

POSTAL INFORMATION.

ARRIVAL AND DESPATCH OF ENGLISH MAILS.

FROM ENGLAND.

<i>vid</i> Southampton.	<i>via</i> Marseilles or Brindisi.	Brisbane.
Leaves London.	Leaves London.	Arrives.
November (1871) 25	December (1871) 1	January (1872) 2
December 23	December 29	February 19
January (1872) 20	January (1872) 26	March 18
February 17	February 23	April 15
March 16	March 22	May 13
April 13	April 19	June 10
May 11	May 17	July 8
June 8	June 14	August 5
July 6	July 12	September 2
August 3	August 9	September 30
August 31	September 6	October 28
September 28	October 4	November 25
October 26	November 1	December 23

FROM QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane.	<i>vid</i> Marseilles or Brindisi.	<i>vid</i> Southampton.
Leaves	Arrives in London about	Arrives in London
December (1871) 27	February 18	February 24
January (1872) 24	March 17	March 23
February 21	April 14	April 20
March 20	May 12	May 18
April 15	June 9	June 15
May 13	July 7	July 13
June 10	August 4	August 10
July 8	September 1	September 7
August 5	September 29	October 5
September 2	October 27	November 2
October 2	November 24	November 30
October 30	December 23	December 28
November 27	January (1873) 19	January (1873) 25

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.

Any letter posted for delivery in the Colony will, if the postage stamps thereon be not equal in value to one rate of postage, be forwarded and charged with *double* the deficiency; but if the letter bear postage stamps for a less sum than one rate, it 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 (except correspondence forwarded through France and through Italy) 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 for 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.

Letters may be posted at the country offices 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 all parts of North Brisbane, South Brisbane, and Kangaroo Point, within the city boundary. Letters may be posted until within a quarter of an hour of the time of each delivery. Receiving Offices for the receipt of letters and newspapers have been established at Bell & Love's, South Brisbane; One-mile Swamp; Fortitude Valley; Bowen Bridge; and Iron Letter Receivers, for the receipt of letters

only, are fixed at the corner of Queen and Edward-streets, corner of Charlotte and Creek-streets, at the junction of Ann and Wickham-streets (opposite the Gas Works), and George-street (near the Legislative Chambers), North Brisbane; Brunswick-street, corner of Kent-street, Fortitude Valley; Leichhardt-street (near Wharf-street), and at the junction of Wickham Terrace and Edward-street, Spring Hill; Petrie Terrace; South Brisbane; and Kangaroo Point. 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.

The mails for Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania are despatched *viâ* Sydney as often as a steamer leaves.

The Dead Letter and Registration Offices are 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 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.; and so on, increasing 1d. for every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce or fraction of $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

Inland Letters—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 2d.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but not exceeding 1 oz., 4d.; and so on, increasing 2d. for every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce or fraction of $\frac{1}{2}$ 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. Arrangements 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, viâ Suez and Southampton—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. Letters forwarded *viâ* Marseilles are liable, *in addition*, to a rate of 4d. for every $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., to cover the cost of transit through France. Letters forwarded *viâ* Brindisi are charged 3d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. above the Southampton rate. The above rates are the entire amount charged upon letters sent to or from the United Kingdom or the Colony.

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.; and so on, increasing 4d. for every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce or fraction of $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.

Book Packets, Bankers' Packets, Packets of Deeds, &c., Packets of Prices Current, &c., within the Colony—Not exceeding 2 ozs., 1d.; and 1d. extra for every additional 2 ounces or fraction of 2 ounces.

Packets containing Returns of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Deaths may be transmitted unstamped, the Postage being paid on delivery, if marked as containing such Returns only; and signed by the Clergyman or the District Registrar transmitting them.

Packets open at each end, containing Printed Reports of the Proceedings of any Benevolent, Religious, or Charitable Institutions, when posted at any Post-office for delivery at such office, or at any place within the limits of the city or town in which such Post-office is situated—Not exceeding 2 ozs., 1d.; and for every additional 2 ounces or portion of 2 ounces, 1d.

The postage on all the above packets, with the exception of Returns of Births, &c., must be pre-paid by stamps.

In addition to Petitions or Addresses to Her Majesty, His Excellency the Governor, or any member of either Executive or Legislative Assembly, the following may be transmitted through the Post Offices in Queensland free of postage, viz. :—
1. Savings Bank Books, from and to, and to and from, Depositors and the Treasury; Applications made by Depositors (Savings Bank), for acknowledgment of deposits; Applications or necessary Letters of Inquiry respecting the sums deposited by them, and the Replies thereto. 2. All Letters on Government Insurances and Annuities business. Provided, however, that the words "Government Savings Bank," "Government Annuities," or "Government Life Insurance," as the case may be, are legibly marked on the outside cover.

Book Packets for Malta, Gibraltar, and the United Kingdom, viâ Southampton—Not exceeding 4 ozs., 4d.; not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 8d.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., but not exceeding $\frac{3}{4}$ lb., 1s.; exceeding $\frac{3}{4}$ lb., but not exceeding 1 lb., 1s. 4d.; and so on, increasing 4d. for every additional $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. or portion of $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., up to 3 lbs.

Packets of Books and Printed Papers of every kind, posted in conformity with the Regulations of the British Colonial Book, Post, and addressed to the United Kingdom, may be forwarded in the closed Mails despatched by way of Marseilles. The postage on such Book Packets, sent by the route to Marseilles, including the French transit rate, will be—Not exceeding

4 ozs., 6d. ; above 4 ozs., and not exceeding 8 ozs., 1s. ; above 8 ozs., and not exceeding 12 ozs., 1s. 6d. ; above 12 ozs. and not exceeding 1 lb., 2s. ; and so on, adding 6d. for each additional 4 ozs. or fraction of 4 ozs. *Via Brindisi*—1 oz. 5d. ; 2 ozs., 6d. ; 4 ozs., 7d. ; 8 ozs., 1s. 2d. ; 12 ozs., 1s. 9d. ; 1 lb., 2s. 4d. ; and for every additional 4 ozs., up to 3 lbs., 7d. The postage must be prepaid by stamps, and the value of stamps affixed to a packet will be taken as an indication of the choice of route on behalf of the sender—*i.e.*, whether *via* Southampton, *via* Marseilles, or *via* Brindisi.

Intercolonial Book Packets (excepting New South Wales)—Not exceeding 2 ozs., 2d. ; and so on, increasing 2d. for every additional 2 ozs. or portion of 2 ozs.

New South Wales.—Not exceeding 1 oz., 1d. ; 2 ozs., 2d. ; for every additional 2 ozs. or fraction of 2 ozs., 2d.

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, and one foot in width and depth. 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, nor 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 prepaid, 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.

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NEWSPAPERS.

Newspapers are transmitted within the Colony, and to the neighboring Colonies, 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 *via* Marseilles. *Via* Brindisi the postage is—for every Newspaper not exceeding 4 ozs., 4d.; and for every additional 4 ozs., 4d.

The Postage on newspapers must be paid by affixing on the newspapers stamps of sufficient value, and no newspaper chargeable with postage will be forwarded unless fully prepaid.

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MONEY ORDERS.

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

QUEENSLAND.

MONEY ORDER OFFICES.—*Allora, Beenleigh, Bowen, Brisbane, Cape River, Cardwell, Clermont, Condamine, Copperfield, Dalby, Drayton, Gainsford, Gayndah, Gladstone, Goodna, Goondiwindi, Gympie, Ipswich, Jimna, Leyburn, Mackay, Maryborough, Nanango, Nebo, Ravenswood, Rockhampton, Roma, St. George, Springsure, Surat, Tambo, Taroom, Toowoomba, Townsville, Warwick, Westwood*—For any sum not exceeding £5, 6d.; exceeding £5, but not exceeding £10, 1s.

INTERCOLONIAL.

<i>New South Wales</i>	}					
<i>New Zealand</i>						
<i>South Australia</i>		For any sum not exceeding £5	1	0		
<i>Tasmania</i>		Exceeding £5, but not exceeding £10	2	0		
<i>Victoria</i>						
<i>Western Australia</i>						
		BRITISH.				
At any Money	}	For any sum not exceeding £2	1	0		
Order Office in the		Exceeding £2, but not exceeding £5..	2	6		
United Kingdom		" £5, "	£7..	3	6	
		" £7, "	£10..	5	0	

No single 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 is kept open, on Saturdays, until 12 noon.

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