

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1871.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.

PROVINCIAL, COLONIAL, AND FOREIGN DESPATCHES.

Letters, &c., for these mails should be posted in accordance with the notice on the boxes provided for their reception. The following are the latest times for posting letters, &c. at the Chief Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, E.C., for the under-mentioned mails:—

	LETTERS.			NEWSPAPERS AND BOOK PACKETS.				
	Without Fee.	With extra 1d. Stamp.	With 2 extra 1d. Stamps.	Without Fee.	On payment of One Farthing.	One Half-penny.	One Penny.	
For dispatch by early morning trains to Bath, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Chisellhurst, Exeter, Gloucester, Huddersfield, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newport (Mon.), Salisbury, Southampton, Swansea, and Wolverhampton ...	5.0	...	...	5.0	...	...	...	...
For the day mail to Ireland, Bangor, Bicester, Birkenhead, Bletchley, Brackley, Buckingham, Canterbury, Carnarvon, Chester, Conway, Deal, Holyhead, Newport Pagnel, Rhyl, Sandwich, Stoney Stratford, Winslow, and Woburn; for the second morning delivery at Barnet, Beckenham, Brentford, Bromley, Chigwell-road, Croydon, Edgware, Enfield, Harrow, Hounslow, Isleworth, Kingston, Richmond, Romford, Stanmore, Twickenham, Waltham Cross, and Woodford Green; for the Provincial morning mails, by North Western, Great Northern, Great Eastern; London, Tilbury, and Southend Railways; to certain towns served by South-Eastern Railway; and to Bracknell, Chatham, Dartford, Epsom, Gravesend, Leatherhead, Maidstone, Midhurst, Reading, Rochester, and Wokingham ...	6.15	...	...	6.15	...	...	...	...
For the day mails to France, Belgium, and the Continent generally; for the Provincial morning mails by South-Western Railway; for Brighton, Crawley, Cuckfield, Dorking, East Grinstead, Horsham, Hurstpierpoint, Miteham, Petworth, Redhill, Reigate, Shoreham, Sutton, Tunbridge, and Tunbridge Wells ...	7.0	...	...	7.0	...	...	...	...
For the Provincial morning mails by the Great Western and Midland Railways; for the day mail to Scotland, Amthill, Aylesbury, Banbury, Carlisle, Luton, St. Albans, and Watford; for delivery the same evening at Birkenhead, Birmingham, Bolton, Halifax, Hull, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, and York ...	7.45	8.0	...	7.0	7.30	7.45	8.0	8.0
For the Provincial morning mails by the Brighton and South Coast, Great Eastern, and London, Chatham, and Dover Railways; for Alresford, Alton, Chertsey, Cobham, Edenbridge, Epping, Esher, Farnham, Sevenoaks, and Weybridge Station ...	8.0	8.15	...	7.15	7.45	8.0	8.15	8.15
For the Colonial and Foreign mails (via Southampton) ...	8.45	9.0	...	7.45	8.15	8.30	9.0	9.0
For the day mail to Andover, Axminster, Barnstaple, Bideford, Chard, Crewkerne, Honiton, Lyme, Sherborne, and Sidmouth; and for delivery the same evening at Exeter ...	9.45	...	...	9.30	...	...	...	...
For delivery same evening at Birmingham, Chesterfield, Derby, Leeds, Leicester, Lichfield, Liverpool, Nottingham, Peterborough, Preston, Rotherham, Sheffield, Stockport, Wakefield, and Wolverhampton; and to callers only at Bradford (Yorkshire) and Manchester ...	10.15	...	...	10.0	...	...	...	...
For delivery same evening at Beckenham, Birmingham, Chatham, Enfield, Rochester, Romford, and Waltham Cross ...	11.30	...	...	11.15	...	...	...	...
For delivery same evening at Brentford, Canterbury, Chisellhurst, Croydon, Deal, Edgware, Harrow, Hertford, Hounslow, Isleworth, Kingston, Miteham, Margate, Ramsgate, Sandwich, Stanmore, Sutton, and Twickenham ...	12.0	...	...	11.30	...	...	...	...
For delivery same evening at Abingdon, Bath, Berkeley, Bristol, Cheltenham, Dursley, Oxford, and Reading; and to callers only at Bridgewater ...	12.45	...	...	12.30	...	...	...	...
For delivery same evening at Brighton, Dover, Eastbourne, Folkestone, Hastings, Hythe, Maidenhead, Richmond, Shoreham, and Uxbridge ...	1.15	...	...	1.0	...	...	...	...
For delivery same evening at Atherstone, Coventry, Leamington, Market Harborough, Northampton, Rugby, and Tamworth; and to callers only at Birmingham ...	1.45	...	...	1.30	...	...	...	...
For delivery same evening at Aylesbury, Banbury, Bedford, Berkhamstead, Dunstable, Hemel Hempstead, Leighton Buzzard, Luton, Newbury, Stoney Stratford, St. Albans, Southampton, Thame, Watford, and Winchester ...	2.15	...	...	2.0	...	...	...	...
For delivery same evening at Arundel, Ashford, Bognor, Chatham, Chertsey, Chichester, Dartford, Dorking, Epsom, Gosport, Gravesend, Guildford, Henley-on-Thames, Horsham, Lewes, Maidstone, Portsmouth, Redhill, Reigate, Rochester, Sevenoaks, Sherborne, Slough, Southall, Staines, Tunbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Windsor, and Worthing; and to callers only at Esher, Farnborough Station, and Weybridge Station ...	3.0	...	...	2.45	...	...	...	...
For delivery same evening at Brighton, Cambridge, and Croydon; and for the Channel Islands on Saturday ...	4.0	...	...	3.30	...	...	...	...
For delivery same evening at Beckenham, Brentford, Bromley, Chisellhurst, Edgware, Isleworth, Sutton, and Stanmore; and for Barnet, Chigwell-road, Enfield, Harrow, Hounslow, Kingston, Miteham, Richmond, Romford, Twickenham, Waltham Cross, and Woodford Green ...	4.30	...	...	4.15	...	...	...	...
For evening mail to Enfield ...	6.0	...	...	6.0	...	...	...	...
For the Provincial mails, Colonial, and Foreign evening mails except towns having a midnight despatch ...	6.0	6.45	7.30	6.0	7.0	7.15	7.30	7.30
For midnight mails ...	10.45	...	...	10.45	...	...	...	...

* The postage on Foreign and Colonial letters may be paid, in money, up to 6.45 p.m.

Day Mails to Ireland, France, Belgium, and the Continent generally.—Letters, Book Packets, and Newspapers for the Day Mail to Ireland can be posted at the Easton-square Terminus, without fee, till 6.45 a.m., and if bearing two extra stamps till 7.5 a.m. For the Day Mails to France, Belgium, and the Continent generally, at the South-Eastern Terminus, Cannon-street, without fee, until 7.15 a.m.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN MAILS.

Australia.—Mails to these colonies are dispatched every fourth Friday via Marseilles, and every fourth Saturday via Southampton.
Cape of Good Hope.—Mails are forwarded to the Cape of Good Hope by direct packet on the 25th of each month, as well as on the 10th.
Ceylon.—Mails to Ceylon are now dispatched every alternate Friday via Marseilles, and every alternate Saturday via Southampton.
China and Japan.—Mails for China and Japan are now dispatched every alternate Friday via Marseilles, and every alternate Saturday via Southampton.

Honduras.—The postage of all letters addressed to Honduras is 1s. per half ounce.

India.—Mails to India are now dispatched every Friday via Marseilles, and every Saturday morning via Southampton. The postage of letters to India and Ceylon per half ounce is 9d. when sent via Southampton, and 1s. 1d. when sent via Marseilles. The scale advances by half ounces instead of by ounces.

Malta.—The packets between Marseilles and Alexandria have ceased to call at Malta, and mails are consequently no longer sent to Malta via Marseilles; but in lieu thereof a mail is dispatched to Malta every Tuesday via Messina. The mail via Southampton is now dispatched every Saturday.

Mauritius.—The English contract for the conveyance of mails to and from Mauritius via Galle has terminated, and mails to and from Mauritius are sent only by French packet. No correspondence for the Cape of Good Hope is now sent by this route.

United States of America.—Letters, 6 cents per single rate of 15 grammes (one half-ounce) in the United States, and 3d. (6 cents) in the United Kingdom; prepayment optional. A fine will, however, be levied and collected in addition to the deficient postage on each unpaid, or insufficiently prepaid, letter received by one country from the other. Newspapers, 2 cents each in the United States, and 1d. each in the United Kingdom, if not exceeding 4 oz. in weight. Book-packets, including printed papers of all kinds, &c., and patterns and samples of merchandise, including seeds and grain, when not exceeding 1 oz. in weight, 2 cents in the United States, and 1d. in the United Kingdom.

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.

LONDON DISTRICT OFFICES.

CHIEF DISTRICT OFFICE, ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND, (E.C.)—The Poste Restante, where also letters can be registered, or prepaid in money, and where Postage Stamps, &c., can be purchased, is under the portico facing St. Martin's-le-Grand. Inquiries for missing letters should be made at the Secretary's Office. The Returned Letter Office.—The business of this Office is, for the present, carried on at 113, Aldersgate-street, E.C. (the station of the Metropolitan Railway.) The Money Order Office is at No. 1, Aldersgate-street. The Post Office Savings Bank is at No. 27, St. Paul's-church-yard.

EASTERN DISTRICT, (E.)—The limits of the eastern district are Tower-hill, Minories, Aldgate, Houndsditch, Shoreditch, Clapton, Leyton, and Chadwell. Chief District Office, Nassau-place, Commercial-road East.

NORTHERN DISTRICT, (N.)—This district includes Edmonton, Stoke Newington, portions of Shoreditch and Kingsland, Hoxton, Islington, King's-cross, York-road, Holloway, Highgate, Finchley, and Tottenham. Chief District Office, Packington-street, Islington.

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NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT. (N.W.)—This district includes Hendon, Hampstead, Kentish Town, Camden Town, Somers Town, and Agar Town, to King's-cross; extending by to the Euston and Marylebone roads to the junction of the latter with the Edgware-road; and to Kilburn and Willesden. Chief District Office, 28, Eversholt-street, Camden Town.

SOUTH-EASTERN DISTRICT (S.E.), including a portion of the Southern District.—The river forms the boundary of this district, from Vauxhall Bridge to Plumstead; and it includes Kennington, Camberwell, Dulwich, Norwood, South Norwood, Penge, Sydenham, Lewisham, Woolwich, and Plumstead. Chief District Office, 9, Blackman-street, Borough.

WESTERN DISTRICT (W.)—This district is bounded by the Grand Junction Canal and the Marylebone-road, including the Edgware-road; by Tottenham-court-road, and Crown-street, Soho; and includes Piccadilly, Kensington, and Hammersmith. Chief District Office, 3, Vere-street.

SOUTH-WESTERN DISTRICT (S.W.), including a portion of the Southern District.—This district extends from Charing-cross by the river to Vauxhall Bridge; thence to Stockwell, Brixton, Streatham, Merton, Wimbledon, Mortlake, Brompton, Knightsbridge, and St. James's as far as Piccadilly. Chief District Office, 8, Buckingham-gate, Fimlico.

WESTERN CENTRAL DISTRICT (W.C.)—This district lies within the Euston and Pentonville roads to Clarendon-square, and includes Coldbath-fields, Gray's-inn-road, Chancery-lane, and Essex-street; the river side to Northumberland-street, Strand; and Trafalgar-square, Whitcomb-street, and Crown-street, to Tottenham-court-road. Charing-cross Branch Office, West Strand. Chief District Office, 126, High Holborn.

Money Order, Savings Bank, and Insurance and Annuity business is transacted, and inquiries received for misdirected letters, &c., at all the offices.

Telegraphic messages sent from all the principal offices night and day at a uniform rate of 1s. for twenty words, exclusive of name and address. Printed forms can be had at all the offices.

LONDON DISTRICT POST DELIVERIES.

Within the Town limits there are eleven deliveries daily; the first or general despatch is made from St. Martin's-le-Grand at about 7.30 a.m. The second despatch is made at about 10 a.m. The next eight despatches are made hourly, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The last despatch is made at 7 p.m.; and all letters for this delivery should bear the district initials, to ensure delivery the same evening.

SUBURBAN DELIVERIES.

There are seven despatches daily to the Suburban Districts, and the deliveries commence from one to two hours after the stated time of despatch, according to the distance from London.

MONEY ORDERS, AMOUNT AND FEES.

Orders upon any post town can be obtained for 3d. for £2, or any sum under; and for 5s. and under, 6d.; for £7 and under, 9d.; and for £10 and under, 1s.

LETTERS "TO BE CALLED FOR."

The Poste Restante being intended solely for the accommodation of strangers and travellers who have no permanent abode in London, letters for residents in London must not be addressed "Post Office till called for." Letters addressed to "Initials" or "Fictitious Names" at the Poste Restante, or any district or branch office, are returned to the writers. Letters may not be redirected from a private address to the Poste Restante.

Letters for strangers are delivered from the Poste Restante, at the General Post Office, and at the Charing-cross Branch Post Office, for a period of two months; after which period they must be addressed to the place of residence, in order that they may be sent by the letter-carriers. Letters for known residents in London, addressed to the "Poste Restante," either at the General Post Office or at the Charing-cross Branch Post Office, are delivered there for one week only, after which they are sent out by the letter-carrier to the applicant's place of residence.

Letters addressed Post Office, "London," or "Poste Restante, London," are delivered only at the Poste Restante Office, General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.; and such letters as are addressed "Poste Restante, Charing-cross," will be delivered to strangers at the Charing-cross Branch Office, subject to the same regulations as those in force with regard to letters for the Poste Restante, St. Martin's-le-Grand. No letters are permitted to be addressed "to be called for" at the other district or branch offices; any so directed will be sent to the Poste Restante, Charing-cross, from offices in the western districts of London—viz., the W., S.W., W.C., and N.W., districts; and to the Poste Restante, St. Martin's-le-Grand, from the offices in the other districts.

All persons applying for letters at the Poste Restante must be prepared to give the necessary particulars to the clerk on duty, in order to prevent mistakes, and to ensure the delivery of the letters to the persons to whom they properly belong.

THE HALFPENNY POSTAGE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Any publication coming within the following description shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed a newspaper: that is to say, any publication consisting wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisements, subject to these conditions:—

That it shall be printed and published in the United Kingdom; that it shall be published in numbers at intervals of not more than seven days; that it be printed on a sheet or sheets unstitched; that it have the title and date of publication printed at the top of every page.

And the following shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed a supplement to a newspaper: that is to say, a publication consisting wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece or pieces of paper, unstitched, with a leaf or leaves of the same form and size as the leaf or leaves of a newspaper to which it is a supplement, and published with the newspaper, and having the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page, or at the top of every sheet or side on which any such engraving, print, or lithograph appears.

The proprietor or printer of any newspaper within the description aforesaid may register it at the General Post Office in London at such time in each year and in such form and with such particulars as the Postmaster-General from time to time directs, paying on each registration such fee not exceeding five shillings as the Postmaster-General, with the approval of the Treasury, from time to time directs.

Registered newspapers, book packets, pattern or sample packets, and

post cards, may be sent by post between places in the United Kingdom, at the following rates of postage:—

On a registered newspaper, with or without supplement or supplements	One halfpenny.
On each registered newspaper in a packet of two or more, with or without a supplement or supplements	One halfpenny.
On a book packet, or pattern or sample packet:—If not exceeding two ounces in weight	One halfpenny.
If exceeding two ounces in weight, for the first two ounces and for every additional two ounces or fractional part of two ounces	One halfpenny.
On a post-card	One halfpenny.

Provided that a packet of two or more registered newspapers, with or without a supplement or supplements, shall not be liable under this section to a higher rate of postage than the rate chargeable on a book packet of the same weight.

If a question arises whether any publication, not being a registered newspaper, is a newspaper or supplement, or whether any packet is a book packet or pattern or sample packet, within this Act or any Treasury warrant or Post Office regulations, the decision thereon of the Postmaster-General shall be final, save that the Treasury may if they think fit, on the application of any person interested, reverse or modify the decision, and order accordingly.

If any registered or other newspaper, supplement, publication, book packet, pattern or sample packet, or post card, is sent by post otherwise than in conformity with this Act or any Treasury warrant or Post Office regulations, it shall be either returned to the sender thereof or forwarded to its destination in either case charged with such rate of postage not exceeding the letter rate of postage, or without any additional charge, as the Postmaster-General, with the approval of the Treasury, from time to time directs, having been, if necessary, detained and opened in the Post Office.

The public are prohibited from using an embossed or impressed stamp separated from a cover or card, although such stamp has not been before sent by post.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN AND NEAR LONDON.

ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY, Somerset House.—Daily.
BANK OF ENGLAND.—9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Daily.
BOTANICAL GARDENS, Chelsea.—Tickets at Apothecaries' Hall, Water-lane, Blackfriars.—Daily.
BRITISH MUSEUM.—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 to 4, 5, 6, according to the season. Saturdays, 12 till 6 in the summer months, May—August.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE.—Order from the Lord Chamberlain during her Majesty's absence.
CHELSEA HOSPITAL.—10 till dusk, except during Divine service.
CHRIST'S HOSPITAL, Newgate-street.—Admission by Ticket.
COAL EXCHANGE.—Free to the museum on the first Monday in each month. 12 to 4 p.m.
COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, Lincoln's-inn-fields.—Member's Ticket. 12 to 4.
CUSTOM HOUSE, Lower Thames-street.—9 till 5.
DULWICH COLLEGE.—10 to 5, Daily.
GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, Jermyn-street.—Daily, except on Fridays.
GREENWICH HOSPITAL AND PARK.—The Painted Hall free, from 10 a.m. till dusk.
GRESHAM COLLEGE, Basinghall-street.—Gratis to Lectures.
GUILDHALL, King-street, Cheapside.—Apply to the Hallkeeper.
HAMPTON COURT PALACE AND GARDENS.—Every week day, 10 a.m. till 6, except Fridays, when the State Apartments are closed. On Sundays after 2 p.m.
HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.—Saturday 10 to 4. Tickets obtained at the Lord Chamberlain's office, within the building. Also the Victoria Tower.
INDIA OFFICE, Whitehall.—By ticket, on application.
KENSINGTON EDUCATIONAL MUSEUM, South Kensington.—Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays, 10 till 10.—Free.
KEW GARDENS.—1 till dusk. Sundays, after 2 p.m.
LIBRARY, CITY OF LONDON.—On application at the Mansion House.
LIBRARY, LAMBETH PALACE.—On application to the Librarian or Secretary.
MUSEUM OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY, New Burlington-street.—11 till 4 by Member's ticket.
MISSIONARY MUSEUM, Blomfield-street, Moorfields.—Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 10 till 4.
MUSEUM OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Albemarle-street.—10 till 4 by Member's Order.
MUSEUM OF ASIATIC SOCIETY.—Grafton-street.—Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Member's Order.
NATIONAL GALLERY, Trafalgar-square.—Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.
NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY, 29, Great George-street, Westminster.—Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, 10 till 6.
ROYAL BOTANIC SOCIETY'S GARDENS, Regent's Park.—Tickets from Members; and, with certain restrictions, free to Medical Students.
ROYAL MINT, Tower-hill.—Order from the Master's office, Little Tower-hill.
ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.—Admission within the sacred edifice free. A fee for other portions.
SAUL'S MUSEUM, 15, Aldersgate-street.—Geological. Thursday at 11 a.m.
SIR JOHN SOANE'S MUSEUM, Lincoln's-inn-fields.—Every Tuesday to Aug. 28, and every Thursday and Friday in April, May, and June. Written application to the Curator, at the Museum.
SOCIETY OF ARTS, John-street, Adelphi.—By Member's Ticket daily, except Mondays and Wednesdays.
TOWER OF LONDON.—A Warder in attendance every half-hour to conduct parties in waiting. One Shilling fee to Attendant.
THE METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS, Spring-gardens.—Every Friday at 12.
UNITED SERVICE MUSEUM, Scotland-yard.—By Member's Order.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY.—9 to 6 daily in summer, 11 a.m. to 2.30 in winter, except Sundays. Mondays free; other days a fee is charged.
WINDSOR CASTLE.—The State Apartments are open to the Public on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Free Tickets may be obtained of Messrs. Colnaghi, 14, Pall-mall East; Mr. Mitchell, 35, Old Bond-street; or Mr. Wright, 60, Pall-mall.
WOOLWICH ARSENAL, DOCKYARD, &c.—9 to 11, and from 1 to 4.—Daily.