POSTAL REGULATIONS.

INLAND.

RATES OF POSTAGE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE CHANNEL ISLANDS, AND THE ISLE OF MAN.

Letters under	½ oz.,	prepaid	1d.
" "	1 oz.,	"	2d.
" "	1½ oz.,	"	3d.
" "	2 oz.,	"	4d.
" "	2½ oz.,	"	5d.

and so on, at the rate of 1d. for every additional half-ounce or fraction of half an ounce. No limit exists to the weight of paid letters, but no inland letter must exceed 2 ft. in length, or 1 ft. in breadth or depth. All inland letters must be prepaid in stamps, except letters posted at St. Martin's-le-Grand before five p.m. daily by one individual or firm collectively, postage of which amounts to £2 or upwards.

Letters by private ship, under ½ oz., 6d., except Belgium and Holland. Newspapers 1d.

UNPAID LETTERS.—Persons sending letters by post unpaid, which from any cause cannot be delivered, are liable to pay the postage so charged, under the 3rd and 4th of Victoria, cap. 96, and the 10th and 11th of Victoria, cap. 85; and, under the 1st of Victoria, cap. 36, may be recovered, with costs, by a summary process before a magistrate.

A letter when posted is considered the property of the person to whom it is addressed, and the receivers may not therefore give back a letter under any circumstances whatever.

Re-directed letters subject to a second postage at the rate charged for prepaid letters.

Soldiers' or seamen's letters are subject to a postage of 1d. if prepaid and under ½ oz.; by private ship 1d. gratuity in addition must be paid. Letters from abroad sent by or addressed to soldiers or seamen, when unpaid, are charged 2d. If sent to or through a foreign country, they are liable to foreign rates in addition, but to no further charge upon re-direction.

Letters from soldiers or seamen to the United States are subject to the United States' rate of 2½d. in addition to the usual reduced rate, the whole to be paid in advance when posted in this country.

REGISTERED LETTERS.—Inland, colonial, and ship letters can be registered upon payment of 4d. for inland, and 6d. colonial and ship letters, beyond the postage.

Registered letters for France, and countries through France, must be prepaid with double the amount of the ordinary postage, and those for Prussia, and countries through Prussia, must have the foreign registration fee and postage paid in addition to the British. Registered letters for Russia must be prepaid with double the amount of the ordinary postage. Registered letters must be posted half an hour previous to the ordinary letters, but are received at the General Post Office, and at the chief district and branch offices in London, up to the latest time for posting, on payment of an additional fee of 4d.

NEWSPAPERS (stamped) sent by post must be made up in covers open at the sides, have the impressed stamp visible, and no marks or writing (other than the address) thereon, or anything inclosed, or it subjects them to letter postage. British newspapers, when duly stamped, are forwarded free throughout the United Kingdom (except those delivered within three miles of the place where posted, which are charged 1d.) Unstamped newspapers, if weighing under 4 oz., may be forwarded between places in the United Kingdom by affixing 1d. postage-stamp. For places abroad, the impressed stamp is valueless, as the postage must be prepaid by postage labels.

Note.—Newspapers for foreign parts and colonies, if posted later than fifteen days after date of publication, are charged letter postage.

BOOKS, &c.—Printed books, pamphlets, magazines, reviews, &c., whether British, foreign, or colonial, may be forwarded by post between places in the United Kingdom (made up in the same manner as newspapers), if prepaid in stamps, at the following rates:—

Under	4 oz.,	prepaid	1d.
"	8 oz.,	"	2d.
"	16 oz.,	"	4d.
"	24 oz.,	"	6d.
"	32 oz.,	"	8d.

and 2d. for every additional 8 oz., or any less weight; no parcel to exceed 24 in. any way, but may contain more than one book, &c.

A BOOK PACKET may contain writing (when not of the nature of a letter), and any number of separate books or other publications, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum (to the exclusion, however, of letters, whether sealed or open). And the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, &c., or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached; as also rollers, in the case of prints or maps; markers (whether of 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 appertains thereto.

INLAND PATTERN AND SAMPLE POST.—For a packet of patterns or samples—

Under	4 oz.		0s. 2d.
Over	4 oz. but under	8 oz.	0s. 4d.
"	8 oz. "	16 oz.	0s. 8d.
"	16 oz. "	24 oz.	1s. 0d.

The postage must be prepaid in stamps, or it will be charged double. If the packet be over 24 oz. in weight it will be charged as a letter. There must not be any writing or printing, except the address, trade mark, number or price of the articles, which must not be on loose paper, but firmly attached to the samples or bags containing them. Any loose inclosure will be taken out, and charged as an unpaid letter, with an additional rate of 1d.

The patterns or samples must be in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Samples of seeds, &c., may be inclosed in boxes of cardboard, or bags of linen or other material, but so fastened that they may be readily opened, otherwise they will be treated as a letter.

Scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, and such like, as samples, may be sent, provided they be packed in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and the officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined. Any packet containing such articles as these, which is found not sufficiently guarded, will be stopped, and notice given thereof, but it will be charged with a fine equal to the postage to which it was liable as a packet of patterns.

A packet of samples or patterns may be kept back by any head postmaster for twenty-four hours when requisite, to prevent any delay to the regular transmission of letters.

The preceding regulations apply only to the United Kingdom.

PERIODICALS, not of daily publication, may be sent to the United States and Holland (to which latter country Parliamentary proceedings may be sent also), at the following rates, prepaid:—

Under 2 oz.	1d.	Under 10 oz.	1s. 8d.
" 3 "	6d.	" 11 "	1s. 10d.
" 4 "	8d.	" 12 "	2s. 0d.
" 5 "	10d.	" 13 "	2s. 2d.
" 6 "	1s. 0d.	" 14 "	2s. 4d.
" 7 "	1s. 2d.	" 15 "	2s. 6d.
" 8 "	1s. 4d.	" 16 "	2s. 8d.
" 9 "	1s. 6d.		

which is the utmost weight allowed, and not more than one in a cover, which must be open at the ends.

The following rates of postage (which must be paid in advance) are chargeable upon newspapers, books, and other printed papers to Belgium, France, and Algeria:—

For a packet of registered newspapers—

Under 4 oz.	1d.
" 8 "	2d.
" 16 "	4d.
" 24 "	6d.
" 32 "	8d.

and so on, 2d. additional for every subsequent 8 oz., or fraction of 8 oz., in the case of France and Algeria; but newspapers for Belgium are charged at the rate of 1d. for each newspaper under 4 oz.

For a packet of other printed papers (including manuscript not of the nature of a letter and photographs), also patterns of merchandise of no intrinsic value—

Under 4 oz.	0s. 3d.
" 8 "	0s. 6d.
" 16 "	1s. 0d.
" 24 "	1s. 6d.
" 32 "	2s. 0d.

and so on, 6d. additional for every subsequent 8 oz., or fraction of 8 oz.

Patterns of merchandise may be sent to Constantinople, by French packet, at the following rates:—

Under 4 oz.	0s. 4d.
" 8 "	0s. 8d.
" 16 "	1s. 4d.

and so on, progressing according to the foregoing example; but they must not exceed 2 ft. in length, width, or depth.

The following rates of postage (which must be paid in advance) are chargeable upon newspapers, books, and other printed papers for the German States, viâ Belgium, or the French offices in Turkey, Syria, and Egypt:—

On each newspaper, not exceeding 4 oz.	2d.
Over 4 oz. and under 8 oz.	4d.
" 8 " " 16 "	8d.

and so on, 4d. being charged for each paper for every subsequent 8 oz. or fraction of 8 oz.

On printed papers, &c., other than newspapers, and patterns of merchandise:—

For a packet not exceeding 4 oz.	0s. 4d.
Over 4 oz. and under 8 oz.	0s. 8d.
" 8 " " 16 "	1s. 4d.

and so on, 8d. being charged for every additional 8 oz. or fraction of 8 oz.

Note.—Ordinary corrections in writing are allowed in the case of book packets for the German States, viâ Belgium, on unbound proof sheets only, but no other manual marks are allowed. No packet of newspapers, or other printed papers for the German States, viâ Belgium, must exceed 2 ft. in length, width, or depth, or 3 lb. in weight, nor must patterns of merchandise exceed 8 oz. in weight.

Rates of postage (which must be paid in advance) chargeable upon newspapers, books, and other printed papers, addressed to Italy (ex Papal States), and Venetian Lombardy, or other places in the Austrian dominions when specially addressed, viâ Italy.

For a packet of registered newspapers, for Italy (ex Papal States), Austria, and the Netherlands, viâ France, Baden, Bavaria, Hohenzollern, and Wirtemberg:—

Under 4 oz.	2d.
" 8 "	4d.
" 16 "	8d.

and so on, 4d. being charged for every additional 8 oz. or part of 8 oz.

For a packet of books or other printed papers, for Italy, Austria, and the Netherlands, viâ France, Baden, Bavaria, Hohenzollern, or Wirtemberg; manuscript not of the nature of a letter, photographs on paper, and packets of merchandise of no intrinsic value, may be sent to Italy (ex Papal States):—

Under 4 oz.	0s. 4d.
" 8 "	0s. 8d.
" 16 "	1s. 4d.

and so on, 8d. being charged for every additional 8 oz. or part of 8 oz.

No packet of books or newspapers, however, can be sent to the Austrian dominions, viâ Italy, if it weighs more than 1 lb.

Note.—The rates of postage for registered newspapers and book packets to Spain and the Balearic and Canary Islands, viâ France, or by packet, are the same as the Italian rates; except that bound books cannot be sent to Spain at less than letter rate of postage.

Periodicals may be sent to Portugal, Madeira, Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, by packet or private ship, at the rate of 1d. the oz., or, if sent viâ France and Spain, 2d. per oz.

MONEY ORDERS are granted and paid at every post town in the United Kingdom, at a charge of 3d. for sums not above £2; 6d. not above £5; 9d. not above £7, and 1s. not above £10, which is the highest sum for which a single order is granted.

Money orders drawn on London are payable only at the chief office, between ten and four, except on Saturdays, and then between ten and one.

Payment of a money order must be obtained before the end of the third month in which it was issued, or a fresh commission is charged, and no order is paid after twelve clear months.

Money orders are granted and paid in London within the town limits between ten and four, and in the suburban districts from nine till six daily.

Savings' Bank business is transacted at all money order offices, and Government Life Insurance and Annuity business at most of the principal receiving houses in the London district.

The receivers are not obliged to sell stamps, or receive registered letters, or attend to any other official business, before eight a.m. or after eight p.m.

INLAND, COLONIAL, AND FOREIGN MAILS (LONDON).

Latest Times for Posting Letters, &c., at the Chief Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, for the undermentioned Mails:	Letters.	Newspapers and Book Packets.
	Morn. h. m.	Morn. h. m.
For mid-day arrival at Birkenhead, Birmingham, Bolton, Bradford (Yorkshire), Chester, Coventry, Holyhead, Huddersfield, Leamington, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Preston, Rochdale, Rugby, Salisbury, Southampton, Wolverhampton, and Worcester	5 0	5 0
Day Mail to Ireland	6 30	6 30
Day Mail to France, Belgium, and the Continent generally	7 0	7 0
For Morning Mails by the Great Western, Great Northern, North-Western, and Midland Lines	7 45	7 0
For Morning Mails by Brighton and South Coast, Great Eastern (viâ Ipswich), North Kent, and South-Eastern Lines	8 0	7 15
For Morning Mails by South-Western Line, and Colonial and Foreign Mails (viâ Southampton)	8 45	7 45
For Morning Mails by the Great Eastern (viâ Cambridge) Line	9 45	9 30
For delivery same evening at Birmingham, Leicester, Lichfield, Nottingham, Sheffield, Skipton, and Wolverhampton	10 15	10 0
	Aftern.	Aftern.
For delivery same evening at Abingdon, Bath, Berkeley, Bristol, Coventry, Dover, Dursley, Folkestone, Hastings, Henley-on-Thames, Leamington, Maidenhead, Market Harborough, Northampton, Oxford, Reading, Rugby, Southampton, Tamworth, Tunbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and Uxbridge	12 45	12 30
For delivery same evening at Aylesbury, Banbury, Bedford, Berkhampstead, Hemel Hempstead, Leighton Buzzard, St. Albans, Stoney Stratford, Thame, and Watford	1 45	1 30
For delivery same evening at Ashford, Chatham, Dartford, Epsom, Esher, Farnborough Station, Gravesend, Guildford, Maidstone, Portsmouth, Rochester, Windsor, and Worthing	3 0	2 45
For delivery same evening at Brighton	3 45	3 30
Inland, Colonial, and Foreign Evening Mails	6 0	6 0*
Or, if prepared by Stamp, and bearing an additional penny stamp	6 45	
Or, Inland, Colonial and Foreign Letters, if prepaid by stamps, and bearing a fee of 4d. each, in stamps ..	7 30	

* Or, on payment of ½d., till 7.0.; or, on payment of ½d., till 7.15; or, on payment of 1d., till 7.30.

COLONIAL BOOK POST.

Books, if prepaid in Stamps, are also forwarded to the following British Possessions and Foreign Countries.

Patterns of merchandise can also be sent at the rates given below to those places marked with an asterisk (*)

BRITISH COLONIES AND POSSESSIONS.	Mode of Forwarding.	Rates of Postage.
*British West Indies	By Packet	For a Packet under 4 oz. in weight 6s. 3d. ; 8 oz. 0 6 ; 16 oz. 1 0 ; 24 oz. 1 6 ; 32 oz. 2 0 ; and so on, increasing by 6d. for each additional ½ lb. or fraction of ½ lb.
*Turk's Islands	,,	
*Honduras	,,	
*Bermuda	,,	
*Canada..	,,	
*Nova Scotia	,,	
*New Brunswick	,,	
*Prince Edward Island	,,	
*Newfoundland	,,	
St. Thomas	,,	
St. Croix	,,	
Buenos Ayres	,,	
Monte Video	,,	
*Hayti	,,	
St. Juan de Nicaragua	,,	
Mosquito Territory	,,	
*Alexandria	,,	
*Cairo	,,	
*Suez	,,	
*Malta	,,	
*Gibraltar	,,	
Ionian Islands	Private ship	
*Sierra Leone	Packet	
*Gambia	,,	
*Gold Coast	,,	
St Helena	Packet or Private Ship	
Ascension		
Cape Town		
Natal		
Heligoland	Private Ship	
Hamburg	,,	
Bremen	,,	
Gottenburg	,,	
Lubeck	,,	
Sweden	,,	
Vancouver Island	,,	
Falkland Islands	Packet	
*Liberia and Africa, west coast	,,	

Patterns of merchandise of no intrinsic value for Alexandria, Cairo, Malta, and Suez can be sent viâ Marseilles at a postage of 4d. under 4 oz.; 8d. over 4 oz. and under 8 oz.; 1s. 4d. over 8 oz. and under 16 oz., and so on, but they must not exceed 2 ft. in length, and 1 ft. in width or depth.

No Book Packet must exceed 2 ft. in length, and 1 ft. in width or depth; and Book Packets sent to the East Indies or to New South Wales must not exceed 3 lb. in weight.

Prices Current and other Publications, when Registered at the G. P. O. for transmission abroad, are subject to the same rates as Newspapers.

			viâ Southampton.	viâ Marseilles.
Ceylon	Packet	Under 4 oz.	0s. 4d.	0s. 6d.
East Indies	,,	,, 8 oz.	0 8	1 0
Hong-Kong	,,	,, 16 oz.	1 4	2 0
Mauritius	,,	,, 24 oz.	2 0	3 0
New Zealand	,,	,, 32 oz.	2 8	4 0
New South Wales	,,			
Queensland	,,			
South Australia	,,			
Tasmania	,,			
Victoria	,,			
Western Australia	,,			
Labuan	,,			

and so on, increasing 8d. viâ Southampton, 1s. viâ Marseilles, for each additional ½ lb. or fraction of ½ lb.

Patterns of merchandise of no intrinsic value for Ceylon, East Indies, and Hong-Kong can be sent at the above rates, but they must not exceed 2 ft. in length, and 1 ft. in width or depth, and for the East Indies they must not exceed 3 lb. in weight.

METROPOLIS—DELIVERIES.

Within the Town limits there are Twelve Deliveries of Letters Daily. Letters from one part of the Metropolis to another, if posted at St. Martin's-le-Grand,

Morning	6.45	are dispatched at	7 a.m.
,,	8.15	,,	8.30 ,,
,,	9.15	,,	9.30 ,,
,,	10.30	,,	11.0 ,,
,,	11.30	,,	12 noon.
Afternoon	12.30	,,	1 p.m.
,,	1.30	,,	2 ,,
,,	10.30	,,	3 ,,
,,	1.30	,,	4 ,,
Evening	4.30	,,	5 ,,
,,	5.30	,,	6 ,,
,,	6.45	,,	7 ,,

Each delivery commences from each of the District Offices about 45m. after the time of dispatch stated above.

SUBURBAN DELIVERIES.

There are Seven Dispatches daily to the Suburban Districts. The first is at 7 a.m. to all places within the twelve-mile circle, and includes the correspondence by the Night Mails from the Provinces, and by any Colonial or Foreign Mails. The second Dispatch is at 9.15 to the Suburban Districts within about four miles of the General Post Office. The third Dispatch is at 11.45 a.m., and comprises, with a few exceptions, every part of the London district. The fourth Dispatch, at 2.45 p.m., is to places within about six miles of the General Post Office, isolated localities excepted. The fifth Dispatch, at 4.45 p.m., extends to the whole of the Surburban Districts, and, except in the remoter rural places, the Letters are delivered the same evening. The sixth Dispatch, at 6 p.m., is to places within about four miles, of the General Post Office. The seventh Dispatch is at 7 p.m. Letters by this Dispatch are delivered the same evening at all the principal places within about six miles of the General Post Office; and at the more distant places early the next morning.

DATED STAMPS.—The dated Stamp on a letter, or if there be more stamps than one, that having the latest hour, shows the Day and Hour the Letter was dispatched for Delivery.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN MAILS.

The Day Mails for France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, and North of Europe, viâ Ostend, are dispatched at 7 a.m. Letters and Newspapers may be posted at the Chief Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, until 7 a.m., and at Lombard-street, the District Offices, and in the pillar boxes until 5 a.m. Correspondence for dispatch by these mails must be posted the previous evening at the Receiving Houses.

For proper dispatch of Foreign and Colonial Letters it is necessary to observe that:

If the 2nd and 17th of the month fall on a Sunday the West India Mail is dispatched the next morning.

If the 15th fall on a Sunday the Mails for Grenada, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent by French packet are made up on the previous evening; and the Mexican Mail, viâ France, is dispatched the previous evening.

If the 14th and 28th fall on a Sunday, the Mails for the West Indies, viâ Liverpool, are made up on the previous evening.

If the 4th fall on a Sunday the Mails for the Pacific and New Granada, by French Packet, are made up on the previous evening.

If the 20th fall on a Sunday the Australian Mail (viâ Southampton) and the Cape of Good Hope and Natal Mails (viâ Southampton and Mauritius) are dispatched on the previous evening.

If the 26th fall on a Sunday, the Australian Mail (viâ Marseilles) and the Cape of Good Hope and Natal Mails (viâ Marseilles and Mauritius) are dispatched on the following evening.

If the 4th, 12th, 20th, and 27th fall on a Sunday, the India Mail (viâ Southampton) is dispatched the previous evening.

If the 3rd, 10th, 18th, and 26th fall on a Sunday the India Mail (viâ Marseilles) is dispatched on the following evening.

If the 18th fall on a Sunday the Mails for Aden and Mauritius by French packet will be made up on the previous evening.

If the 18th fall on a Sunday the Mails for Aden, Calcutta, Madras, Singapore, Ceylon, China, and Yokohama, by French packet, will be made up on the previous evening.

If the 9th fall on a Sunday, the Brazil Mail is dispatched the next morning; and the Cape of Good Hope and Mauritius Mails (viâ Devonport) are dispatched the next evening.

If the 24th fall on a Sunday, the Brazil Mail (viâ Bordeaux) is dispatched the previous evening.

If the 23rd fall on a Sunday, the Mails for the West Coast of Africa are dispatched the next evening.