

POSTAL INFORMATION.

LOCAL REGULATIONS.

ALL letters received in this Colony from *any* part beyond the seas that have not been regularly posted at the place of despatch, will be charged with the Colonial Ship Rates of Postage.

All letters posted in Queensland must be pre-paid by affixing thereon postage stamps of sufficient value. Any letter posted for delivery in the Colony will, if the postage stamps thereon be not grossly deficient in value, be forwarded and charged with *double* the deficiency, but if *grossly* deficient, the letter will be opened and returned to the writer.

Any letter posted for transmission to the United Kingdom will, if bearing at least a single rate of postage, be forwarded, and charged with the postage deficient, and a single rate of postage as a fine; but if not bearing a single rate of postage, it will be opened and returned to the writer.

Letters posted for transmission to the neighboring Colonies, and to Foreign Countries and British Colonies generally, whether sent direct or through the United Kingdom, will invariably be opened and returned to the writers, unless they bear the *full amount* of postage payable thereon.

Any person can have a letter registered by affixing on it, by means of the proper Stamps, the amount of the Registration Fee, in addition to the proper postage, and presenting it at a Post Office during office hours, when a receipt of the same will be given, and every precaution will be adopted to ensure its safe delivery by entering it on the Letter Bills, and obtaining a receipt for the same on delivery. As the Post Office, however, is not responsible for the loss of *any* letter, whether registered or otherwise, parties sending Bank Notes or Drafts are advised to take the numbers and particulars, and to cut such Notes or Drafts in halves, and to send them by different Posts. Letters on being re-directed are chargeable with a new and distinct rate of postage.

Inland Letters must be posted half an hour previous to the time fixed for the despatch of Mails; but late letters will be received to within a quarter of an hour, upon a fee of a Sixpenny Stamp being affixed to each letter.

TOWN DELIVERY.

Daily at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in North Brisbane; 2 p.m. in Fortitude Valley; 9 a.m. in South Brisbane; and 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

at Kangaroo Point. Letters may be posted until within a quarter of an hour of the time of each delivery. Iron Letter Receivers, intended for the receipt of letters only, are fixed at South Brisbane, corner Queen and Edward Streets, Kangaroo Point, and Spring Hill. The hours at which they are cleared are stated on the Receivers. The Delivery Office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except when steamers leave at a later hour, when the office is kept open till 6 p.m.

The following persons have been appointed licensed vendors of Stamps, viz.: Messrs. J. W. Buxton, E. Gauyard, Thos. Bell, J. Millar, J. Sawyer, Jno. Watt, and F. J. B. Illenden, in North Brisbane; Messrs. J. J. Scott, and H. Hockings, South Brisbane; Messrs. F. J. Hingston, and M. Ward, Fortitude Valley; and Messrs. J. Dexter, and M. C. Coffey, Spring Hill.

The Mails for England are made up in Brisbane on or about the 19th of each month, in time to secure their arriving in Sydney before the 22nd, the date on which the Mail leaves for England.

The Mails for New Zealand are despatched on or immediately before the 12th of each month. The Mails for Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania are despatched, *via* Sydney, twice a week, or as often as a steamer leaves.

The Dead Letter Office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Country Offices are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., except when Mails arrive at a later hour; in which case they are open for half an hour after such arrival, but not later than 8 p.m.

LETTERS.

Town Letters.—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 1d.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but not exceeding 1 oz., 2d.; exceeding 1 oz., but not exceeding 2 oz., 4d.; and so on, increasing 2d. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Inland Letters.—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 2d.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but not exceeding 1 oz., 4d.; exceeding 1 oz., but not exceeding 2 oz., 8d.; and so on, increasing 4d. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Letters to British Colonies and Foreign Countries (except in special cases as given):—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 6d.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but not exceeding 1 oz., 1s.; and so on, increasing 6d. for every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce or fraction of $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce. No charge whatever is made on the above-mentioned Letters on receipt in this Colony, provided they have been duly posted. Arrange-

ments have been made with the colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania, for the delivery of such Letters at their final destination without further charge. Letters sent *overland* to any of the neighboring Colonies are charged with the same Rates of Postage as when sent by sea.

Letters to and from the United Kingdom :—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 6d.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but not exceeding 1 oz., 1s.; exceeding 1 oz., but not exceeding 2 ozs., 2s.; and so on, increasing 1s. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce. Letters forwarded *via* Marseilles are liable, *in addition*, to a rate of 4d. for every $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce weight, to cover the cost of transit through France. The above rates will be the entire amount charged upon letters sent to or from any part of the United Kingdom, or of the Colony.

Letters addressed to Officers serving on board any of Her Majesty's Ships on a Foreign Station when sent through the United Kingdom :—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 1s.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but not exceeding 1 oz., 2s.; exceeding 1 oz., but not exceeding 2 ozs., 4s.; and so on, increasing 2s. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Seamen's and Soldiers' Letters :—Letters sent to or by Seamen and Soldiers in Her Majesty's Service will be transmitted within the Colony, and between the Colony and any Post Office in the British Dominions, at a charge of *one penny*, provided that the following Regulations are observed :—1st. Each letter must not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. in weight. 2nd. It must be superscribed with the name of the writer, his description or class in the vessel or regiment, and signed by the officer at the time in command. 3rd. The Postage must be pre-paid. Any letter of this description posted or received in this Colony, not in accordance with the foregoing Regulations, will be treated as an ordinary letter.

Letters forwarded via the United Kingdom to Colonies and Foreign Countries :—All letters of this class paid in full are sent to the United Kingdom *via* Southampton, unless specially marked for transmission *via* Marseilles, in which case they must bear in addition to the rates of Postage, which may always be ascertained on enquiry, postage at the rate of 4d. for every $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of their weight. Letters addressed to France and the Continent of Europe, and marked for transmission *via* Marseilles, (Registered letters excepted, which must either be sent through the United Kingdom or by French Mail), are, unless specially marked for transmission *via* the United Kingdom, sent in the Closed Mail for Marseilles, and need only in that case bear the Colonial Ship Rates of Postage of 6d. the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

REGISTRATION OF LETTERS.

Registered letters for the British Possessions in China, the Mediterranean, the West Indies, North America, Africa, and for St. Helena, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Spain, are charged 1s. for registration fee.

For Prussia, the German States, Hanover, Saxony, Mecklenburgh Schwerin, Mecklenburgh Strelitz, Brunswick, Oldenburgh (Berkenfeld excepted), Anhalt, Austrian Dominions, Servia, the Ionian Islands, Denmark, Moldavia, Wallachia, Turkey in Europe, Sweden and Norway, when these countries are *not* addressed *via* France the registration fee is 1s. ; and for any of the following countries, if specially addressed *via* Prussia, viz. :—Luxembourg, Baden, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Sardinia, Switzerland, Papal States, and Greece,—the registration fee is 1s. 3d.

For the United States the fee is 1s. 3d. under the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. ; over the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not above 1 oz., 1s. 5d.

For France and Algeria, or the following Countries, the correspondence of which is forwarded through France, viz. :—the places in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, at which France maintains Post Offices (including, among others, Alexandria, Beyrout, Tripoli, Smyrna, Constantinople, Varna, Galatz, and Trebizond), Luxembourg, Baden, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Sardinia, Switzerland, Tunis, Tangiers, Tuscany, Parma, Modena, Papal States, Two Sicilies, and Greece ; and for the following countries, if specially addressed *via* France, viz. :—The Netherlands, Prussia, German States, Hanover, Saxony, Mecklenburgh Schwerin, Mecklenburgh Strelitz, Brunswick, Oldenburgh (Berkenfeld excepted), Anhalt, Austrian Dominions, Servia, Denmark, Moldavia, Wallachia, Turkey in Europe (*via* Austria), Sweden, Norway, Poland, and Russia—the fee is 6d., and an additional amount exactly equal to the amount of Postage British and Foreign ; *i. e.*, the full amount of postage less the British and Colonial rate of 6d the $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

For Russia and Poland, when letters do not exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., the fee is 1s. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

The above-mentioned registration fees may be paid by means of ordinary stamps when the fee exceeds 1s., but not otherwise.

Letters for the Continent of Europe, via Trieste.—These Letters will be forwarded by the Mail Contract Packets *via* Suez, and the following rates will pre-pay them to Alexandria, whence they will be forwarded to their destination by the Austrian Government, and the Foreign Postage due thereon collected on delivery :—For a letter not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 1s. :

but not exceeding 2 ozs., 4s. ; and so on, increasing 2s. for every ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Letters via Callao and Panama.—Letters addressed to or through Great Britain by this route must bear, in addition to the ordinary postage rate, a 6d. stamp for every $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., in order to cover the New Granadian transit charge.

Letters for Syria and Turkey.—Letters addressed to Syria and Turkey will be sent *via* Alexandria and Jaffa (unless marked for transmission *via* the United Kingdom), and must bear, in addition to the Colonial Ship Rate of Postage of 6d. the half-ounce, postage according to the following rates, viz. :—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 5d. ; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but not exceeding 1 oz., 10d. ; exceeding 1 oz., but not exceeding 2 ozs., 1s. 8d. ; and so on, increasing at the rate of 10d. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Letters for Spain, Portugal, Madeira, &c.—Letters for Spain, Portugal, Madeira, the Azores, the Cape de Verde Islands, and other Portuguese possessions on the Coast of Africa, will (unless marked for transmission *via* the United Kingdom) be forwarded in the Mail made up for Gibraltar, and will in such case only be liable to the Colonial Ship rate of Postage of 6d. the $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

NOTE.—Registered letters for Russia and Poland (if not sent through France), are liable to four Registration fees, viz. —Colonial, 6d ; British, 6d ; Prussian, 3d. ; Russian, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. The three first fees do not increase, whatever may be the weight of the Letter, but the latter fee of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d increases as follows :—3 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for half-an-ounce, 7d for one ounce, and 7d additional for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce

PACKETS AND BOOKS.

Packets of Gold transmitted within the Colony.—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 4d. ; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. but not exceeding 1 oz., 8d. ; exceeding 1 oz. but not exceeding 2 ozs., 1s. 4d. ; and so on, increasing 8d. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Packets containing Bank Pass Books, &c.—Not exceeding 4 ozs., 2d. ; and 1d. extra for every additional 2 ounces or fraction of an ounce.

Bankers' Parcels, containing Pass Books, sent by or to any Bank or Banker—Cases or Covers enclosing Maps or Plans transmitted by or addressed to the Surveyor-General or Deputy Surveyor-General—Returns made from or to any Department of the Public Service, pursuant to any Law or duly authorised Regulations—will be forwarded, closed against inspection, provided they bear on the outside a statement of the contents, subscribed with the name and address of the sender. that there

Inland Book Packets,—Not exceeding 4 ozs., 2d., and $\frac{1}{4}$ extra for every additional 2 ozs. or fraction of 2 ozs.

The undermentioned articles may be transmitted as Book Parcels either within or beyond the Colony, viz.:—*Books, Publications, and Works of Literature and Art.* The following are included under the above heads, viz.:—All Books, whether printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three; photographs upon paper, and printed circulars of every description; publications or compilations, whether in print or in manuscript; almanacs, prints, maps, whether on paper or canvass, or cloth, and whether printed or written, or any mixture of the two; and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum, whether printed, written upon, or plain, or any mixture of the three; with any binding, mounting, or covering of or upon, or belonging to, any book, or publication, or work, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum; and any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book-markers, pencils, pens, or other articles usually appertaining to any such book, publication, or work, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission.

The following are the Rules which must be attended to in the transmission of Book Parcels:—1. No packet shall exceed two feet in length, breadth, or width.—2. No packet shall exceed three pounds in weight.—3. With the above limitations, a packet may contain any number of separate books, almanacs, maps, or prints, and any quantity of paper, vellum, or parchment.—4. Every packet shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides; and there shall be no letter either closed or open, nor any enclosure, sealed or otherwise, closed against inspection, sent in or with any such packet; nor shall there be any letter, or any communication in the nature of a letter, written or printed on the cover or envelope of any such packet.—5. The name and address of the sender may appear on the cover, as well as those of the party addressed, but this is not indispensable.—6. Should a packet be posted unpaid, or with a prepayment of less than a single rate, or be enclosed in a cover not open at the ends or sides, or should it exceed the dimensions or weight specified, such packet will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, and returned to the writer.—7. Should any letter, whether sealed or open, or otherwise closed against inspection, be found in a Book Packet, such letter or other enclosure will be forwarded, charged not only with the postage due upon it as an unpaid letter, but also with an additional single Book Post Rate. The packet itself, in such case, will be forwarded, provided the postage shall have been duly paid, without any extra

charge.—8. Where a Book Packet shall have been posted, and insufficiently pre-paid, and it shall appear that at least a single rate has been paid thereon, such packet will be forwarded, charged with an additional postage equal to the deficiency, and a further rate as a fine.

In cases where, from the arrival of Packet Ships from England, or from any other cause, the number of such Book Parcels is unusually large, the Postmaster, in order to prevent interruption to the punctual despatch of the ordinary Mails, is authorized to delay the transmission of such Packets for three successive Posts.

NEWSPAPERS.

Newspapers are transmitted within the Colony free of charge if posted within seven days from the date of publication; if posted after that period, they are subject to a charge of one penny.

Newspapers for the United Kingdom are chargeable with one penny each, if intended for transmission *via* Southampton; but with threepence if posted for transmission *via* Marseilles.

Newspapers for transmission to the Continent of Europe *via* Trieste are chargeable with twopence each.

Newspapers for the neighboring Colonies, and for all places beyond the seas not already specified, are transmitted free of charge if posted within seven days; and all newspapers from such places received in the Colony are delivered without charge.

Newspapers for Syria and Turkey, when transmitted *via* Alexandria, are liable to a charge of one penny for every two ounces weight.

The Postage on all newspapers chargeable therewith must be paid by affixing on the newspapers stamps of sufficient value, and no newspaper will be forwarded unless it bears the full amount of postage.

MONEY ORDERS.

Money Orders may be obtained and made payable at the undermentioned places, on payment of the following charges:—

QUEENSLAND.

MONEY ORDER OFFICES.—*Brisbane, Ipswich, Dalby, Gayndah, Gladstone, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Bowen (Port Denison), Toowoomba, and Warwick*—For any sum not exceeding £5, 6d. Exceeding £5, but not exceeding £10, 1s.

INTERCOLONIAL.

<i>Victoria</i>	}	For any sum not exceeding £5... ..	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<i>South Australia</i>			1	0
<i>New South Wales</i>		Exceeding £5, but not exceeding £10	2	0
<i>New Zealand</i>				
<i>Western Australia</i>				

BRITISH.

At any Money Order Office in the United Kingdom.	}	For any sum not exceeding £5	2	0
		Exceeding £5, but not exceeding £10	5	0

No Money Order will be issued for a larger sum than Ten Pounds. Money Orders must be obtained between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Money Order Office at the General Post Office will be kept open until 6 p.m. the day previous to the despatch of the Monthly Mail; but no Money Orders will be issued on the day of closing the mails for the United Kingdom, unless that mail should be despatched in the evening.

List of Money Order Offices in Victoria, South-Australia, New South Wales, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom, may be seen and further information obtained at any Money Order Office in Queensland.

PLAIN DIRECTIONS.—When applying for letters, always mention the christian as well as the surname of the party for whom you apply.—Always put the name of the post town on the address of the letter, especially if its destination be some station in the interior of the colony.—Never delay the posting of your letters until the last moment, for you thereby increase the risk of delay and the labour of the officials.—When you apply at a post office for stamps, always have change ready if possible, so that you may not give unnecessary trouble, and cause loss of time.—See that postage stamps adhere properly to your letters before you drop them into the box, and mind also that the envelopes are securely closed.—Never post newspapers in the iron letter receivers, for the latter are only intended for letters, and the postal authorities do not forward newspapers so posted.

TIME TABLE SHOWING THE DAILY ARRIVAL AND DISPATCH OF INLAND MAILS.

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DAY OF WEEK.	MAILS ARRIVE AT G. P. O., BRISBANE.		MAILS CLOSE AT G. P. O., BRISBANE.	
	10 A.M.	6 P.M.	12 30 P.M.	8 P.M.
SUNDAY	Ipswich, Toowoomba, Drayton ...	Casino	Ipswich, Warwick
MONDAY	Sandgate, Oxley, Woogaroo, Ipswich, Warwick, Nanango, Gayndah; and Toowoomba and Drayton noon	Ipswich	Oxley, Woogaroo, Ipswich, Cleveland, Sandgate; Logan Reserve, Toowoomba, Drayton, noon ...	Ipswich, Casino
TUESDAY... ..	Oxley, Woogaroo, Ipswich, Toowoomba, and Drayton; Logan Reserve, 11 a.m.	Ipswich, Cleveland	Oxley, Woogaroo, Ipswich, 12 30; and Toowoomba, Drayton, Dalby, Condamine, Surat, Roma, Warwick, Nanango, & Gayndah, noon*	Ipswich
WEDNESDAY ...	Oxley, Woogaroo, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Drayton, Dalby	Ipswich	Oxley, Woogaroo, & Ipswich, 12 30; Toowoomba and Drayton, noon	Ipswich, Warwick
THURSDAY ...	Oxley, Woogaroo, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Drayton, Warwick ...	Ipswich, Warwick	Oxley, Woogaroo, & Ipswich, 12 30; Toowoomba, Drayton, and Dalby, at noon	Ipswich.
FRIDAY	Oxley, Woogaroo, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Drayton, Dalby, Condamine, Surat, Roma, Nanango, Gayndah	Ipswich	Oxley, Woogaroo, & Ipswich, 12 30; Toowoomba and Drayton, noon	Ipswich.
SATURDAY	Oxley, Woogaroo, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Drayton, Moggill... ..	Ipswich	Oxley, Woogaroo, Ipswich, Moggill	Ipswich, Toowoomba, Drayton.

By mail steamer to Northern Ports, or when opportunity occurs.

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