

LOCAL REGULATIONS.

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

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

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

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

Any person can have a letter registered by affixing on it, by means of the proper Stamps, the amount of the Registration Fee, in addition to the proper postage, and presenting it at a Post Office during office hours, when a receipt 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.

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

TOWN DELIVERY.

Daily at 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. in North Brisbane; 2 P.M. in Fortitude Valley; 9 A.M. in South Brisbane: and 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. at Kangaroo Point. Letters may be posted until within a quarter of an hour of the time of each delivery. Iron Letter Receivers, intended for the receipt of letters only, have been fixed at South Brisbane, Fortitude Valley, 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., except when steamers leave at a later hour, when the office is kept open till 6 p.m.

The following persons have been appointed licensed vendors of Stamps, viz.:—Messrs. J. W. Buxton, C. G. Campen, and James Miller, in North Brisbane; Mr. J. J. Scott, South Brisbane; and Mr. F. J. Hingston, Fortitude Valley.

The Mails for England are made up in Brisbane on or about the 18th of each month, or in time to secure their arriving in Sydney before the 22nd, the date on which the Mail leaves for England.

The Mails for New Zealand are despatched so as to arrive in Sydney about the 15th of each month. The Mails for Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania are despatched, *via* Sydney, weekly.

The Dead Letter Office is open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

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

TABLE OF ARRIVAL AND DESPATCH OF MAILS FROM AND TO THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, BRISBANE, AND OTHER OFFICES IN THE COLONY OF QUEENSLAND.

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POST TOWN.	MAIL CLOSES AT GENERAL POST OFFICE, BRISBANE.	MAIL ARRIVES AT POST TOWN.
Banana	Monday and Tuesday, at 1 p.m.....	Wednesday, at 7 p.m.
Bungewaroorai .	Monday, at 1 p.m.....	Wednesday, at noon
Cleveland	Monday, at 1 p.m.	Monday, at 6 p.m.
Condamine	Monday, at 1 p.m.	Saturday, at 4 p.m.
Dalby	Monday and Friday, at 1 p.m.	Thursday and Sunday, at 4 p.m.
Drayton	Monday and Friday, at 1 p.m.	Wednesday, noon, and Saturday, at 6 p.m.
Gayndah	Monday, at 1 p.m., Tuesday, at 1.30 p.m.	Saturday, at 8 p.m.
Gladstone	Fortnightly, per Steamer.....	Fortnightly, per Steamer
Goondawindi ..	Monday, at 1 p.m.	Saturday, at 2 p.m.
Ipswich	Daily (Sundays excepted) at 1.30 p.m. ..	Daily, at 7 p.m.
Leyburn	Monday, at 1 p.m., Thursday, 1.30 p.m.	Thursday, 10 a.m., and Monday, 8 p.m.
Marlborough ..	Fortnightly by Steamer <i>via</i> Rockhampton	Fortnightly
Maryborough ..	Fortnightly per Steamer	Fortnightly
Moggill	As opportunity offers	As opportunity offers
Nanango	Monday, at 1 p.m., Tuesday, at 1.30 p.m.	Friday, at noon
Nulalbin	Fortnightly, <i>via</i> Rockhampton	Fortnightly, per Steamer
Port Denison ..	<i>Via</i> Rockhampton, per Steamer.....	Monthly, from Rockhampton
Rockhampton ..	Fortnightly, per Steamer.....	Fortnightly, per Steamer
Surat	Monday, at 1 p.m.	Monday, at 8 p.m.
Taroom	Monday, at 1 p.m.	Monday, at 6 p.m.
Toowoomba	Monday and Friday, at 1 p.m.....	Wednesday, at 11 a.m., Saturday, at 5 p.m.
Warwick	Sunday and Thursday, at 1.30 p.m.	Tuesday, at 4 p.m., Saturday, at 11 a.m.
Westwood	Fortnightly, <i>via</i> Rockhampton	Fortnightly, per Steamer

POSTAL INFORMATION

POST TOWNS.	MAIL LEAVES FOR BRISBANE.	MAIL ARRIVES AT BRISBANE.
Banana	Thursday, at 6 a.m.	Friday, at 10 a.m.
Bungewaragai .	Thursday, at noon	Friday, at 10 a.m.
Cleveland	Tuesday, at 2 p.m.	Tuesday, at 6 p.m.
Condamine	Monday, at noon	Friday, at 10 a.m.
Dalby	Saturday and Wednesday, at 4 a.m.	Monday and Friday, at 10 a.m.
Drayton	Thursday and Sunday, at 4 a.m.	Monday and Friday, at 10 a.m.
Gayndah	Monday, at 6 a.m.	Friday, at 10 a.m.
Gladstone	Per Steamer	Fortnightly, per Steamer
Goondawindi ..	Monday, at 6 a.m.	Friday, at 10 a.m.
Ipswich	Daily (Sundays excepted) at 6 a.m.	Daily, at 10 a.m.
Leyburn	Wednesday, at 6 a.m.	Friday, at 10 a.m.
Marlborough ..	Fortnightly	Fortnightly
Maryborough ..	Fortnightly	Fortnightly
Moggill	As opportunity offers	As opportunity offers
Nanango	Tuesday, 3 p.m., and Saturday at 6 a.m.	Friday, at 10 a.m., Monday, at 10 a.m.
Nulalbin	Fortnightly, per Steamer	Fortnightly, per Steamer
Port Denison ..	Monthly, via Rockhampton,	Monthly, via Rockhampton
Rockhampton ..	Fortnightly, per Steamer	Fortnightly, by Steamer
Surat	Friday, at 6 a.m.	Friday, at 10 a.m.
Taroom	Friday, at 6 a.m.	Friday, at 10 a.m.
Toowoomba	Thursday and Sunday, at 5 a.m.	Monday and Friday, at 10 a.m.
Warwick	Wednesday and Saturday, at 2 p.m.	Monday and Friday, at 10 a.m.
Westwood	Fortnightly, per Steamer	Fortnightly, per Steamer.

[The arrangements set forth in this Table were in force at the time of the issue of this Publication, but it is probable that some slight alterations will be made early in 1862, when the Postal Inspector has completed his official tour through the Colony.]

LETTERS.

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

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

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

Letters to and from the United Kingdom :—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 6d.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but not exceeding 1 oz., 1s.; exceeding 1 oz., but not exceeding 2 ozs., 2s.; and so on, increasing 1s. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce. Letters forwarded *via* Marseilles are liable, in addition, to a rate of 3d. for every $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce weight, to cover the cost of transit through France. The above rates will be the entire amount charged upon letters sent to or from any part of the United Kingdom, or of the Colony.

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

Seamen's and Soldiers' Letters :—Letters sent to or by Seamen and Soldiers in Her Majesty's Service will be transmitted within

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

*Letters forwarded via the United Kingdom to the undermentioned Colonies and Foreign Countries:—*All letters of this class paid in full are sent to the United Kingdom *via* Southampton, unless specially marked for transmission *via* Marseilles, in which case they must bear in addition to the rates of Postage specified hereunder, postage at the rate of 3d. for every $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of their weight. But it must be understood, that Letters addressed to France and the Continent of Europe, and marked for transmission *via* Marseilles, (Registered Letters excepted, which must *always* be sent through the United Kingdom) are, unless specially marked for transmission *via* the United Kingdom, sent in the Closed Mail for Marseilles, and need only in that case bear the Colonial Ship Rates of Postage of 6d. the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. These rates of postage, which must be paid in advance by Postage Stamps, will carry the letters to their respective destinations without further charge.

*COUNTRIES, &c.	Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.	Above $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Every ounce after the first
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Africa, West Coast.. ..	0 11	0 11	1 10	1 10	1 10
Aleppo	1 0	1 6	2 6	3 0	3 0
Austria (except Venetian Lombardy)	1 2	1 2	2 4	2 4	2 4
Azores	2 1	2 1	4 2	4 2	4 2
Baden	1 0	1 6	2 6	3 0	3 0
Bavaria	1 0	1 6	2 6	3 0	3 0
Belgium	0 9	0 9	1 6	1 6	1 6
Bermuda	0 11	0 11	1 10	1 10	1 10

* Several of the less prominent places or countries are necessarily omitted.

COUNTRIES, &c.	Not exceeding ½ oz.		Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.		Above 1 oz. and not exceeding ½ oz.		Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.		Every ounce after the first.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.		
Bolivia	2	5	2	5	4	10	4	10	4	10
Brazil.. ..	1	5	1	5	2	10	2	10	2	10
Bremen	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Brunswick	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Buenos Ayres	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Cadiz.. ..	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0
California... ..	1	9	1	9	3	5	3	5	3	5
Canada	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cape of Good Hope.. ..	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Cape de Verde.. ..	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4
Chili... ..	2	5	2	5	4	10	4	10	4	10
Constantinople.. ..	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0
Cuba.. ..	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	0	4	0
Denmark	1	5	1	5	2	9	2	9	2	9
Falkland Islands	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
France	0	10	1	2	2	0	2	4	2	4
Frankfort.. ..	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Galatz	1	7	1	7	3	2	3	2	3	2
Gibraltar	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
Gold Coast	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Greece	1	5	2	4	3	9	4	8	4	8
Grey Town (St. Juan de Nicaragua)	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Hamburg.. ..	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Hanover	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Hayti	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
Helgoland	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0
*Holland	0	6	0	6	1	0	1	0	1	0
Honduras.. ..	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Ionian Islands.. ..	1	6	1	6	3	0	3	0	3	0
Liberia	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Luxemburg (Duchy) ...	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Madeira	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4
Majorca	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0
Malta.. ..	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0

* Upon Letters for Holland the Rate only for conveyance to the United Kingdom is required; the Rate from the United Kingdom to Holland will be collected in Holland.

COUNTRIES, &c.	Not exceeding ½ oz.		Above ½ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.		Above 1 oz. and not exceeding 2 oz.		Above 2 oz. and not exceeding 4 oz.		Every ounce after the first.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Mecklenburg Strelitz ..	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Mecklenburg Schwerin..	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Mexico	2	7	2	7	5	2	5	2	5	2
Minorca	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0
Modena	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0
Naples	1	5	2	4	3	9	4	8	4	8
Nassau (Grand Duchy)...	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Natal.. .. .	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
New Brunswick. .. .	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Newfoundland... .. .	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Norway	1	10	1	10	3	8	3	8	3	8
Nova Scotia	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Oldenburg	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Oregon	1	9	1	9	3	5	3	5	3	5
Papal States (except Ro- magna).. .. .	1	5	2	4	3	9	4	8	4	8
Parma Placentia	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0
Peru	2	5	2	5	4	10	4	10	4	10
Poland	1	6	1	6	2	11	2	11	2	11
Portugal	2	1	2	1	4	2	4	2	4	2
Prince Edward Island ..	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Prussia	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Rhodes	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0
Romagna.. .. .	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0
Russia	1	6	1	6	2	11	2	11	2	11
St. Helena	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
St. Thomas	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Sandwich Islands	1	9	1	9	3	5	3	5	3	5
Sardinia	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0
Saxony	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4	2	4
Sicilies (Two).. .. .	1	5	2	4	3	9	4	8	4	8
Sierra Leone	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Smyrna	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0
Spain (Cadiz and Vigo excepted)	1	2	1	5	2	7	2	10	2	10
Surinam	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10	1	10
Sweden	1	8	1	8	3	4	3	4	3	4
Switzerland	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0	3	0

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	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.		
Syria.. .. .	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0
Tripoli (in Syria)	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0
Tunis.. .. .	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0
Turkey (a few places ex- cepted).. .. .	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4
Tuscany	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0
United States	1	2	1	2	2	4	2	4
Varna.. .. .	1	7	1	7	3	2	3	2
Venetian Lombardy. ..	1	3	2	0	3	3	4	0
Venezuela.. .. .	1	5	1	5	2	10	2	10
Vigo (<i>via</i> Southampton)..	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0
West Indies (British) ..	0	11	0	11	1	10	1	10
*West Indies (Foreign) ..	1	9	1	9	3	6	3	6
Wurtemberg	1	0	1	6	2	6	3	0

* Except Cuba, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. Martin's, St. Eustatius, Curaçoa, Guadeloupe, and Martinique.

REGISTRATION OF LETTERS.

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

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

For the United States the fee is 1s. 5d. under the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., and 2s. 10d. for each oz. or fraction of an oz., besides the postage of 1s. 2d. the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

For France and Algeria, or the following Countries, the correspondence of which is forwarded through France, viz.:—

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

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

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

Letters for the Continent of Europe via Trieste.—These Letters will be forwarded by the Mail Contract Packets *via* Suez, and the following rates will pre-pay them to Alexandria, whence they will be forwarded to their destination by the Austrian Government, and the Foreign Postage due thereon collected on delivery :—For a letter not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 1s.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but not exceeding 1 oz., 2s.; exceeding 1 oz., but not exceeding 2 ozs., 4s.; and so on, increasing 2s. for every ounce or fraction of an ounce.

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

Letters for Syria and Turkey.—Letters addressed to Syria and Turkey will be sent *via* Alexandria and Jaffa, (unless marked for transmission *via* the United Kingdom), and must bear, in addition to the Colonial Ship rate of Postage of 6d. the half-ounce, Postage according to the following rates: viz. :—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 5d.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., but not exceeding 1 oz.,

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

10d.; exceeding 1 oz., but not exceeding 2 ozs., 1s 8d.; and so on, increasing at the rate of 10d. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

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

PACKETS AND BOOKS.

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

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

Bankers' Parcels, containing Pass Books, sent by or to any Bank or Banker; Cases or Covers enclosing Maps or Plans transmitted by or addressed to the Surveyor-General or Deputy Surveyor-General; Returns made from or to any Department of the Public Service, pursuant to any Law or duly authorised Regulations,— will be forwarded, closed against inspection, provided they bear on the outside a statement of the contents, subscribed with the name and address of the sender; that there shall not be in or upon any of the Packets any Letter or epistolary communication or intelligence, and that they do not exceed 16 ozs. in weight. (Except Maps and Plans, the weight of which may extend to 3lbs.) If such packets, however, are posted in covers, open at both ends, they need not bear the statement in question, and the weight of any such packet may be increased to 3lbs., as they come under the head of Book Parcels.

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 Institu-

tions, 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 4 ozs., 1d.; and for every additional 2 ozs. or portion of 2 ozs., 1d.

The same Regulations apply to these Packets as to those containing Bank Pass Books, &c.

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

Book Packets for Malta, Gibraltar, Spain, Portugal Madeira, The Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, and other Portuguese Possessions on the Coast of Africa, and the United Kingdom:—Not exceeding 4 ozs., 4d.; not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 8d.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., but not exceeding 1 lb., 1s. 4d.; and so on, increasing 8d. for every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. or portion of a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

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 1 lb., 2s.; above 1 lb., and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 3s.; above $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb., and not exceeding 2 lbs., 4s.; and so on, adding 1s. for each additional $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. or fraction of a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. The postage must be pre-paid by means of postage stamps, and the value of the stamps affixed to a packet will be taken as an indication of the choice of route on behalf of the sender, *i.e.*, whether by Southampton or Marseilles.

Inter-Colonial Book Packets:—Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., 6d.; exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., but not exceeding 1 lb., 1s.; and so on, increasing 6d. for every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. or portion of a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.

Inland Book Packets:—Not exceeding 4 ozs., 2d., and 1d. extra for every additional 2 ozs. or fraction of 2 ozs.

The undermentioned articles may be transmitted as Book Parcels either within or beyond the Colony, viz:—Books, Publications, and Works of Literature or Art.—The following are included under the above heads, viz:—All Books, whether printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three; photographs upon paper and printed circulars of every description; publications or compilations, whether in print or in manuscript; almanacs, prints, maps, whether on paper, or canvas, or cloth,

and whether printed or written, or any mixture of the two; and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum, whether printed, written upon, or plain, or any mixture of the three, with any binding, mounting, or covering of, or upon, or belonging to any book, or publication, or work, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and any cases or rollers of prints, or maps, book-markers, pencils, pens, or other articles usually appertaining to any such book publication, or work, paper parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission.

The following are the Rules which must be attended to in the transmission of Book Parcels:—1. No packet shall exceed two feet in length breadth or width.—2. No packet shall exceed three pounds in weight.—3. With the above limitations, a packet may contain any number of separate books, almanacs, maps, or prints, and any quantity of paper, vellum, or parchment.—4. Every packet shall be sent open at the ends or sides and either without a cover or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, and there shall be no letter either closed or open, nor any enclosure, sealed or otherwise, closed against inspection, sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any letter or any communication in the nature of a letter written or printed on the cover or envelope of any such packet.—5. The name and address of the sender may appear on the cover, as well as those of the party addressed, but this is not indispensable.—6. Should a packet be posted unpaid, or with a pre-payment 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 insufficiency pre-paid, and it shall appear that at least a single rate has been paid thereon, such packet will be forwarded, charged with an additional postage equal to the deficiency and a further rate as a fine.

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

NEWSPAPERS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PLAIN DIRECTIONS FOR PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS AT A POST OFFICE.

WHEN applying for letters, always mention the Christian as well as the surname of the party for whom you apply.

Should you ever obtain a letter addressed to you, but which, upon examination, appears not to be for you, but for some one else of the same name, close it again,—write on the back a memorandum that it has been opened by you, but is not intended for you,—sign your name to it, and hand it back to the Postmaster at the office window. Do not re-post it in the ordinary letter box, as is commonly done—frequently without the letter being resealed, or the least explanation written on it.

When addressing letters, always commence with the name of the person for whom the letter is intended, and finish with the name of the Post Town, or, in the event of its

being intended for some place out of the Colony, with the name of the colony or country in addition to that of the Post Town. The want of attention in this respect frequently causes mistakes, as, for instance, letters for Ipswich in England, are, for want of the latter word, frequently sent to Ipswich, in Queensland; and *vice versa*; while in cases where the letter bears the name of neither Post Town or country, it is sometimes impossible to know where to send it. You may be very familiar with the name and locality of a particular sheep station on the Murray, but it does not follow therefore that every Postmaster in the Australian Colonies should know it; and yet letters are frequently posted intended for places 1,000 miles away, and bearing only the name of the person, and that of the station at which he resides, or is employed.

Before posting always be careful to observe that your letter has on it the proper stamp, the want of which frequently causes much delay and inconvenience to writers, and is also the cause of much additional trouble to the Post Office. Also be careful to see that the stamp adheres closely to the letter.

Never delay the posting of your letters. The time of closing the various mails is invariably fixed at the latest moment consistent with their punctual despatch, but this is done in the expectation that no unnecessary delay will take place in posting. When, therefore, the bulk of the letters are posted immediately before the time of closing the mail (as is at present not unfrequently the case), great delay is caused, and the liability to mistakes increased from the hurried manner in which the work has to be performed.

When, in consequence of a change of residence, you wish your letters re directed to some other office, give or send directions to the Postmaster in *writing*. Verbal directions are never attended to.

When you apply at the office window for Postage Stamps, have your money *ready* to pay for them; do not keep the Postmaster waiting while you are looking for it in your purse, or picking it out from among various nick-nacks you may have in your pocket. A Postmaster has other duties to perform besides attending to calls at the window, and a few minutes are at times (especially when closing mails) invaluable to him. And, when possible, provide yourself

with the exact money you require to pay ; giving change is a tedious process, productive of much delay, while no Post Office can provide sufficient change to accommodate all who apply. Of course no one would, for the purpose of obtaining change, tender a pound note in payment for a two-penny stamp.

At a Post Office confine yourself strictly to such business as properly belongs to it. Do not ask needless or frivolous questions, which, however obligingly or patiently answered by the Postmaster, are still felt by him a serious tax upon his time.

