

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 those 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), through the United Kingdom will be forwarded, and charged with the postage on delivery—the latter as if wholly unpaid.

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.

RATES OF POSTAGE.—*Town*—For delivery within the limits of city or town in which the letters are posted, :—not exceeding half an ounce One penny : every additional half ounce or part, One penny. *Country, also Australian Colonies and New Zealand*—Not exceeding half an ounce Twopence : every additional half ounce Twopence. *United Kingdom*—Torres Strait (direct route) Fourpence for each half ounce. *United Kingdom*—Torres Strait and Brindisi, Orient Steamer, French packet, P. & O. route *via* Melbourne, and *via* California, Sixpence for each half ounce. (The rates by all these routes are now the same.)

Registered Letters.—For the Registration of Letters (except where specially provided for) 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 or Government Annuities, etc." 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 initialled 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 initialled and posted by the Returning Officer and endorsed "Ballot papers," and ballot papers addressed by voters to the Returning Officer.

RATES OF POSTAGE FOR LETTERS, NEWSPAPERS, AND PACKETS.

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		Every additional.		
	Half oz.	One oz.					Two ozs.	Two ozs. to Four ozs.	Two ozs.	Four ozs.	
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	
Town	0 1	0 2	0 1	0	4	0 1	0 1	0 2	0 1	0 2	} Free. if posted within seven days of publication; 1d. each if posted afterwards.
Country	0 2	0 4	0 2	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 2	0 4	0 4	0 4	
All places except the Australian Colonies, Tasmania, and New Zealand, by private ship direct	0 6	1 0	0 6	0	4	0 2	0 2	0 4	0 2	0 4	
United Kingdom direct	0 4	0 8	0 4	0	4	0 1	0 2	0 3	0 3	0 3	
United Kingdom, <i>via</i> Torres Straits and Brindisi— Orient Line or French Packet	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 6	1 0	0 6	0	4	0 1	0 2	0 4	0 4	0 4	
United Kingdom <i>via</i> San Francisco	0 6	1 0	0 6	0	4	0 1	0 2	0 4	0 4	0 4	
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 9	1 6	0 9	0	4	0 5	0 5	0 8	0 8	0 8	
Ditto, Central and Mexico. ditto	0 8	1 4	0 8	0	9	0 4	0 4	0 7	0 7	0 7	
Ditto, South. ditto	0 9	1 6	0 9	0	9	0 4	0 4	0 8	0 4	0 8	
Austria, <i>via</i> Torres Straits 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 6	0 6	
Denmark, <i>via</i> Torres Straits 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 Brindisi or French Packet	0 6	1 0	0 6	0	4	0 1	0 2	0 4	0 2	0 4	
German States, <i>via</i> Torres Straits and Italy	0 9	1 6	0 9	0	4	0 4	0 4	0 8	0 4	0 4	
Ditto <i>via</i> San Francisco	0 10	1 8	0 10	0	6	0 3	0 5	0 8	0 5	0 8	
India, China, Batavia (Java), & Su'g'pore, (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 direct	0 7	1 2	0 7	0	4	0 3	0 3	0 6	0 3	0 6	
Italy <i>via</i> Melbourne	0 10	1 8	0 10	0	4	0 4	0 5	0 8	0 5	0 8	
Italy <i>via</i> San Francisco	0 10	1 8	0 10	0	6	0 3	0 5	0 8	0 5	0 8	
Sweden & Norway, <i>via</i> Torres Straits and 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	0 9	1 6	0 9	0	9	0 4	0 4	0 7	0 4	0 7	
Ditto (Foreign) <i>via</i> San Francisco	0 9	1 6	0 9	No Registration.		0 4	0 4	0 7	0 4	0 7	

PACKETS AND BOOKS.

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 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.

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.

Book Packets to the Australian Colonies and New Zealand—Not exceeding 1 oz., 1d.; not exceeding 2 ozs., 2d.; 2 ozs. to 4 ozs., 4d.; and for every additional 4 ounces or part 4d.

Book Packets to the United Kingdom—By Torres Strait route direct: Not exceeding 1 oz., 1d.; not exceeding 2 ozs., 2d.; not exceeding 4 ozs., 3d.; and for every additional 4 ozs., 3d. By Torres Strait and Brindisi; by Orient Line, by French Packet, by P. and O route *via* Melbourne, and by San Francisco route—Not exceeding 1 oz., 1d.; not exceeding 2 ozs., 2d.; not exceeding 4 ozs., 4d.; and for every additional 4 ozs., 4d. (The rates by all these routes are the same)

DEFINITION OF 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, scrip, 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. Packets addressed to the United Kingdom, insufficiently prepaid, will be forwarded, but on delivery will be 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 must be of no intrinsic value. This rule excludes 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.

Rates.—Newspapers published in Queensland are transmitted within the Colony, or to any of the Australian Colonies, Free, if posted within Seven Days of publication, if posted after that time the rate is one penny each. United Kingdom *via* Torres Strait, Orient Line, and French Packet; *via* Melbourne or *via* California (weight not exceeding four ounces), one penny each.

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, Japan, Cape of Good Hope, India :—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 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 may be obtained between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The Money Order Office at the General Post Office is closed on Saturdays at 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, South Australia, and Tasmania, having telegraphic communication, on payment of the usual charge for a message, in addition to the Money Order Commission.

MONEY ORDER OFFICES.

Allora,	Cleveland	Gladstone	Maryborough	Port Douglas	Tenningering
Aramac	Cloncurry	Goodna	Maytown	Ravenswood	Tewantin
Beenleigh	Comet	Goondiwindi	Miles	Rockhampton	Thorgomindah
Blackall	Cooktown	Gympie	Millchester	Roma	Thornborough
Bogantungan	Copperfield	Herberton	Mitchell	Sandgate	Tiaro
Boolboonda	Crow's Nest	Hughenden	Murphy's Creek	St. George	Toowoomba
Bowen	Cunnamulla	Ingham	Muttaburra	St. Lawrence	Townsville
Bundaberg	Dalby	Inglewood	Nanango	South Brisbane	Walkerston
Caboolture	Drayton	Ipswich	Nebo	Southport	Warwick
Cairns	Emerald	Jimbour	Nerang Creek	Springure	Westwood
Cardwell	Esk	Kilkivan	Normanton	Stanthorpe	Winton
Charleville	Fortitude Valley	Kingsborough	One-mile Creek	Surat	Yaamba.
Charters Towers	Gayndah	Leyburn	Pimpama	Tambo	
Clermont	Georgetown	Mackay	Pine Hill	Taroom	

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 is 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 offices in each of the principal towns in the Colony.

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 soiled or mutilated that any signature thereon has become undecipherable.

English Details.

QUEENSLAND ROYAL MAIL LINE, 1884.

BRISBANE TO PLYMOUTH.

PLYMOUTH TO BRISBANE.

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

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

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PORT'S ALMANAC, 1884.
Or immediately after arrival of inward steamer.

TIME TABLE OF SAN FRANCISCO MAIL, 1884.

HOMEWARD ROUTE.				INWARD ROUTE.			
Leave		Arrive at		Leave		Arrive at	
Sydney.	Auckland.	S. Fr'cisco.	London.	London	S. Francisco.	Auckland.	Sydney.
Thur., 3 p.m. 1883.	Tuesday. 1883.	Wednesday 1884.	Saturday. 1884.	Thursday. 1883.	*Friday. 1883.	Saturday. 1883.	Thursday. 1883.
December 6 1884.	Dec. 11 1884.	Jan. 2	Jan. 19	Nov. 8	Nov. 23	Dec. 15 1884.	Dec. 20 1884.
January 3	Jan. 8	Jan. 30	Feb. 16	Dec. 6 1884.	Dec. 21 1884.	Jan. 12	Jan. 17
January 31	Feb. 5	Feb. 27	March 15	Jan. 3	Jan. 18	Feb. 9	Feb. 14
February 28	March 4	March 26	April 12	Jan. 31	Feb. 16	March 8	March 13
March 27	April 1	April 23	May 10	Feb. 28	March 14	April 5	April 10
April 24	April 29	May 21	June 7	March 27	April 11	May 3	May 6
May 22	May 27	June 18	July 5	April 24	May 9	May 31	June 5
June 19	June 24	July 16	Aug. 2	May 22	June 6	June 28	July 3
July 17	July 22	Aug. 13	Aug. 30	June 19	July 4	July 26	July 31
August 14	August 19	Sept. 10	Sept. 27	July 17	August 1	Aug. 23	August 28
Sept. 11	Sept. 16	Oct. 8	Oct. 25	August 14	August 29	Sept. 20	Sept. 25
October 9	October 14	Nov. 5	Nov. 22	Sept. 11	Sept. 26	Oct. 18	October 23
Nov. 6	Nov. 11	Dec. 3	Dec. 20	October 9	October 24	Nov. 15	Nov. 20
December 4	Dec. 9	Dec. 31	Jan. 17 '85	Nov. 6	Nov. 21	Dec. 13	Dec. 18

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

For Brisbane the times of arrival will be about 3 days later; the Outwards Mails are sent from Brisbane by the steamers leaving on the Friday or Saturday previous to the above dates.

MAIL TABLE OF ORIENT LINE OF STEAMERS, 1884.

HOMEWARD ROUTE.			INWARD ROUTE.		
LEAVE		ARRIVE.	LEAVE		ARRIVE.
Sydney.	Melbourne.	London.	London.	Melbourne.	Sydney.
January 10	January 11	February 19	*January 4	February 12	February 13
*January 24	January 25	March 4	January 18	February 26	February 27
February 7	February 8	March 18	*February 1	March 11	March 12
*February 21	February 22	April 1	February 15	March 25	March 26
March 6	March 7	April 15	*February 29	April 8	April 9
*March 20	March 21	April 29	March 14	April 22	April 23
April 3	April 4	May 13	*March 28	May 6	May 7
*April 17	April 18	May 27	April 11	May 20	May 21
May 1	May 2	June 10	*April 25	June 3	June 4
May 14	May 15	June 23	May 9	June 17	June 18
*May 28	May 29	July 7	*May 23	July 1	July 2
June 11	June 12	July 21	June 6	July 15	July 16
June 25	June 26	August 4	*June 20	July 29	July 30
July 9	July 10	August 18	July 4	August 12	August 13
*July 23	July 24	Septemb'r 1	*July 18	August 26	August 27
August 6	August 7	Septemb'r 15	August 1	Septemb'r 9	September 10
*August 20	August 21	Septemb'r 29	*August 15	Septemb'r 23	September 24
September 4	September 5	October 14	August 29	October 7	October 8
*September 18	Septemb'r 19	October 28	*Septemb'r 12	October 21	October 22
October 2	October 3	Novemb'r 11	Septemb'r 26	Novemb'r 4	November 5
*October 16	October 17	Novemb'r 25	*October 10	Novemb'r 18	November 19
October 30	October 31	December 9	October 24	December 2	December 3
*November 13	Novemb'r 14	December 23	*Novemb'r 7	December 16	December 17
		1885	Novemb'r 21	December 30	December 31
November 27	Novemb'r 28	January 6		1885	1885
*December 11	December 12	January 20	*December 5	January 13	January 14
December 25	December 26	February 3	December 19	January 27	January 28

* Carry Queensland Mails.

* Carry Mails for Queensland.

The Mails between Sydney and Melbourne are carried by rail. Times of arrival at and departure from Brisbane are about 3 days later, and 5 days earlier respectively.

Correspondence for the above route should be marked "per Orient Steamer." except for the steamers alternating with the Torres Strait mail.

MELBOURNE AND BRINDISI—P. AND O. LINE, 1884.

MELBOURNE TO LONDON, via CEYLON AND BRINDISI.					LONDON TO MELBOURNE, via BRINDISI AND CEYLON.				
Steamers Leave.	Steamers Arrive.			Mails Arrive.	Mails Leave.	Steamers Leave.	Steamers Arrive.		
	Adel'de, Glenelg.	K.G'ge's Sound.	Ceylon.	London.			London.	Ceylon.	K.G'ge's Sound.
Jan. 3	Jan. 6	Jan. 9	Jan. 22	Feb. 12	Jan. 11	Feb. 1	Feb. 13	Feb. 18	Feb. 20
Jan. 17	Jan. 19	Jan. 23	Feb. 5	Feb. 26	Jan. 25	Feb. 15	Feb. 27	Mar. 3	Mar. 5
Jan. 31	Feb. 2	Feb. 6	Feb. 19	March 11	Feb. 8	Feb. 29	Mar. 19	Mar. 17	Mar. 19
Feb. 14	Feb. 16	Feb. 20	Mar. 4	March 26	Feb. 22	March 14	Mar. 26	Mar. 31	April 2
Feb. 28	Mar. 1	Mar. 5	Mar. 18	April 8	March 7	March 28	April 9	April 14	April 16
March 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 19	April 1	April 22	March 21	April 11	April 23	April 28	April 30
March 27	Mar. 29	April 2	April 15	May 6	April 4	April 25	May 7	May 12	May 14
April 10	April 12	April 16	April 29	May 20	April 18	May 8	May 21	May 26	May 28
April 22	April 24	April 28	May 11	June 3	May 2	May 23	June 4	June 9	June 11
May 6	May 8	May 12	May 25	June 16	May 16	June 6	June 18	June 23	June 25
May 20	May 22	May 26	June 8	June 30	May 30	June 20	July 2	July 7	July 9
June 3	June 5	June 9	June 22	July 14	June 13	July 4	July 16	July 21	July 23
June 17	June 19	June 23	July 6	July 28	June 27	July 18	July 30	Aug. 4	Aug. 6
July 1	July 3	July 7	July 20	August 11	July 11	Aug. 1	Aug. 13	Aug. 18	Aug. 20
July 15	July 17	July 21	Aug. 3	August 25	July 25	Aug. 15	Aug. 27	Sept. 1	Sept. 3
July 29	July 31	Aug. 4	Aug. 17	Sept. 8	Aug. 8	Aug. 29	Sept. 10	Sept. 15	Sept. 17
August 12	Aug. 14	Aug. 18	Aug. 31	Sept. 22	Aug. 22	Sept. 12	Sept. 24	Sept. 29	Oct. 1
August 26	Aug. 28	Sept. 1	Sept. 14	Oct. 6	Sept. 5	Sept. 26	Oct. 8	Oct. 13	Oct. 15
Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 15	Sept. 28	Oct. 21	Sept. 19	Oct. 10	Oct. 22	Oct. 27	Oct. 29
Sept. 23	Sept. 25	Sept. 29	Oct. 12	Nov. 4	Oct. 3	Oct. 24	Nov. 6	Nov. 10	Nov. 12
Oct. 9	Oct. 11	Oct. 15	Oct. 28	Nov. 18	Oct. 17	Nov. 7	Nov. 19	Nov. 24	Nov. 26
Oct. 23	Oct. 25	Oct. 29	Nov. 11	Dec. 2	Oct. 31	Nov. 21	Dec. 3	Dec. 8	Dec. 10
Nov. 6	Nov. 8	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	Dec. 16	Nov. 14	Dec. 5	Dec. 17	Dec. 22	Dec. 24
Nov. 20	Nov. 22	Nov. 26	Dec. 9	Dec. 30	Nov. 28	Dec. 19	Dec. 31	Jan'85 5	Jan'85 7
Dec. 4	Dec. 6	Dec. 10	Dec. 23	Jan. '85 13	Dec. 12	Jan. '85 2	Jan'85 14	Jan. 19	Jan. 21
Dec. 18	Dec. 20	Dec. 24	Jan'85 6	Jan. 27	Dec. 26	Jan. 16	Jan. 28	Feb. 2	Feb. 4

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES DE FRANCE TIME TABLE, 1884.

Leave Noumea.	Arrive Sydney.	Leave Sydney.	Leave Melbourne.	ARRIVE.							
				Ade-laide.	Mauritius.	Re-union.	Mahé.	Aden.	Suez.	Port Said.	Marseilles.
Jan. 24	Jan. 28	Jan.* 29	Feb. 2	Feb. 4	Feb. 20	Feb. 22	Feb. 26	Mar. 2	Mar. 7	Mar. 9	Mar. 14
Feb. 21	Feb. 25	Feb. 26	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 19	Mar. 21	Mar. 25	Mar. 30	Ap'l 4	Ap'l 6	Ap'l 11
March 20	Mar. 24	Mar. 25	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Ap'l 16	Ap'l 18	Ap'l 22	Ap'l 27	May 2	May 4	May 9
April 17	April 21	April 22	April 26	Ap'l 28	May 14	May 16	May 20	May 25	May 30	June 1	June 6
May 15	May 19	May 20	May 24	May 26	June 11	June 13	June 17	June 22	June 27	June 29	July 4
June 12	June 16	June 17	June 21	June 23	July 9	July 11	July 15	July 20	July 25	July 27	Aug. 1
July 10	July 14	July 15	July 19	July 21	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 12	Aug. 17	Aug. 22	Aug. 24	Aug. 29
August 7	Aug. 11	Aug. 12	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Sep. 3	Sep. 5	Sep. 9	Sep. 14	Sep. 19	Sep. 21	Sep. 26
Sep. 4	Sep. 8	Sep. 9	Sep. 13	Sep. 15	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 7	Oct. 12	Oct. 17	Oct. 19	Oct. 24
Oct. 2	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 11	Oct. 13	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 4	Nov. 9	Nov. 14	Nov. 16	Nov. 21
Oct. 30	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 26	Nov. 28	Dec. 2	Dec. 7	Dec. 12	Dec. 14	Dec. 19
Nov 27	Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 6	Dec. 8	Dec. 24	Dec. 26	Dec. 30	Jan'85	Jan. 9	Jan. 11	Jan. 16
Dec. 25	Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Jan.3 '85	Jan. 5	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Jan. 27	Feb. 1	Feb. 6	Feb. 8	Feb. 13

* Leave Brisbane about six days earlier.

Leave Marseilles.	ARRIVE									
	Port Said.	Suez.	Aden.	Mahé.	Re-union.	Mauritius.	Ade-laide.	Melbourne.	Sydney.	Noumea.
Jan.* 16	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 28	Feb. 3	Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Feb. 24	Feb. 27	Mar. 1	Mar. 7
Feb. 13	Feb. 19	Feb. 20	Feb. 25	Mar. 2	Mar. 5	Mar. 6	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 29	April 4
March 12	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 24	Mar. 30	April 2	April 3	April 20	April 23	April 26	May 2
April 9	April 15	April 16	April 21	April 27	April 30	May 1	May 18	May 21	May 24	May 30
May 7	May 13	May 14	May 19	May 25	May 28	May 29	June 15	June 18	June 21	June 27
June 4	June 10	June 11	June 16	June 22	June 25	June 26	July 13	July 16	July 19	July 25
July 2	July 8	July 9	July 14	July 20	July 23	July 24	Aug. 10	Aug. 13	Aug. 16	Aug. 22
July 30	Aug. 5	Aug. 6	Aug. 11	Aug. 17	Aug. 20	Aug. 21	Sep. 7	Sep. 10	Sep. 13	Sep. 19
August 27	Sep. 2	Sep. 3	Sep. 8	Sep. 14	Sep. 17	Sep. 18	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 17
Sept. 24	Sep. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 6	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 16	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 8	Nov. 14
October 22	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Nov. 3	Nov. 9	Nov. 12	Nov. 13	Nov. 30	Dec. 3	Dec. 6	Dec. 12
Nov. 19	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Dec. 1	Dec. 7	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 28	Dec. 31	Jan.3 '85	Jan. 9
Dec. 17	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 29	Jan.4 '85	Jan. 7	Jan. 8	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 6

* Leave London about two days earlier.