**POST OFFICE REGULATIONS.**

**RATES OF POSTAGE FOR INLAND LETTERS.**

The rates of postage to be prepaid are as follows, viz:—

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A letter exceeding 1 oz. in weight must be prepaid in 1d. for every ounce, beginning with the first ounce. A letter, for example, weighing between 14 oz. and 15 oz. must be prepaid 1½d.

All prepaid letters must be prepaid in silver. A letter posted unpaid is chargeable on delivery with double postage; and if insufficiently prepaid is chargeable with double or additional postage.

**GENERAL POSTAL UNION.**

In accordance with the provisions of an international treaty concluded at Berne in 1878, the whole of the States of Europe, the United States of America, and the British Empire have, by a common agreement, formed the General Postal Union for the reciprocal exchange of correspondence, and have adopted uniform and uniform rates of correspondence dispensed from one State to another. These provisions extend to letters, post cards, newspapers, and other periodical papers, patterns of merchandise, and legal and commercial documents.

**COLONIAL AND FOREIGN LETTERS.**

Full particulars of the rates of postage on letters to the colonies and foreign countries are given in the British Postal Guide, published quarterly, price Sixpence.

To some extent the payment of postage is compulsory. In others the whole of the postage cannot be prepaid. A letter posted unpaid, or paid only in part, directed to be sent by a route by which it cannot be delivered to the writer, unless there is another route by which payment is not required, in which case the letter is sent by that route, will, however, for Australia and New Zealand, if prepaid as much as one rate (even though the postage is insufficient), is not detained, but are forwarded charged with the deficient postage at an additional rate.

A letter posted insufficiently prepaid for a place to which postage is compulsory, in the hands of the postmaster, the value of the stamps, however, being as a rule, taken into account.

The same rates are chargeable in this country upon unpaid or insufficiently prepaid letters addressed to the above-mentioned foreign countries.

No letter for any colony or foreign country may be above two feet in length, or one pound in weight.

Letters, &c., for Brazil, Montevideo, Peru, Bolivia, and Chili, if specially directed "By Supplementary Mail," and posted in time for dispatch by the Day Mail of Friday, will in due course overtake, at Bordeaux, the dispatches dispatched from Liverpool on the previous Tuesday.

Letters for such places in Turkey and Asia Minor as have no Austrian post office should be addressed to the care of an agent residing in the port at which an Austrian post office has been established. Letters for places on the Persian Gulf are forwarded via Bombay, it specially directed by that route and prepaid the rates of postage for Bombay.

Letters for Russia should have the name of the town added in either English, French, or German; and they should bear as a part of their address the name of the province or government in which they are situated. In addressing all letters, &c., for Russia the name of the place of destination should be stated in a complete and accurate manner correctly given; and, further, the address must be plainly written. If these conditions are not complied with, the Russian Post Office declines to undertake delivery of the correspondence.

No letters containing gold or silver money, jewels, or previous articles, or articles of any description liable to be sent, even if registered, to any country of the General Postal Union.

**INLAND BOOK POST.**

The postage is one half the rate for every hundredweight of that weight.

A packet posted wholly unpaid is charged with double the book postage; and if posted partially prepaid, with double the deficiency.

A book packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications, photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or any substance), drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or engraved at the places of publication. Further, all legitimate binding, mending, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c., be leather-bound, cloth-bound, or cloth, or in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of maps or prints, and any books or periodicals, &c., and, in short, whatever, is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertains thereto, but the binding, rollers, &c., must not be sent as separate articles.

**COLONIAL AND FOREIGN BOOK POST.**

The limit of size for a book-packet addressed to any place abroad is 24 in. in length, 16 in. in width or depth, and 3¼ in. in thickness.

Whatever is allowed to be sent in an inland book-packet may be sent in a book-packet to places abroad, except that water-colour drawings are not allowed to be sent in book-packets.

No writing or manuscript mark, however, beyond the name and address of the sender, is allowed to be written in or upon any dispatch sent via France to the Argentine Confederation, Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, Hayti, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, St. Thomas, Uruguay, United States of Columbia, or Venezuela.

**FOREIGN CARD POST.**

Foreign post-cards may be sent to Canada and to all the countries comprehended in the British Postal Union, within the limits allowed for ½d. postage.

The postage of a card is in every case one half the rate for a simple letter, and if addressed with an impression of ½d. each are sold at the same rate, and are transmissible to the majority of the countries of the Union without extra charge.

**PAYMENT OF POST-OFFICE ORDERS THROUGH BANKERS.**

Any money order made payable to any person or persons whomsoever at a post-office in any city, town, or village within the United Kingdom is presented at any post-office for payment by or through any banker or bankers, either at such post-office at which the name is made payable, or at any other post-office in the United Kingdom, notwithstanding the form of receipt on such money order may not bear any signature purporting to be the signature of the person or persons to whom such money order is made payable, provided that the name of the bank or bankers by or through whom such money order is payable may be for payment forthwith be written in full or in part on the face of such money order as aforesaid, and the name of such banker or bankers so written or stamped as aforesaid shall be accepted at such post-office or chief money-order office as a sufficient receipt for the payment of such money order.

In all cases, where a money order is presented, in manner aforesaid, for payment by or through any banker or bankers having an account at the Bank of England, payment of such money order may be forthwith made by means of a transfer of the amount thereof from the account of such banker or bankers to the account of any person to whom such money order is made payable, even though such transfer be subject to the subsequent verification of such money order, and shall be made upon the express condition that if, upon examination, it shall appear to the postmaster or his deputy that the subject money order is not genuine, the said money order and the bearer thereof shall be rejected.

**INDIAN POSTAL FEE.**

1. Persons wishing to send parcels to any part of British India can do so through the Indian Postal Agency—established under authority of the General Post Office, London, and Branch Office, Calcutta, and (Branch Office) at 59, Cockspur-street, S.W.

2. The charge for parcels is 1s. per lb. or fraction of a lb. (prepayment or covering transit fee to place of destination in India. Insurance may be effected, if desired, at the rate (to be prepaid) of 1s. up to £25 value, ½d. up to £50 value, and 1d. up to £100 value, and the insured packet will be chargeable from the addressee.

3. Parcels containing live animals, as well as those treated as books under the British Inland Post Book Rules, will be charged at half rates—viz., 6d. per lb.

**COLONIAL AND FOREIGN PATTERN AND SAMPLE POST.**

A pattern or Sample Post to certain colonies and foreign countries, but it is restricted to bona fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise.

No letter for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another which are not actually patterns or samples, are not admissible. The rates of postage are the same as for Book Packets.

**ARTICLES NOT ALLOWED TO BE SENT BY POST.**

It is forbidden to forward by post any obscene print, painting, engraving, book, letter, or other article of a lewd or lascivious character, having therein any words, marks, or designs of a licentious or grossly offensive character; glass bottles, gunpowder, lurid matches, powder liable to combustion, narcotic, pungent, pungent, pungent, pungent, pungent, pungent, pungent, or other perilous articles.

Bottles are instrusted to be forwarded by post. The writer should be supplied with the post office the article is within the British Postal Guide, and the address of the person to whom the goods are to be sent.

MOWS OF PREPAYMENT.

Inland letters, newspapers, and book-packets cannot be prepaid in money but must be prepaid by means of stamps, either adhesive or embossed or impressed. This rule applies also to registered items at the charges of postage—At the Chief and District Post Offices, and at the Charing-crosse and Lombard-street Post Offices in London, as well as at the Head Office in Edinburgh and Dublin, letters and book-packets cannot be prepaid from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., be prepaid in money, provided the amount be never less than 1s., and that the letter or book-packet be signed by the sender, and before its dispatch he should discover any such packet, he is directed not to forward it, but to report the case, with the address of the packet, to the Secretary.

**BRITISH POSTAGE-STAMPS.**

British postage-stamps, though available for all letters, &c., owing out of this country, are not, as a general rule, available for letters, &c., coming in from the principal exempting places, in the case of letters posted by seamen, marines, and seamen serving abroad, which, if posted in the ship's bag, must be prepaid by means of stamps as aforesaid.

**REGISTRATION (INLAND AND FOREIGN).**

The fee for registering a letter, newspaper, or book-packet passing between any two places in the United Kingdom is fourpence. Prepayment is indispensable for registered items. The fee for registration and for sending to the British Colonies, is payable at the registration fee of 4d., instead of the ordinary fee of 1d. 29