

# POSTAL INFORMATION.

## LOCAL REGULATIONS.

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.

### REGULATIONS FOR PRIVATE MAIL BAGS.

Settlers upon mail routes requiring the accommodation of a Private Bag can obtain the same from either of the Two Post Offices next to them upon payment (in advance) of a sum not exceeding Two Guineas per annum to the Postmaster who has to make up the bag, subject to the following regulations, viz:—

1. The bag must be of leather, and provided at the cost of the person requiring it.
2. The Postmaster will close and seal it securely before dispatching it; and it must be returned in like manner, sealed with some seal the impression of which is known by the Postmaster.
3. The bag may contain letters for all persons who give *written authorities* to the Postmaster to enclose them; but it must be distinctly understood that the person paying for the private bag is responsible for the postage of all unpaid letters, and for the receipts for all classes which may be registered. In case of non-payment of postage, or detention of registered letter receipts, the Postmaster shall decline to forward any more letters of either of these classes.

A contractor is bound to convey and deliver free of all charge, all bags given to him by the Postmasters, or under their instructions; but is not required to deviate in the slightest from the usual mail route, and is on no account to be delayed. Should the return bag not be ready at the appointed time and place the contractor must not wait for it.

### GENERAL RULES TO BE OBSERVED.

All Letters, Packets, and Newspapers posted in Queensland that are required to be prepaid, must bear Queensland Stamps.

Inland Letters inadvertently posted, either unstamped or insufficiently stamped, will be forwarded to their destination; but, before delivery, double the amount of deficient postage must be paid.

Insufficiently prepaid or wholly unpaid letters posted for transmission to Australian Colonies, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom, will be forwarded, but charged with the deficiency and a single rate as a fine.

Any insufficiently prepaid letter posted for transmission to the United States of America, 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; any letter not bearing a single rate of postage will be opened and returned to the sender.

Any Letter or Packet posted for transmission to British Colonies (excepting the Australian Colonies and New Zealand), and to foreign countries (unless in special cases), if sent direct, will invariably be opened and returned to the sender, unless it bears the full amount of postage payable thereon.

*Letters and Packets Containing Gold or Silver, Jewels, &c*—No letter or packet, whether registered or unregistered, containing either gold or silver, money, jewels, or precious articles, or any other article whatever, liable to Customs duties is allowed to be conveyed by post to any of the countries comprised within the Postal Union. Any Letters or Packets containing such enclosures and addressed to the countries

comprised in the *General Postal Union*—namely: Austro-Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, Egypt, France, French Colonies, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal (including the Azores and Madeira), Roumania, Russia, Servia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United States and British India—will not be received at any Post Office.

*Letters, Packets, and Newspapers, on being Re-directed*, are charged the same amount of postage, in addition to the original postage, as would be payable if such letter, packet, or newspaper were originally posted at the place of re-direction (excepting soldiers' and sailors' letters).

A Postmaster may refuse to receive or transmit by post any letter, packet, or packet of newspapers exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, or of inconvenient form or dimensions, or containing, or reasonably suspected to contain, any article likely to injure the other contents of the mail bags or any person.

### LETTERS.

Letters sent *overland* to the Colonies of New South Wales and South Australia, are charged postage as follows, viz.: New South Wales, 2d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.; South Australia, 4d. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. (2d. Queensland stamp and 2d. N. S. Wales stamp.)

*Registered Letters*.—For the Registration of Letters (except where specially mentioned) a Stamp of the value of fourpence must be affixed, in addition to the postage chargeable. As the Post Office is not responsible for the loss of *any letter, packet, or newspaper*, whether registered or otherwise, persons 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. The registration of letters containing any enclosure of value is compulsory by law. Envelopes for Registration purposes may be had on application to any Post Office, at one half-penny each.

*Late Fee on Letters*.—Colonial and Intercolonial, 3d. each letter; Foreign, 6d. This fee is paid by affixing to the letter the required amount of postage stamps.

*Loose Ship Letters*.—Loose Letters posted on board steamers must bear a late fee, besides the regular postage in Queensland postage stamps, unless for delivery within the colony, in which case the regular postage only is required.

*Consignees' Letters*.—Letters concerning goods sent, and to be delivered therewith, are not required by the Post Office Act to be posted, nor to bear postage stamps, but those sent by railway must, to avoid being taken for ordinary letters, have besides the words "Consignees Letter," the name and address of the sender legibly written or printed on the face thereof.

*Exemption from Postage Rate*.—1. All Petitions or Addresses to Her Majesty, His Excellency the Governor, and all Petitions to the Executive Council, the Legislative Council, and the Legislative Assembly, not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight, and without covers, or in covers open at both ends. 2. 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 enquiry respecting the sums deposited by them, and for the replies thereto. 3. All letters on Government insurances and annuities business. (Provided, that the words "Government Savings Bank," as the case may be, are legibly marked on the outside cover.) 4. *Telegraphic Messages* posted for delivery when bearing the word "Post" on the cover and initialed by the Electric Telegraph Officer in charge. 5. Packets (in covers open at the ends or sides, and the contents legibly endorsed thereon) containing votes and proceedings of the Parliament of Queensland, or the weekly parts of the Queensland Parliamentary Debates, may be sent by post within the colony free of charge, provided they bear the date of issue from the office of the Government Printer, and are posted within seven days thereafter. All such packets posted after the expiration of seven days from the date of issue from the office of the Government Printer shall be charged postage at ordinary rates for packets. 6. Divisional Boards' ballot papers, when initialed and posted by the returning officer and endorsed "Ballot paper."

The following Table of Postage Rates is abridged from the *Postal Guide*:—

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PLACES.	Ordinary Letters.			Registered Letters.	Packets.					Newspapers.
	Not exceeding		Every additional half oz.	Fee in addition to Postage.	Not exceeding One oz.	One oz. to Two ozs.	Two ozs. to Four ozs.	Every additional.		
	Half oz.	One oz.						Two ozs.	Four ozs.	
Town .. .. .	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	Free, if posted within seven days of publication; 1d. each if posted afterwards. 1d. each. 1d. each 4 ozs. 2d. each 4 ozs. 1d. each 4 ozs. 1d. each 4 ozs. 3d. per 4 ozs. 4d. per 4 ozs. 4d. per 4 ozs. 2d. per 2 ozs. 2d. per 4 ozs. 4d. per 4 ozs. 2d. each. 3d. per 4 ozs. 1d. each. 1d. each.† 2d. per 4 ozs. 2d. per 4 ozs. 4d. per 4 ozs. 2d. per 4 ozs. 2d. per 4 ozs. 4d. per 4 ozs. 5d. per 4 ozs. 5d. per 4 ozs.
Country .. .. .	0 1	0 2	0 1	0 4	0 1	0 1	0 2	0 1	0 2	
Australian Colonies, Tasmania, and New Zealand	0 2	0 4	0 2	0 4	0 1	0 1	0 2	0 1	0 2	
All places except the Australian Colonies, Tasmania, and New Zealand, by private ship direct	0 2	0 4	0 2	0 4	0 1	0 2	0 4	0 4	0 4	
United Kingdom direct	0 6	1 0	0 6	0 4	0 2	0 2	0 4	0 2	0 4	
United Kingdom, <i>via</i> Torres Straits and Brindisi	0 4	0 8	0 4	0 4	0 1	0 2	0 3	0 0	0 3	
United Kingdom, <i>via</i> Melbourne and Brindisi †	0 6	1 0	0 6	0 4	0 1	0 2	0 4	0 4	0 4	
United Kingdom <i>via</i> Melbourne and Brindisi ‡	0 9	1 6	0 9	0 4	0 2	0 4	0 6	0 0	0 6	
United Kingdom <i>via</i> San Francisco	0 8	1 4	0 8	0 4	0 2	0 4	0 6	0 6	0 6	
America, United States of, <i>via</i> San Francisco	0 8	1 4	0 8	0 4	0 2	0 2	0 4	0 2	0 4	
Ditto, British North, ditto	0 8	1 4	0 8	0 4	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 6	0 6	
Ditto, Central, and Mexico, ditto	1 0	2 0	1 0	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 7	0 7	0 7	
Ditto, South (West Coast), ditto	1 6	3 0	1 6	0 4	0 5	0 5	0 10	0 10	0 10	
Ditto, ditto (East Coast), <i>via</i> London	1 8	2 10	1 8	0 6	0 4	0 4	0 6	0 6	0 6	
Austria, <i>via</i> Torres Straits and London	0 8	1 3	0 8	0 4	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 6	0 6	
Ditto ditto and Italy*	0 9	1 6	0 9	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 8	0 4	0 8	
Cape of Good Hope and Natal	0 11	1 10	0 11	0 6	0 3	0 4	0 6	0 0	0 6	
Denmark, <i>via</i> Torres Straits and London	0 8	1 3	0 8	0 4	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 3	0 6	
Ditto ditto and Italy*	0 9	1 6	0 9	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 8	0 4	0 8	
Fiji	0 2	0 4	0 2	0 4	0 1	0 2	0 4	0 4	0 4	
France and Algeria, <i>via</i> Torres Straits and Marseilles †	0 11	1 10	0 11	{ Double postage } { and 4d. added. }	0 2†	0 2	0 4	0 2	0 4	
France and Algeria, <i>via</i> Torres Straits and travelling post Modane to Paris †	1 1	2 2	1 1		Ditto.	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 3	
France and Algeria <i>via</i> San Francisco	0 8	1 3	0 8	0 6	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 3	0 6	
German States, <i>via</i> Torres Straits and London	0 8	1 3	0 8	0 6	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 3	0 6	
Ditto ditto and Italy*	0 9	1 6	0 9	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 8	0 4	0 8	
Ditto <i>via</i> San Francisco	0 8	1 3	0 8	0 6	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 3	0 6	
India, China, Batavia (Java), & Singapore, (S. Settlements)	0 6	1 0	0 6	0 4	0 2	0 2	0 4	0 2	0 4	
Italy <i>via</i> Torres Straits and Brindisi *	0 7	1 2	0 7	0 4	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 3	0 6	
Italy <i>via</i> San Francisco	0 8	1 3	0 8	0 6	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 3	0 6	
Sweden & Norway, <i>via</i> Torres Straits and London	0 8	1 3	0 8	0 6	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 3	0 6	
Ditto <i>via</i> Italy*	0 9	1 6	0 9	0 4	0 4	0 4	0 8	0 4	0 8	
West Indies (British) <i>via</i> San Francisco	1 4	2 8	1 4	0 4	0 5	0 5	0 10	0 5	0 10	
Ditto (Foreign) <i>via</i> San Francisco	1 4	2 8	1 4	0 4	0 5	0 5	0 10	0 5	0 10	

NOTE (\*)—Letters may be paid in advance, or forwarded unpaid, at the option of the sender; but Newspapers and Packets must be fully pre-paid.

(†)—Subject to additional charge on delivery. (‡)—Ordinary Letters can be sent unpaid; Registered Letters must be fully pre-paid.

(\$)—Per "Orient" line, *via* Naples, 9d.; "Orient" line direct, 8d.N.B.—Correspondence, unless marked "*via* Melbourne," "*via* San Francisco" or "*Orient* line," will not be forwarded by those routes.

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## 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.

*Packets of Books, Samples, &c., for the United Kingdom, via Brindisi, or via San Francisco*—Not exceeding 2 ozs., 2d.; and so on, increasing 2d. for every additional 2 ozs., or portion of 2 ozs., 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 Brindisi. The postage on such book packets, sent via Brindisi—2 ozs. 2d.; and for every additional 2 ozs., up to 3 lbs., 2d. 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.

## PACKETS.

(*In covers open at the ends or sides, and the contents legibly endorsed thereon.*)

1. Bankers' packets containing notes, orders, cheques, pass-books, returns or other periodical statements, sent by, or to any bank or banker. Registered parcels containing notes to be completely enclosed in a strong cover, and the contents marked legibly on cover, signed by an officer of the bank. 2. Packets containing process of, or proceedings or pleadings in any court, briefs, cases, and instructions for counsel, and their opinions thereon respectively, deeds, affidavits, policies of assurance, letters of attorney, depositions, or recognizances. 3. Patterns or samples of merchandise not having a value of their own, apart from their mere use as patterns or samples, and either unenclosed or enclosed in transparent bags, or in bags tied round the neck so as to be easily loosened and refastened. 4. Prices current and catalogues. 5. Acts of the Queensland or Imperial Parliament, or printed Votes and Proceedings of either House thereof respectively, or vouchers, or returns, or copies of returns, made by, or to any officer in the public service. 6. Medical diplomas, certificates (partly written and partly printed) writing paper, envelopes, script, pamphlets, maps, plans, specifications, music, photographs (on paper), magazines, reviews, placards, almanacs, prospectuses, paintings, engravings, printers' proofs, or periodical publications, other than newspapers. 7. Printed or plain books. 8. Printed circulars and circulars produced by the Papyrograph, Velocigraph, Multigraph, or any other process by which a number of *fac-simile* copies can be made, may be sent by post as town, country, or foreign packets, within the meaning of *The Postage Act of 1871*; provided they are open at the ends or sides, or in covers open at the ends or sides, and the contents legibly endorsed thereon. 9. Seeds in transparent bags or papers, tied so as to be easily loosened and refastened, not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight. 10. Divisional Board notices of valuation, and of rates and receipts for rates, open at end or sides, and contents stated thereon.

*Regulations.*—No packet shall exceed two feet in length, and one foot in width and depth; nor three pounds in weight. 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. 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. Should a packet be posted unpaid, or, excepting those addressed to the United Kingdom, insufficiently prepaid, or be enclosed in a cover not open at the ends or sides, and contents not legibly endorsed, or should it exceed the dimensions or weight specified, such packet will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, and returned to the sender. Where a packet, addressed to the United Kingdom only, shall have been posted 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. Should any letter, whether sealed or open, or otherwise closed against inspection, be found in a 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 packet rate. The packet itself in such case, will be forwarded, provided the postage shall have been duly paid, without any extra charge. Patterns [see Definition 3] must be of no intrinsic value. This rule includes all articles of a saleable nature, and, indeed, whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mere use as a pattern; nor must the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern be so great that it could fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value. In most cases a small piece of an article is all that is required to be transmitted. The complete article having a value of its own, would not, in such cases, come under the class of patterns or samples only. For instance, a child's dress, a stocking, a shoe or boot, etc., cannot be classed as samples. Patterns must not bear any writing other than the address of the persons for whom they are intended, the name and address of the sender, a manufacturer's or trade mark, numbers, and the price of articles. Samples of seeds, drugs, and so forth, which cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen or other material; but closed bags, although transparent, must not be used for this purpose. No article likely to injure the contents of the mail bags, or the person of any officer of the Post Office, will be forwarded as a pattern. Metals, nails, watch machinery, cutlery, and other articles of intrinsic value, cannot be forwarded to or through France. When packets are found posted contrary to the regulations, whether received from abroad or posted within the colony, they will be surcharged for collection on delivery with the deficient postage as letters, together with an equal amount as a fine. N.B.—In cases where, from the arrival of Packet Ships from England, or from any other cause, the number of such packets is unusually large, the Postmaster, in order to prevent interruption to the punctual despatch of the ordinary Mails, is authorised to delay the transmission of any such packets for three successive posts.

### NEWSPAPERS.

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.

Every printed copy of a paper containing any public news or occurrences, or any remarks or observations thereon, or upon any political matter, or containing only or principally advertisements or trade reports, and printed for sale, or for gratuitous distribution, may be sent by post as a newspaper if it shall be periodically published in parts or numbers at intervals not exceeding one month, and every such part or number shall be deemed to be a separate newspaper, provided it shall not exceed 4 ounces in weight.

*Regulations.*—Every newspaper shall be sent without a cover or in a cover open at both ends, and there shall not be in or upon any such newspaper or the cover thereof, any communication, character, figure, letter, or number (other than the words "newspaper only," the printed titles of such newspapers, the printed names, occupations, and places of business of the printer, publisher, or vendor thereof, the name, occupation, and address of the person to whom it is sent), nor shall anything

be enclosed in, or with, or accompany such newspaper or cover, otherwise such newspaper shall not be transmitted or delivered. Newspapers received from beyond the colony *stitched in monthly parts or otherwise*, are (when re-posted) subject to the charge of One Penny for every number contained therein.

### MONEY ORDERS.

Money Orders may be obtained and made payable at any Money Order Office in Queensland, on payment of the following charges:—For any sum not exceeding £2, 3d.; exceeding £2, but not exceeding £5, 6d.; exceeding £5, but not exceeding £7, 9d.; exceeding £7, but not exceeding £10, 1s.

New South Wales, New Zealand, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia, for any sum not exceeding £5, 1s.; exceeding £5, not exceeding £10, 2s.

At any Money Order Office in the United Kingdom, Hong Kong (including Macao) and British Post Offices in China, viz.:—For any sum not exceeding £2, 1s.; exceeding £2, but not exceeding £5, 2s. 6d.; exceeding £5, but not exceeding £7, 3s. 6d.; exceeding £7, but not exceeding £10, 5s.

The German Empire, Heligoland, and Switzerland (under special regulations) for any sum not exceeding £2, 2s.; exceeding £2, and not exceeding £5, 5s.; exceeding £5, and not exceeding £7, 7s.; exceeding £7, and not exceeding £10, 10s.

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. List 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.

Money Orders may be transmitted by Telegraph between any Money Order Office in Queensland, and between Queensland and any Money Order Office in New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and Western Australia, having telegraphic communication, on payment of the usual charge for a message, in addition to the Money Order Commission.

#### MONEY ORDER OFFICES.

Allors.	Charters Towers	Fernvale	Leyburn	One-mile Creek	Stanthorpe
Alsatia	Clermont	Fortitude Valley	Lower Herbert	Palmer	Surat
Aramac	Cleveland	Gaydah	Mackay	Pimpama	Tambo
Beenleigh	Comet	Georgetown	Maryborough	Port Douglas	Taroom
Blackall	Condamine	Gladstone	Maytown	Ravenwood	Tewantin
Bowen	Cooktown	Goodna	Millchester	Rockhampton	Thornsborough
Brisbane	Copperfield	Goondiwindi	Mitchell	Roma	Tiaro
Bundaberg	Crow's Nest	Gympie	Mount Perry	Sandgate	Toowoomba
Caboolture	Cunnamulla	Inglewood	Murphy's Creek	St. George	Townsville
Cafrus	Dalby	Ipswich	Nanango	S. Lawrence	Warwick
Cardwell	Drayton	Kilkivan	Nebo	South Brisbane	Westwood
Charleville	Emerald	Kingsborough	Nerang Creek	Springure	Yamba.

### POST CARD REGULATIONS.

Post cards are designed to facilitate letter correspondence and provide for the transmission through the post office of short communications, either printed or written in pencil or ink. They may, therefore, be used for orders for goods, invitations, notices, receipts, acknowledgments, price-lists, and other requirements of business or social life, and the matter required to be conveyed may be either in writing or in print, or in both.

Post Cards are of two kinds, namely:—The single post card, with a penny stamp thereon, and containing space—On one side for the address only of the recipient; on the other side for the communication and the signature of the sender. The double (or reply) post card, with two penny stamps thereon.

The postmaster will treat the post card as a sealed letter, and not as a packet, with the following exception, namely:—In no case will an unclaimed post card be returned to the writer, but will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, thirty days after receipt, there to be destroyed. At the request of a person named in the address upon it, a post card may be re-addressed by the postmaster in the same manner as a letter, on payment of one penny additional postage.

The stamp impressed on a post card is the fee chargeable thereon for its transmission within the colony.

Post cards are issued exclusively by the Department, and may be obtained at any post office at their face value. Cards which contain any written or printed matter of the nature of personal correspondence other than the address, if issued by private persons, cannot be passed through the post office at less than letter postage, as they will not be considered "Post Cards" within the meaning of the law.

No written or printed matter will be allowed on the side of a post card used for the address, except the address itself, and nothing should be pasted, gummed, or attached to the card. When this rule is disregarded the post card will not be forwarded except at letter rate, with a second rate as a fine.

A request (written thereon) to return a post card, which does not bear space and stamp for reply will be disregarded.

A post card must be stamped by postmasters on the side intended for the address

### POSTAL NOTE REGULATIONS.

*Classes and Value.*—Postal notes are of four classes, namely:—1. The shilling note printed with green ink, and bearing a half-penny fee stamp. (This note backed by a Telegraph form which, when filled up with a message of ten words, will be received at any Telegraph Office, and transmitted to any station within the colony as a paid telegram.) 2. The half-crown note, printed with red ink, and bearing a penny fee stamp. 3. The five-shilling note, printed with blue ink, and bearing a two-penny fee stamp. 4. The ten-shilling note, printed with lilac ink, and bearing a three-penny fee stamp.

*How Numbered and Signed.*—Every postal note so issued is numbered with a distinctive number, and signed by the issuing officer.

*Payable to Bearer.*—Every postal note, except when crossed as provided in the next clause of these regulations, is payable to the bearer on demand.

*Crossed Notes.*—When additional security is desired for remittance purposes, the lawful owner of a postal note may write or stamp across its face, between two transverse lines, the name of any bank, firm, or person to whom he desires payment to be made. A postal note so crossed to a bank or firm, will not be payable by the Postmaster-General (or transferable) until it has been endorsed or stamped by some person duly authorised by such bank or firm; or, when crossed to any person, until it has been endorsed by such person.

*Supply of Notes to Private Persons.*—The Issuing Officer will supply, post free, in quantities not less than £5 worth at one time, postal notes to any person remitting cash in payment for the same, less a discount of two-pence in the pound.

*Receivable as Cash.*—Postal notes will be received at any post or telegraph office as cash, at their face value, less amount of fee stamp, in payment of money due to, or for services performed by the department.

*Notes may be given in Change.*—Any officer of the Post and Telegraph Departments may, for the purpose of giving change only, pay out, at its face value, exclusive of amount of fee stamp, a postal note which has been previously sold and the stamp thereon obliterated.

*Paying Offices.*—Every postal note will be payable to bearer, or to its lawful endorser, if crossed, on presentation, within the usual banking hours, at—The General Post Office, Brisbane, and the post office in each of the undermentioned towns, namely: at Ipswich, Toowoomba, Warwick, Dalby, Roma, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Blackall, Aramac, Clermont, Mackay, Bowen, Townsville, Charters Towers, Cooktown, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Gympie, St George, Stanthorpe, and at such other post offices as may be hereafter appointed.

The postmaster may refuse payment of a postal note—If, having been crossed, it is not endorsed, and is presented by any person not authorised to endorse the same, or not being the person in whose favor it was crossed. If the paying officer has reason to believe the endorsement to be a forgery, or made by an unauthorised person. If the note is so soiled or mutilated that any signature thereon has become undecipherable.

Per Branch Steamer.																			Cooktown.	Th'rs- day Isl'nd.	Batavia.		Aden.	Via Brindisi.		Suez.	Port Said.	Ply- month.
Bris- bane.	Keppel Bay, R'khampton.		Flat-top I., Mackay.		Bowen.		Townsville.		Aden.	Lon- don.																		
Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'									
Wed. 3 Jan	Thur. 4 Jan	Fri. 5 Jan	Sat. 6 Jan	Sat. 6 Jan	Sun. 7 Jan	Sun. 7 Jan	Mon. 8 Jan	Mon. 8 Jan	Tues. 9 Jan	Tues. 9 Jan	Thur. 11 Jan	Sun. 21 Jan	Mon. 22 Jan	Wed. 7 Feb	Thur. 8 Feb	Tues. 20 Feb	Wed. 14 Feb	Fri. 16 Feb	Wed. 28 Feb									
31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	6 Feb	8 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	7 Mar	8 Mar	20 Mar	14 Mar	16 Mar	28 Mar									
28 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar	3 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar	6 Mar	8 Mar	18 Mar	19 Mar	4 Apr	5 Apr	17 Apr	11 Apr	13 Apr	25 Apr									
28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar	31 Mar	31 Mar	1 Apr	1 Apr	2 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	3 Apr	5 Apr	15 Apr	16 Apr	2 M'y	3 M'y	15 M'y	9 M'y	11 M'y	23 M'y									
25 Apr	26 Apr	27 Apr	28 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr	30 Apr	1 M'y	1 M'y	3 M'y	13 M'y	14 M'y	30 M'y	31 M'y	12 J'ne	6 J'ne	8 J'ne	20 J'ne									
Tues. 22 M'y	Wed. 23 M'y	Thur. 24 M'y	Fri. 25 M'y	Fri. 25 M'y	Sat. 26 M'y	Sat. 26 M'y	Sun. 27 M'y	Sun. 27 M'y	Mon. 28 M'y	Mon. 28 M'y	Wed. 30 M'y	Sat. 9 J'ne	Sun. 10 J'ne	Tues. 26 J'ne	Wed. 27 J'ne	Mon. 9 J'ly	Tues. 3 J'ly	Thur. 5 J'ly	Tues. 17 J'ly									
19 J'ne	20 J'ne	21 J'ne	22 J'ne	22 J'ne	23 J'ne	23 J'ne	24 J'ne	24 J'ne	25 J'ne	25 J'ne	27 J'ne	7 J'ly	8 J'ly	24 J'ly	25 J'ly	6 Aug	31 J'ly	2 Aug	14 Aug									
Thur. 19 J'ly	Fri. 20 J'ly	Sat. 21 J'ly	Sat. 21 J'ly	Sat. 21 J'ly	Sun. 22 J'ly	Sun. 22 J'ly	Sun. 22 J'ly	Sun. 22 J'ly	Mon. 23 J'ly	Mon. 23 J'ly	25 J'ly	4 Aug	5 Aug	21 Aug	22 Aug	3 Sep	28 Aug	30 Aug	11 Sep									
16 Aug	17 Aug	18 Aug	18 Aug	18 Aug	19 Aug	19 Aug	19 Aug	19 Aug	20 Aug	20 Aug	22 Aug	1 Sep	2 Sep	18 Sep	19 Sep	1 Oct	25 Sep	27 Sep	9 Oct									
Fri. 14 Sep	Sat. 15 Sep	Sun. 16 Sep	Sun. 16 Sep	Sun. 16 Sep	Mon. 17 Sep	Mon. 17 Sep	Mon. 17 Sep	Mon. 17 Sep	Tues. 18 Sep	Tues. 18 Sep	Thur. 20 Sep	Sun. 30 Sep	Mon. 1 Oct	Wed. 17 Oct	Thur. 18 Oct	Tues. 30 Oct	Wed. 24 Oct	Fri. 26 Oct	Wed. 7 Nov									
12 Oct	13 Oct	14 Oct	14 Oct	14 Oct	15 Oct	15 Oct	15 Oct	15 Oct	16 Oct	16 Oct	18 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct	14 Nov	15 Nov	27 Nov	21 Nov	23 Nov	5 Dec									
9 Nov	10 Nov	11 Nov	11 Nov	11 Nov	12 Nov	12 Nov	12 Nov	12 Nov	13 Nov	13 Nov	15 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov	12 Dec	13 Dec	25 Dec	19 Dec	21 Dec	2 J'a'84									
7 Dec	8 Dec	9 Dec	9 Dec	9 Dec	10 Dec	10 Dec	10 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec	11 Dec	13 Dec	23 Dec	24 Dec	9 Jan	10 Jan	22 Jan	16 Jan	18 Jan	30 Jan									

  

Ply- month.	Port Said.	Suez.	Via Brindisi.		Aden.	Batavia.		Th'rs- day Isl'nd.	Cooktown.		Per Branch Steamer.									
			Lon- don.	Aden.		Arriv'	Leave		Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave	Arriv'	Leave
Tues.	Sun.	Tues.	Fri.	Tues.	Tues.	Thur.	Fri.	Mon.	Wed.	Wed.	Thur.	Thur.	Fri.	Fri.	Sat.	Sat.	Mon.	Mon.	Tues.	
16 Jan	28 Jan	30 Jan	26 Jan	6 Feb	6 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	5 Mar	7 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar	9 Mar	10 Mar	10 Mar	12 Mar	12 Mar	13 Mar	
13 Feb	25 Feb	27 Feb	23 Feb	6 Mar	6 Mar	22 Mar	23 Mar	2 Apr	4 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr	6 Apr	7 Apr	7 Apr	9 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	
13 Mar	25 Mar	27 Mar	23 Mar	3 Apr	3 Apr	19 Apr	20 Apr	30 Apr	2 M'y	2 M'y	3 M'y	3 M'y	4 M'y	4 M'y	5 M'y	5 M'y	7 M'y	7 M'y	8 M'y	
10 Apr	22 Apr	24 Apr	20 Apr	1 M'y	1 M'y	17 M'y	18 M'y	28 M'y	30 M'y	30 M'y	31 M'y	31 M'y	1 J'ne	1 J'ne	2 J'ne	2 J'ne	4 J'ne	4 J'ne	5 J'ne	
8 M'y	20 M'y	22 M'y	18 M'y	29 M'y	29 M'y	14 J'ne	15 J'ne	25 J'ne	27 J'ne	27 J'ne	28 J'ne	28 J'ne	29 J'ne	29 J'ne	30 J'ne	30 J'ne	2 J'ly	2 J'ly	3 J'ly	
5 J'ne	17 J'ne	19 J'ne	15 J'ne	26 J'ne	26 J'ne	12 J'ly	13 J'ly	23 J'ly	25 J'ly	25 J'ly	26 J'ly	26 J'ly	27 J'ly	27 J'ly	27 J'ly	27 J'ly	28 J'ly	28 J'ly	29 J'ly	
3 J'ly	15 J'ly	17 J'ly	13 J'ly	24 J'ly	24 J'ly	9 Aug	10 Aug	20 Aug	22 Aug	22 Aug	23 Aug	23 Aug	23 Aug	23 Aug	24 Aug	24 Aug	25 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug	
31 J'ly	12 Aug	14 Aug	10 Aug	21 Aug	21 Aug	6 Sep	7 Sep	17 Sep	19 Sep	19 Sep	20 Sep	20 Sep	20 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep	21 Sep	22 Sep	22 Sep	23 Sep	
28 Aug	9 Sep	11 Sep	7 Sep	18 Sep	18 Sep	4 Oct	5 Oct	15 Oct	17 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct	18 Oct	18 Oct	18 Oct	19 Oct	19 Oct	20 Oct	20 Oct	21 Oct	
25 Sep	7 Oct	9 Oct	5 Oct	16 Oct	16 Oct	1 Nov	2 Nov	12 Nov	14 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov	15 Nov	15 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov	
23 Oct	4 Nov	6 Nov	2 Nov	13 Nov	13 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov	10 Dec	12 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec	14 Dec	15 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec	
20 Nov	2 Dec	4 Dec	30 Nov	11 Dec	11 Dec	27 Dec	28 Dec	7 Jan	9 Jan	9 Jan	10 Jan	10 Jan	10 Jan	10 Jan	11 Jan	11 Jan	12 Jan	12 Jan	13 Jan	
18 Dec	30 Dec	1 Jan	28 Dec	8 Jan	8 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	4 Feb	6 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	7 Feb	7 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb	

OUTWARD.

TORRES STRAITS ROUTE.

English Straits.

INWARD.



MELBOURNE AND BRINDISI—P. AND O. LINE.

MELBOURNE TO LONDON, <i>via</i> CEYLON AND BRINDISI.					LONDON TO MELBOURNE, <i>via</i> BRINDISI AND CEYLON.				
Steamers Leave.	Steamers Arrive.			Mails Arrive.	Mails Leave.	Steamers Leave.	Steamers Arrive.		
Melbourne	Adel'de, Glenelg.	K.G'ge's Sound.	Ceylon.	London.	London.	Ceylon.	K.G'ge's Sound.	Adel'de, Glenelg.	Milbrne.
Jan. 4	Jan. 6	Jan. 10	Jan. 23	Feb. 13	Jan. 12	Feb. 2	Feb. 14	Feb. 19	Feb. 21
Jan. 18	Jan. 20	Jan. 24	Feb. 6	Feb. 27	Jan. 26	Feb. 16	Feb. 28	Mar. 5	Mar. 7
Feb. 1	Feb. 3	Feb. 7	Feb. 20	March 13	Feb. 9	March 2	Mar. 14	Mar. 19	Mar. 21
Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 21	Mar. 6	March 27	Feb. 23	March 16	Mar. 28	April 2	April 4
March 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 7	Mar. 20	April 10	March 9	March 30	April 11	April 16	April 18
March 15	Mar. 17	Mar. 21	April 3	April 24	March 23	April 13	April 25	April 30	May 2
March 29	Mar. 31	April 4	April 17	May 8	April 6	April 27	May 9	May 14	May 16
April 12	April 14	April 18	May 1	May 22	April 20	May 11	May 23	May 28	May 30
April 24	April 26	April 30	May 13	June 5	May 4	May 25	June 6	June 11	June 13
May 8	May 10	May 14	May 27	June 18	May 18	June 8	June 20	June 25	June 27
May 22	May 24	May 28	June 10	July 2	June 1	June 22	July 4	July 9	July 11
June 5	June 7	June 11	June 24	July 16	June 15	July 6	July 18	July 23	July 25
June 19	June 21	June 25	July 8	July 30	June 29	July 20	Aug. 1	Aug. 6	Aug. 8
July 3	July 5	July 9	July 22	August 13	July 13	Aug. 3	Aug. 15	Aug. 20	Aug. 22
July 17	July 19	July 23	Aug. 5	August 27	July 27	Aug. 17	Aug. 29	Sept. 3	Sept. 5
July 31	Aug. 2	Aug. 6	Aug. 19	Sept. 10	Aug. 10	Aug. 31	Sept. 12	Sept. 17	Sept. 19
August 14	Aug. 16	Aug. 20	Sept. 2	Sept. 24	Aug. 24	Sept. 14	Sept. 26	Oct. 1	Oct. 3
August 28	Aug. 30	Sept. 3	Sept. 16	Oct. 8	Sept. 7	Sept. 28	Oct. 10	Oct. 15	Oct. 17
Sept. 11	Sept. 13	Sept. 17	Sept. 30	Oct. 23	Sept. 21	Oct. 12	Oct. 24	Oct. 29	Oct. 31
Sept. 25	Sept. 27	Oct. 1	Oct. 14	Nov. 6	Oct. 5	Oct. 26	Nov. 7	Nov. 12	Nov. 14
Oct. 11	Oct. 13	Oct. 17	Oct. 30	Nov. 20	Oct. 19	Nov. 9	Nov. 21	Nov. 26	Nov. 28
Oct. 25	Oct. 27	Oct. 31	Nov. 13	Dec. 4	Nov. 2	Nov. 23	Dec. 5	Dec. 10	Dec. 12
Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 14	Nov. 27	Dec. 18	Nov. 16	Dec. 7	Dec. 19	Dec. 24	Dec. 26
Nov. 22	Nov. 24	Nov. 28	Dec. 11	Jan. '84 1	Nov. 30	Dec. 21	Jan '84 2	Jan '84 7	Jan '84 9
Dec. 6	Dec. 8	Dec. 12	Dec. 25	Jan. 15	Dec. 14	Jan. '84 4	Jan. 16	Jan. 21	Jan. 23
Dec. 20	Dec. 22	Dec. 26	Jan '84 8	Jan. 29	Dec. 28	Jan. 18	Jan. 30	Feb. 4	Feb. 6

Correspondence by the above route must be marked "*Via* Melbourne and Brindisi." Postage on letters, 9d. the half-ounce.

Mails are despatched from Brisbane about five days before the date of departure from Melbourne, and are received about five days after arrival in Melbourne.

ORIENT LINE.

Steamers.	Leave Sydney.	Leave Melbourne	Leave Adelaide.	Steamers.	Leave Sydney.	Leave Melbourne	Leave Adelaide.
Orient ..	Saturday. Dec. 23	Wdnesday. Dec. 27	Saturday. Dec. 16	Cotopaxi ..	Saturday. March 3	Wdnesday. March 7	Saturday. March 10
Chimborazo ..	Jan. 6	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Liguria ..	" 17	" 21	" 24
John Elder ..	" 20	" 24	" 27	Garonne ..	" 31	April 4	April 7
Scrata ..	Feb. 3	Feb. 7	Feb. 10	Potosi ..	April 16	" 18	" 21
Cuzco ..	" 17	" 21	" 24	Orient ..	" 28	May 2	May 5

Correspondence by the above route must be marked "*Per* Orient steamer ——" Postage on letters direct, 8d. ; *via* Naples, 9d. the half-ounce.

Mails are despatched from Brisbane about three days before the dates fixed for departure from Sydney.

The time table beyond the above dates has not been published ; but it is probable that the mails will continue to be despatched from Sydney each alternate Saturday from April 28.

## SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

HOMEWARD ROUTE.				OUTWARD ROUTE.			
Leave		Arrive at		Leave		Arrive at	
Sydney.	Auckland.	S. Fr'isco.	London.	London.	S. Francisco.	Auckland.	Sydney.
1883.	1883.	1883.	1883.	1883.	1883.	1883.	1883.
Thur., 3 p.m.	Tues., 2 p.m.	Thursday.	Monday.	Thursday.	*Saturday.	Monday.	Saturday.
January 26	Jan. 30	Feb. 22	March 12	Jan. 25	Feb. 10	March 5	March 10
February 22	Feb. 27	March 22	April 9	Feb. 22	March 10	April 2	April 7
March 22	March 27	April 19	May 7	March 22	April 7	April 30	May 5
April 19	April 24	May 17	June 4	April 19	May 5	May 28	June 2
May 17	May 22	June 14	July 2	May 17	June 2	June 25	June 30
June 14	June 19	July 12	July 30	June 14	June 30	July 23	July 28
July 12	July 17	Aug. 9	Aug. 27	July 12	July 28	Aug. 20	August 25
August 9	August 14	Sept. 6	Sept. 24	August 9	August 25	Sept. 17	Sept. 22
Sept. 6	Sept. 11	Oct. 4	Oct. 22	Sept. 6	Sept. 22	Oct. 15	October 20
October 4	October 9	Nov. 1	Nov. 19	October 4	October 20	Nov. 12	Nov. 17
Nov. 1	Nov. 6	Nov. 29	Dec. 17				

Correspondence by the above route must be marked "Via San Francisco." Postage on letters, 8d. the half-ounce.

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\* Or immediately on arrival of London Mail at San Francisco.