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## Gobermment Notices.

## Colonial Secretary's Office, 20th March, 1879.

THE GOVERNOR directs the publication, for general information, of the enclosed copy of a letter from the General Post Office to the Colonial Office, enclosing a memorandum shewitg the principal alterations which will take place on the 1st of April next, in the rates of postage and conditions of transmission of correspondence between the United Kingdom and certain of the British Colonies, in consequence of the new postal corvention.

By command,
Edward Newton, Colonial Secretary.

Copy.-No. 552 D.
THE GENERAL POST OFFICE TO COLO NIAL OFFICE.

General Post Office, London, 24th January, 1879.
Sir,-Referring to my Letter of the 17 th Au gust last, I am directed by the Postmaster-General to state to you, for the information of Sir Michael Hicks Beach, that the time has arrived for taking preliminary measures for the carrying into opera tion, on the 1st of April next, the stipulations of the Postal Convention which was signed at Paris on the 1st June, 1878, in substitution for the original Postal Union Treaty.
Copies of the Paris Convention have already been forwarded through the Colonial Office to the Copies of the Paris Conventionial Office to the 4 d . per fifteen grammes, when prepaid. Unpaid
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Postal Union, and the Postmaster-General would grammes. Insufficiently prepaid letters will be suggest that each of the Governors should now be charged on delivery with double the amount of furnished with a copy of the enclosed Memoran- the deficiency of the prepaid ratei nstead of, as at
dum, shewing the principal alterations which will take place on the 1 st of April.
The Colonies to which this Memorandum should be forwarded are-Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, Jamaica, Trinıdad, Mauritius and its Dependency, the Leychelles Islands, the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Lagos, and the Falkland Islands.
Another Memorandum of a similar kind will beprepared for the remaining British Colonies which are in the Postal Union.

> I am, \&c...
(Signed) John Thley.
R. G. W. Herbert, Esq.,
\&c. \&c. \&c., Colonial Office.
P.S.-The next Mail for the Falkland Islands will be despatched on the 26th instant, and it 18 particularly requested that a communication to the Governor of the Colony may be sent by that opportunity.

VEMORANDUM Shewing the alterations tobe made on the 1st April, 1879, in the rates of postage and conditions of transmission of correspondence of various kinds between the United Kingdom and the British Colonies, namely, Bermuda, British Guiana, British Honduras, Jamaica, Trinidad, Mauritius and its dependencies, the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Lagos, and Falkland Islands, in consequence of he new Postal Convention signed at Paris on the ist June, 1878, for the revision of the Treaty of Berne consituting the General Postal Union:

## LETTERS.

The rate of postage will be reduced from 6 d . to
present, with the unpaid rate less the value of the the post from one part to another of the Country stamps affixed.

## POST CARDS.

The issue of Post Cards will no longer be optional as heretofore.
The postage for each card will be $1 \frac{1}{2}$ d., instead of 3 d . Pre-payment is e smpulsory.

Post Cards must not exceed the following dimen-sions:-

Length, 14 Centimetres $=5 \frac{1}{2}$ inches. Width, 9 " $9 \frac{1}{2}$ "
They must bear the superscription "Universal Postal Union" followed by the name of the Colony (to be repeated in the French language).

## OTHER ARTICLES.

Commercial Papers, of which a definition will be found in Article XVI, of the Detailed Regulations appended to the Pastal Convention, must be prepaid $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. for a packet of any weight not exceeding $t$ ounces, and for a packet exceeding the weight of 4 ounces, a further postage of 1 d . must be paid for every additional 2 oz .

The pustage for Books and all other Printed Papers (except Newspapers) and Patterns, will be reduced from 2 d . to 1d. per two ounces. Any or the above articles may be sent together in one packet, but if Commercial Documents are included, the postage applicable to such documents must be paid for the whole packet.

## REGISTRATION.

The Union Registration Fee may not exceed 50 centimes in countries beyond the limits of Europe.

The registration Fee levied in the United Kingdom will be maintained at the uniform rate of 2 d . for each letter or other postal packet.

The sender of a registered article may obtain an acknowledgment of its delivery by paying in advance a fixed fee of $2 \sqrt{2}$. at the maximum, in addition to the ordinary registration fee and postage.
The obligation to pay an indemnity of 50 franes to the sender, or at his request, to the addressee, in case of the loss of a Registered article (Article, 6 of the Conzention), will not be binding upon any Colony until such period as the measure may have been authorized by the Legislature of the Colony.

## LIMIT OF WEIGHT AND SIZE.

The maximum weight allowed for a packet of Commercial Documents or Printed Papers is to be two kilogrammes, or about 4 lbs. avoirdupois, instead of one kilogramme.
A limit has been fixed to the dimensions of a Packet of Patteris. Avo Packet must exceed 20 ceutimetres in length, 10 in breadth, and 5 in
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As a rule, no supplementary postage is chargeable on a letter or other postal packet re-directed to any place within the Union; but it a letter or packet, so re-directed, has previously been sent by
or Colony in which it is posted, it is liable, on redirection, to the rate of postage to which it would have been liable had it been in the first place addressed to the place of final destination.

A pre-paid letter of this description must be charged according to the pre-paid rate, deducting however any postage pre-paid upon it, and an unpaid letter according to the unpaid rate.

## PROHIBITED ARTICLES.

It is forbidden (as before) to send by post :-

1. Letters or packets containing gold or silver bullion, pieces of money, jewellery, or precious articles.

Any packets whatever containing articles liable to Customs Duty.
General Post Office, London,
January, 1879.


## 1 Apr 1879; UPU Postal Treaty [Bacon 1891, Agreed 1 Jun 1878]

## Bacon notes:

A new Postal Convention, constituting the 'Universal Postal Union,' was signed at Paris, on the 1 st June, 1878, for the revision of the Treaty of Berne, which had previously established the "General Postal Union." The new Convention, which came into force on the 1st April, 1879, made many alterations; amongst others, the issue of postcards for countries in the Union, instead of being optional, was made compulsory, and the rate was reduced from three pence to three halfpence. No card of the latter value being available, the three penny card of Messrs. De la Rue and Co.'s make, was surcharged, in the Island, with the necessary alterations. This surcharged card continued in use for over four years, as it was not until June 16th, 1883, that the new one, ordered from England, was issued.


1 Apr 1879; Post Card 3d ovpt 1½d [Timbre Post / LP]

## No. IV. General Post Office,

1st April, 1879.
UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION.
WITH reference to notice of equal date the public are advised that, for the present, the Post Card for use to countries within the Union, will be the Three-Penny Post Card, converted by the Post Office by an Impressed Stamp, with the words

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION
and one Penny Half-Penny placed across the Embossed (sic) Stamp.
Every person now in possession of Three-Penny Post Cards, is requested to send them to the Postmaster for Jamaica, so that they may be exchanged for the issue now authorised.
(Signed) FRED SULLIVAN,
Postmaster for Jamaica.

10 Apr 1879; Postmasters at Port Morant \& Port Royal Distributors of Revenue Stamps [Gazette 17 Apr 1879]

Stamp Office, 10th April, 1579.
NOTICE-The undermentioned Postmaster and Postmistress have been appointed Distributors of Revenue Stamps:Abraham Derinis, Port Morant. Charlotte F. Lindsay, Port Royal.

Philip E. Chapman, Stamp Commissioner.

1 May 1879; New Postmaster at Ocho Rios [Gazette 8 May 1879]
Colonial Secretary's Office, 1st May, 1879.
THE GOVERNOR appoints Miss Caroline Wilmot, to be Postmistress at Ocho Rios, in the room of M. E. Smicle, resigned.

> By command,

Edward Newton, Colonial Secretary.

30 Aug 1879; Telegraph Law [Gazette 4 Sep 1879]
Colonial Secretary's Office, 31th August, 1879.

II IS HEREBY NOTIFIED, for general information, that under the 7th Section of Law 1 of 1879, "The Telegraph Law, 1879," the Lieutenant Governor has authorized the construction of Electric Telegraphs between the following Towns and Places in this Island, viz :-

Between Spanish Town, Linstead, Moneague and St. Ann's Bay ; and between Montego Bay, Falmonth, Duncans, Dry Harbour, St. Ann's Bay, Port Maria, Annotto Bay, Buff Bay and Port Antonio. By command,

E. N. Walker,

Acting Colonial Secretary.


Privy Council Chambur, $20 t h$ October, 1879.

UNDER the provisions of Law 1 of $1579-$ (1) The following Rules have been approved by the Lieutemant Governor. in Priy y Comeil.
(2.) It is ordered that the tollowing Rules shah come into operation on the 20th day of October 1879.
J. Allwood, Jnr.,

Acting Clerk Privy Council.
TARIFF FOR INLAND TELEGRAMS
1-The charge for Telegrams throughom Jamaica is 1 s for the first twenty words, and isil for every additional five words, i.e., for every additional group of not more than five words, the names and addresse: of the sender and receiver not being counted.

TELEGRAPH STAMPS.
2-Distinctive Telegraph stamps of the values of One Shilling and of Three Pence are issued for the payment of the charges on Telegrams. Postage Stamps are not accepted in payment of Telegrams, nor are Telegranh Stamps accepted in payment of Postage. Telegraph Stamps are not purchased from the public at Post Offices, nor can they be exchanged for Postage Stamps.

Telegrams must be stamped before they can be accepted for transmission and Telegrams will not be received unless so stamped.

## RECEIPTS.

3-Receipts for the charges on Telegrams can be obtained at a cost of isd each.

## TELEGRAM FORMS.

4-Inland Telegram Forms are of two kinds, namely, the "A I" Form embossed with a stamp of the value of 1 s , and the "A" Form given gratis with no stamp embossed thereon. The " A 1" Forms bound up into books of 20 forms interleaved and with a sheet of carbonic paper, prict £1 08. डsd each book, can be chtained on application to the Head Office.

## FREE DELIVERY.

5-In Kingston the amount paid for the transmission of a message cuvers the cost of delivery, within the postal delivery of that Office.
At District Stations the message is delivered free within the limit of one mile.

PORTERAGE BEYOND DELIVERY.
6-When the addressee resides beyond the above described limits porterage is charged at the rate of ${ }^{6 d}$ per double mile (that is, a mile out and a mile back), or any part thereof, provided the whole distance to be traversed does not exceed three miles out and three miles back; but the charge is calcu-
lated from the boundary lated from the boundary of the distries within which no porterage is levied. For instance if the ad dressee's residence is a mile and a quart if the ad-must always furnishis address telegraphed, but he terminal Telegraph Office, and also beyondrom the Department to communicate with him if necessary. terminal Telegraph Office, and also beyond the free When the address is not to be telegraphed it

## should be written at the foot or on the back of the Form. <br> REPETITION OF TELEGRAMS FOR SENDER <br> ". subens, such as "mother-in-law:" " non-delivery,"

17 -Telegrams may be repeated at the request of the sender, if he desires to adopt this extra security against risk of error, by being sigualled back from each office at which they are recerved to the office from which they are forwarded.
The charge for repetition is one half the ordipary tariff, tractions of threepence being reckoned ss threepence. But a copy of such Telegram will not be handed to the sender.

## CIPHER TELEGRAMS SHOULD BE REPEATEI.

18-It is recommeded that Telegrams containing mercantile quotations, and Telegrams written in cipher, or according to a preconcerted Code, be al ways repeated.
REPETITION OF TELEGRAMS FOR RECEIVER.
19-If the receiver of a Telegram doubts its accuracy he may have it repeated by depositing half the amount paid for its trausmission to him, fractions of threepence $b$ ing counted as threepence. The money will, however, be refunded to him should it turn out that the Telegram has been iuaccurately transmitted. But no refund will be made on account of messages, whether in Cipher or Code, which may have been inaccurately forwarded, unless an additional half-rate for reptition had been prepard by the sender

PREPAID REPLIES.
20 -The cost of a reply, not exceeding forty words in leagth, may be prepaid; and a prepaid Reply Pass will then be delivered to the addressee who will be at liberty to send his reply from any Telegraph Office, at any time within two months after the date of the original Telegram. If the Pass be not used. aprlication for the return of the money accompanied by the prepaid Reply Pass may be made by the holder to the Postmaster for Jamaica A Prepaid Reply Pass, however, need not necessarily be used for the reply to a message, but may be used for the purpose of prepaying a message containing the same number of words as that named on the Pass

## REDIRECTION OF TELEGRAMS.

21-All 'Telegrams which are retransmitted to a second address by wire are liable to an additional charge at the ordinary Inland Rate. Telegrams, however, which are redirected to a secoud address in the same locality, or free delivery, will not be surcharged for the second ser ice, if the redirectio: does not involve any use of the wires or extra por terage.
22-Copies of a Telegram directed to more than one person or firm in the same free delivery will be delivered separately at an additional charge of three pence per copy.

FOREIGN WORDS.
23-Telegrams written in plain language in any European tongue are charged for according to the number of words they contain, but all unintelligible Words not forming part of any European language are charged for at the rate of five letters to $a$ word: COMPOUND WORDS NOT COUNTED AS ONE WORD.
24-No combination of two or more words is counted as one word, with the two or more words is counted as one word, with the exception of those words
which are ordinarily written as one, or coupled by
bub-lieutenant," "alms-houses," " O'Neil," "MacDonald," "St. Catherine," \&c.
ABBREVIATIONS ALLOWED BCT NOT RECOMMENDED.
25-A bbreviations of auxiliary verbs designated by apostrophes (such as can't, don't, won't, I'll, vou'll, couldn't shouldn't, \&e.) are charged for as one word. By writing words in this way, however,
there is a greater risk of error there is a greater risk of error.
FIVE FIGURES RECKONED ONE WORD.
26-Numbers expressed in figures in an Inland Telegram are counted as one word for each five figures or part of five figures employed ; and fractions are counted in like manner according to the number of figures employed to express the quantity, one figure being added for the bar or mark of division between the numerator and denominator.

## NAMES.

27-All names of Towns are charged as single PARENTHESIS, \&e.
28-Wien the sender of a Telegram desires words to be underlined or placed in a parenthesis. or within inverted commas, two extra words are charged tor.
"PRIVATE," " CONFIDENTIAL," \&e, ON ENVELOPE OF MESSAGE.
29--When the sender of a Telegram desires that special instructions such as ", private," "confidential," "to be opened at once," or the like shall be written on the envelope containing the copy of the message which is to be delivered to the Addressee, he must write the instructions on the form immediately after the address of the person to whom the message is sent. These instructions are charged for as part of the message.
SENDER MUST PAY FOR A FRESH MESSAGE IF SENT TO A SECOND ADDRESS.
30 - The sender of a Telegram upon being informed that his message cannot be delivered in consequence of the Addressee being unkno yn at the address furnished, must, should be desire to furnish a corrected address, pay the cost of a fresh Telegram.

MESSAGES TO BE "CALLED FOR."
31-When Telegrams are addressed to a Telegraph Office to be called for, they will be transferred to the Local Post Office for delivery with letters by post in cases where no payment for porterage is required under Rule 6.

RE-DIRECTION OF LETTERS BY TELEGRAPH.
32-Telegrams for the redirection of letters are accepted at the ordinary rate of charge, but the sender must append his signature to the Telegram otherwise it cannot be acted upon.

INDECENT OR LIBELLOUS TELEGRAMS.
33-Telegrams which are indecently or obscenely worded, or which appear to contain abusive libellous or slanderous matter will not be transmitted.

NON-LIABILITY OF POST OFFICE.
34-The Department will not be liable for losses ncurred through incorrect transmission, delay or incurred through incorrect
non-delivery of Telegrams.

## HOURS OF ATTENDANCE.

35 -Telegraph Offices are open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., on week days, or during sueh other times as the Governor may, by notice in the Gazette direct.

OFFENCE.
No persen shall remove, destroy, damagn, or obstruct the working of any 'Tetegraphl hawifully erected, under the authority of the Telegraph Law 1879, or any wire, standard. apparatus, or other part of any such Telegraph, or any works connected therewith.

## PUNISHMENT.

Any person committing a breach of the above Rule is liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds.

Cotonial Secretary Office,

Privy Council Chamber, 20th October, 1879.
Under the provisions of Law I. of 1879
(1.) The following Rules have been approved by the Lieutenant-Governor, in Privy Council.
(2.) It is ordered that the following Rules shall come into operation on the 20th day of October, 1879.
(Signed) J. Allwood,
Acting Clerk Privy Council."

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## Bacon states:

There are altogether 35 clauses of the above Rules, but there is no reason for reproducing the remainder here.

## 1879; PO Revenue by Parish [Gazette 6 May 1880]

SUPPLEMENT TO THE JAMAICA GAZETTE.
[May, 6, 1880.

Analytical Statement of the Collections of Internal, Immigration and Postal Revenue, \&c., contd.


