, otherwise double postage is charged. If the prepayment be insufficient, double the deficiency is charged. Letters weighing 1/2 oz. are charged 1d.; more than 1/2 oz. and not exceeding 1 oz., 2d.; and 2d. for every additional 1/2 oz. or part thereof.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL LETTERS, &c.—Although the prepayment of letters sent to the following countries be not compulsory, yet, if not prepaid, they are subject to the following increase of postage:—To or from places in Turkey, Egypt, and Syria, where France maintains post-offices, there will be charged a rate of 9d. per 1/2 oz., instead of 6d., the prepaid rate; to France, Sardinia, and Algeria, double postage; to Belgium (prepaid, 6d.), unpaid, if sent direct, 8d.; *via* France, 10d. According to the regulations of the German Customs Union, no letter exceeding fifty grammes (a little more than 1 1/2 oz.) in weight, and containing any other inclosure in paper, can be allowed to circulate by the post.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS published at intervals not exceeding thirty days, and bearing an impressed newspaper stamp, may be transmitted and retransmitted through the Post Office to all parts of the United Kingdom under the following regulations:—If re-addressed, the previous address must be cut off (obliteration is not sufficient). Inattention to this will cause the publication to be dealt with as an unpaid letter. They must be posted within fifteen days from the date of issue, and folded so that the whole stamp or stamps are exposed to view, otherwise a postage of 1d. is charged in addition. There must be no inclosure, nor any mark or writing thereon except the address.

NEWSPAPERS SENT ABROAD.—As the usual impressed newspaper stamp counts for nothing, a postage-stamp must be affixed. When newspapers sent to British colonies have to pass through a foreign country they are liable (in addition to a postage of 1d.) to rates shown in the table of "Compulsory Payments." Unregistered publications, when sent to the colonies or abroad, are treated as book packets. Newspapers by private ships are charged 1d. Newspapers for India pay 2d. for every 4 oz.; above and not exceeding 8 oz., 3d.

BOOK POST.

INLAND.—The following are the rates of postage:—Not exceeding 4 oz., 1d.; above 4 oz. and not exceeding 8 oz., 2d.; above 8 oz. and not exceeding 1 lb., 4d.—2d. being charged for every additional 1/2 lb. or part thereof. Postage must be prepaid in full by means of postage-stamps affixed outside the packet, which must be either without cover or open at the ends so as to admit of the inclosure being removed for examination. A book packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications, and printed matter of any kind, sheets of music or manuscripts, prints or maps, or any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum; all legitimate binding, mounting or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether it be loose or attached; as also rollers, in the case of prints or maps; bookmarkers (whether 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 appertaining thereto; but no patterns, or books of patterns (unless these consist merely of paper) can be allowed. No book packet may contain any written letter closed or open, or any inclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection; nor must there be any letter, nor any communication of the nature of a letter, written in any such packet, or in or upon its cover. Entries, however, merely stating who sends the book, &c., or to whom it is given, are not regarded as a letter. No book packet must exceed two feet in length, width, or depth. In any case in which these regulations are infringed the packet will be charged unpaid letter rate.

COLONIAL.—On the same conditions as the foregoing, and at the following charges (except that no packet weighing more than 3 lb. can be sent to the East Indies or New South Wales), book packets can be forwarded to any British colony. To India, Ceylon, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania (Van Diemen's Land), South Australia, Western Australia, New Zealand, Mauritius, and Hong-Kong, the charge is as follows:—4 oz., 4d.; more than 4 oz. but not exceeding 8 oz., 8d.; more than 8 oz. but not exceeding 1 lb., 1s. 4d., and so on; 8d. being charged for every additional 1/2 lb. or fraction thereof. Charges to every other British colony:—4 oz., 3d.; more than 4 oz. but not exceeding 8 oz., 6d.; more than 8 oz., but not exceeding 1 lb., 1s., and so on; 6d. being charged for every additional 1/2 lb. or fraction thereof. Book packets to or from India and New South Wales are limited to packages not exceeding 3 lb.

FOREIGN IS subject to the same regulations as the inland postage, with the exception that no book, paper, or publication sent must contain any writing or manuscript mark of any sort. Rates of postage (which must be paid in advance) chargeable upon registered newspapers and other printed papers sent to Belgium, France, Algeria, or the French Offices in Turkey, Syria, and Egypt:—For a packet of registered newspapers not exceeding 4 oz., 1d.; above 4 oz. and not exceeding 8 oz., 2d.; and then 2d. for every additional 8 oz. or part thereof. For a packet of other printed papers not exceeding 4 oz., 3d.; above 4 oz. and not exceeding 8 oz., 6d.; and then 6d. for every additional 8 oz. or part thereof. Rates of postage (which must be paid in advance) chargeable upon book packets, including newspapers and other printed papers, addressed to Sardinia, Tuscany, Parma, Modena, and Venetian Lombardy, or other places in the Austrian dominions, when specially addressed *via* Sardinia:—For a packet of registered newspapers not exceeding 4 oz., Sardinia, 2d.; Tuscany, &c., from a port in Sardinia, 4d.; above 4 oz. and not exceeding 8 oz., Sardinia, 4d.; Tuscany, &c., from a port in Sardinia, 8d.; and so on, two rates being charged for every additional 8 oz. or part thereof. No packet must exceed 18 inches in length, width, or depth. For a packet of books or other printed papers not exceeding 4 oz., Sardinia, 4d.; Tuscany, &c., 6d.; above 4 oz. and not exceeding 8 oz., Sardinia, 8d.; Tuscany, &c., 1s., and so on, two rates being charged for every additional 8 oz. or part thereof. No packets of books or newspapers can be sent to the Austrian dominions, *via* Sardinia, if it weighs more than one pound, or exceeds 24 inches in length. As regards packets sent through France (except to the countries in the foregoing table of rates) the term "printed papers" does not include cases, or rollers, or maps, book-markers, pens, pencils, &c., but does include Parliamentary proceedings, books of every kind, sheets of music, and prints. Periodical works, not of daily publication, issued in the shape of pamphlets, may be sent by private ships to the United States at the following rates:—Not exceeding 2 oz., 1d.; 2 oz. and not exceeding 3 oz., 6d., and 2d. for every ounce or part thereof, up to 16 oz. The packet must be prepaid, and always sent in a cover open at the ends. Other printed papers or books (except those specified) to the above places are subject to letter rates.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL LETTERS.

COMPULSORY PREPAYMENT.

To most places abroad prepayment is optional; but to others, of which a select list is given below, it is compulsory, and letters posted to these places unpaid are sent to the Return Letter Office in London.

PLACE.	RATES OF POSTAGE.			
	LETTERS.		BOOKS.	
	Not exceeding 1/2 oz.	Above 1/2 oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Registered Newspapers and other Publications with Newspaper privilege.	Unregistered Newspapers, &c., Books, and all other printed matter.
Africa, West Coast of	0 6	0 6	1d. each.	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
Antigua	0 6	0 6	1d. "	" 4 " 3d.
Ascension	0 6	0 6	1d. "	" 4 " 3d.
Australian Colonies, <i>via</i> Southampton .. .	0 6	0 6	1d. "	" 4 " 4d.
<i>via</i> France	0 9	1 0	3d. and 4d.	Letter Rate.
Batavia	0 6	0 6	1d. each.	" "
Bolivia	2 0	2 0	3d. "	Ditto.
Borneo, <i>via</i> private ship	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Marseilles and India .. .	0 9	1 0	4d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Southampton and India .. .	1 0	1 0	4d. "	Ditto.
Brazil	1 0	1 0	1d. "	Ditto.
Buenos Ayres	2 2	2 2	1d. "	Ditto.
Cadiz, <i>via</i> Southampton	0 8	0 11	Not exc. 4oz. 1d.	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
California, <i>via</i> United States .. .	1 2 1/2	1 2 1/2	2d. each.	Letter Rate.
<i>via</i> Colon, New Grenada .. .	1 2	2 4	4d. "	Ditto.
Carthage (S. A.)	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Ditto.
Cayenne	0 9	1 0	3d. "	Ditto.
Ceylon, <i>via</i> Marseilles	1 0	1 0	1d. "	Ditto.
Chagres	2 0	2 0	3d. "	Ditto.
Chili	0 9	1 0	3d. "	Ditto.
China, <i>via</i> Marseilles	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Southampton (except Hong-Kong) .. .	2 3	2 3	1d. "	Ditto.
Costa Rica	2 3	2 3	1d. "	Ditto.
Cuba	1 2 1/2	1 2 1/2	2d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> United States	1 2 1/2	1 2 1/2	Not exc. 4oz. 1d.	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
Darianelles, <i>via</i> France and Austria .. .	2 0	2 0	3d. each.	Letter Rate.
Ecuador	0 9	1 0	3d. "	Ditto.
Egypt, <i>via</i> Marseilles	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Belgium (except Alexandria) .. .	1 0	1 0	2d. "	Ditto.
Falkland Islands	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
Fernando Po	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Ditto.
Gibraltar	0 9	1 0	Not exc. 4oz. 1d.	Ditto.
<i>via</i> France	0 6	0 6	1d. each.	Ditto.
Guadaloupe	1 5	1 5	1d. "	Letter Rate.
Guatemala	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Ditto.
Havannah	2 3	2 3	1d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> United States	1 2 1/2	1 2 1/2	2d. "	Ditto.
Haiti (St. Domingo)	1 5	1 5	1d. "	Ditto.
Heiligoland, by private ship	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
<i>via</i> Hamburg	0 8	0 8	1d. "	Ditto.
Hong-Kong, <i>via</i> Marseilles	0 9	1 0	2d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Southampton	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Not exc. 4oz. 6d.
Ionian Islands, by private ship .. .	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Ditto.
Java, <i>via</i> Marseilles	0 9	1 0	3d. "	Letter Rate.
<i>via</i> Southampton	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Holland	0 8	0 8	2d. "	Ditto.
Labuan, by private ship	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
<i>via</i> Marseilles and India .. .	0 9	1 0	3d. "	Letter Rate.
<i>via</i> Southampton	0 6	0 6	2d. "	Ditto.
Luxemburg (Duchy of), <i>via</i> Belgium .. .	0 6	0 6	Not exc. 4oz. 1d.	Ditto.
Madeira	1 10	1 10	1d. each.	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Lisbon	1 9	1 9	1d. "	Ditto.
Malta, <i>via</i> Marseilles	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
<i>via</i> French packet, <i>via</i> Marseilles .. .	0 9	1 0	Not exc. 4oz. 1d.	Letter Rate.
Martinique	1 5	1 5	1d. each.	Ditto.
Mexico	2 3	2 3	1d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> United States	1 5	1 5	2d. "	Ditto.
Monte Video	1 0	1 0	1d. "	Not exc. 8oz. 6d.
Natal, <i>via</i> Southampton	0 6	0 6	1d. "	" 4 " 4d.
New Zealand, <i>via</i> Southampton and Suez .. .	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Letter Rate.
<i>via</i> Marseilles and Suez .. .	0 9	1 0	3d. "	Ditto.
Pacific (any place in)	2 0	2 0	1d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Brazil	2 7	2 7	1d. "	Ditto.
Panama	1 0	1 0	1d. "	Ditto.
Peru	2 0	2 0	5d. "	Ditto.
Philippine Islands, by private ship .. .	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Marseilles and India .. .	0 9	1 0	4d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Southampton and India .. .	0 6	0 6	2d. "	Ditto.
Poland, <i>via</i> Belgium (Registered) .. .	2 0	2 0	1d. "	Ditto.
Portugal	1 9	1 9	1d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> France	0 8	0 11	Not exc. 4oz. 1d.	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
<i>via</i> Brazil packet	1 9	1 9	1d. each.	Letter Rate.
Russia, <i>via</i> Belgium (Registered) .. .	2 0	2 0	1d. "	Ditto.
St. Juan de Nicaragua	2 3	2 3	1d. "	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
St. Vincent (West Indies)	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Ditto.
Sandwich Islands, <i>via</i> United States .. .	1 2 1/2	1 2 1/2	2d. "	Ditto.
<i>via</i> Panama	2 4	2 4	4d. "	Letter Rate.
Scutari (Asia), <i>via</i> Belgium	0 8	0 8	2d. "	Ditto.
Spidias (Two), <i>via</i> Belgium	0 8	0 8	2d. "	Ditto.
Spain (Cádiz and Vigo excepted) .. .	0 8	0 11	Not exc. 4oz. 1d.	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
Natal, <i>via</i> Southampton (including Cadiz and Vigo)	2 2	2 2	1d. each.	Letter Rate.
Syria, <i>via</i> Marseilles by French packet .. .	0 6	1 0	Not exc. 4oz. 1d.	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
Tangiers, <i>via</i> France	0 6	0 6	1d. each.	" 4 " 4d.
Tasmania, <i>via</i> Southampton and Suez .. .	0 6	0 6	1d. "	" 4 " 4d.
Tasmania, <i>via</i> Southampton and Suez .. .	0 9	1 0	3d. "	Letter Rate.
Tunis, <i>via</i> Marseilles by French packet .. .	0 6	1 0	Not exc. 4oz. 1d.	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
Turkey, <i>via</i> Belgium	0 8	0 8	(exc. the places specified) 3d.	Letter Rate.
United States, by private ship	0 6	0 6	1d. each.	Ditto.
Vancouver's Island, by private ship .. .	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
<i>via</i> Panama	2 4	2 4	4d. "	Letter Rate.
Victoria (Australia), <i>via</i> Southampton .. .	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
<i>via</i> Marseilles and Suez .. .	0 9	1 0	3d. "	Letter Rate.
Vigo, <i>via</i> Southampton	2 2	2 2	1d. "	Ditto.
West Coast South America	2 0	2 0	5d. "	Ditto.
West Indies (British)	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
West Indies (Foreign), except Cuba, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. Martin, and Eustatius .. .	1 5	1 5	1d. "	Letter Rate.
West Australia, <i>via</i> Southampton .. .	0 6	0 6	1d. "	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.
<i>via</i> Marseilles and Suez .. .	0 9	1 0	3d. "	Letter Rate.
Württemberg, <i>via</i> France	0 6	1 0	Not exc. 4oz. 1d.	Not exc. 4oz. 3d.