

LONDON LATE FEE and TOO LATE MAIL **1840 to 1930**

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CHRONOLOGICAL CHART 1840 to 1930

A chart showing on an annual basis the postage and late fee rates for letters, post cards, railway mail, registered mail and newspapers. Pages 85 onwards.

INTRODUCTION

Late fee cancellations and hand stamps are applied to mail posted after the ordinary closing time and before it is bagged up for despatch. During this period if a late fee is paid, mail can be incorporated in the collection then being bagged up.

I realised that a fresh approach was needed, after failing to write up my collection of late fee cancellations in a coherent manner using Stitt Dibden's "*Late Fee and Too Late Stamps*" GBPS 1966 / 1971 which was the best available work on the subject.

To be able to identify a late fee cover both postage and late fee rates have to be clearly documented. Stitt Dibden's book lacked this and placed an undue emphasis on the late fee having been paid in cash.

If the late fee was paid in cash with no record on the cover, then it would be impossible to recognise it for what it was. However payment of the late fee in cash was in fact very rare.

With knowledge of postage rates and the various late fees, most covers can be correctly interpreted.

An unanswered question was why there were so many covers with the so-called late fee cancellations that showed no late fee having been paid in stamps and often even with an additional "Too Late" cachet.

This can be explained by the concept that **"Late Fee" cancellations were applied to all mail posted during the late fee period and that the codes used (L1, L2, L4, L1d, L2d, L3d etc) refer to the rate of the late fee period in which the letter was posted, not that the late fee had been paid.**

The most significant dates for enabling the collector to identify a late fee cover, is when all the evidence is there to see i.e. **when prepayment by means of stamps became compulsory:-**

By 1842 – Late fees in Branch Offices

By 1855 – Inland postage and late fee except for late fee at St Martins le Grand. By Nov 1858 – All Inland postage and late fee, including St Martins le Grand.

By Nov 1875 – Foreign and Colonial postage and their late fees. Thus between 1858 and 1875 one can have covers to a foreign destination, with only a penny stamp, which was to pay the late fee, postage having been paid in cash.

This book consists of three parts:-

Part one: A historical description of the late fee service and postage rates, used in London from 1840 to 1930.

Part two: A illustrated and priced catalogue of the cancellations and other handstamps associated with late fee and too late mail.

Part three: A chronological chart that will enable a collector to rapidly identify a late fee cover. The chart shows Inland, Foreign and Colonial postage rates with their late fees, both for Post Offices and Railway Offices. Separately listed are the fees and rates for Letters, Newspapers, Postcards and Registered mail.

EXPLANATIONS

SOURCES

My primary source has been Post Office notices, circulars, minutes and the steel and rubber impression books. The secondary source the Post Office Guide, an official publication, first issued in 1856. The tertiary source, the Post Office Directory, was a semi-official or private publication. Prior to 1856 it was semi official and reasonably reliable. After 1856 it did not try and compete with the Post Office Guide for accuracy.

Rarities, codes, usage and periods of use are based on a questionnaire sent to members of the London Postal History Group, with information gained from several other private and public collections. This information shows a bias towards material used between 1855 and 1875 which forms over 50% of that which was recorded. As it is a new source of information for relative rarity, there have been some changes from previous publications.

DATES

The dates used in the chronological listing are to the nearest year. Many of them come from the January issue of the Post Office Guide for each year. Thus when 1868 is mentioned, it means that by January 1868 whatever had happened, had already taken place, which could have been at any time in the previous year.

RARITY

A letter code expresses rarity. It is based on the number of both dated pieces and covers recorded. Philatelic usage has been included in calculating rarity.

A	Abundant.
B	Common.
C	Average.
D	Not Common.
E	Scarce.
F	Rare.
G	Very Rare.
H	Very few exist.
H*	Recorded on stamp only.
G.P.O.	Proof Book only.

PRICING

A price and a rarity guide has been given for each cancellation and hand stamp.

There is often little correlation between the two. The price quoted is for a really clean cover.

Most covers should be less than the quoted price; only superb items are worth more.

The price can be modified, so that for a cover priced at £10 the actual price would be:-

Cover dated by means of a circular date stamp.	£10
Cover dated by means of an enclosed letter	£7
Undated cover or wrapper	£4
Dated piece	£2 to £4
Loose stamps	50p

No price has been given for items of G.P.O. rarity. If found they would be the same as an equivalent item of H rarity.

DEFINITION

“Late Letters” are such as are posted after the ordinary time and which cannot therefore be sent forward by the mail then in preparation, unless extra payment be made. Post Office Guide 1857 page 15.

The difference in the way the late fee and too late mail was handled only occurred after they had been sorted into late fee paid and “stopped” letters. The latter were held back until the next collection.

Inland Branch style cancellations i.e. with a number in a diamond, were the standard cancellations used in both the Inland and Foreign Branches.

POSTAGE RATES

Prior to the General Postal Union in 1875, Foreign and Colonial rates are too complex to summarize, so in the chronological listing I have often said “see Moubray.” This refers to *British Letter Mail to Overseas Destinations 1840 – 1875, J. & M. Moubray, Royal Philatelic Society, London, 1992.*

CODES

Codes with L followed by a figure in pence show a particular Late Fee period. After time in full became widespread, there can be both the L and the time in full showing the collection time i.e. the end of the late fee period.

Z codes, are internal too late indicators used by the Post Office. In London, particularly in the Head District Office, codes ZZ and ZX I believe were always used solely for too late use. Other Z codes were sometimes associated with late fee paid.

I have tried to correlate the use of Z codes and too late handstamps with a greater transit time for the mail but without success. Within the UK most mail was delivered the next day whether or not it was too late.

The majority of late fee paid covers were handled and cancelled at the Chief Office. The codes used here were two letters. The first was the hand stamp identification letter, the second was normally a day code or it could be a duty or time code.

FREQUENCY OF USE OF THE VARIOUS LATE FEE RATES

In the lists of late fee rates, there are many rates higher than 1d, which were rarely used. In the period from 1840 to 1880 the 1d rate occurs on 88% of the covers recorded, the 2d rate on 11%, whilst the higher rates of 4d, 6d and 1/- make up less than 1%.

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LETTER MAIL LATE FEES INTRODUCTION

There was a well-developed late fee service prior to 1840, with several hand stamps specific to this type of mail. The earliest documented in the Post Office Archives in the President's Order Book is the square date stamp that was requested on 4th May 1797.



As sketched in the
President's Order Book.

It was to be used on all mail posted at the late fee window after 7 pm (presumably St Martins le Grand). This was to enable the sorters to distinguish mail posted with the late fee paid i.e. via the late fee window from mail that had come in late from other offices and thus would be classed as too late mail.

Late fee paid covers can only be identified if there are extra stamps on the cover paying the late fee. Paying the late fee in stamps was part of the reforms of the 1840's. It was fortunately what the Post Office required. There were a variety of reasons:-

- If the late fee was paid in stamps it went to the revenue, whereas if it was in cash it could go into the Postman's pocket, as was the tradition in the Provinces.
- Prepaid mail in cash was time consuming in accounting for the money. A stamped envelope could be handled much more quickly. Before 1840 unpaid mail was very popular, because it ensured that the letter was delivered.
- Prepayment by stamps or cash was a fundamental part of Rowland Hill's 1840 reforms. Unpaid mail was at first penalised by being charged double, before payment in stamps was made compulsory for Inland mail in 1855.
- The most efficient way of ensuring that the payment of both postage and late fee went to the revenue was to have both prepaid in stamps.

Rowland Hill did not approve of payment in cash and it was increasingly rare from the mid 1840's. In November 1858 he sent out an internal notice to say that any employee accepting cash over the counter for late fee mail would be dismissed. An exception was the Chief Office at St Martins le Grand, which accepted prepayment in cash of both postage and late fee, on and off, up to 1875 on Foreign and Colonial mail. Most covers, after 1858, show the extra stamp or stamps to cover the late fee charge

A good summary of the early late fee system can be found in Rowland Hill's own words:-

ROWLAND HILL TO POSTMASTER GENERAL 15 MAR 1847

1 – Before the introduction of Penny Postage, the London Receiving Houses remained open for General Post letters till 6 in the evening, they now close at 5.30.

2 – I beg to recommend that the old hours be restored, by taking in Late Letters at the Receiving Houses from half past five till six o'clock, at which later hour a collection is already made for the District Post, consequently no additional expense will be incurred.

3 – At the Branch Offices at Charing Cross, in Old Cavendish Street and in the Borough, Late Letters are now received (on payment of an extra penny) from 6 till 6.45 pm; at the Lombard Street Office and at the Chief Office from 6 to 7PM; and at all, except the Chief Office, the postage as well as the fee on Late Letters must be paid by attaching the requisite number of stamps, an exception however being made in favour of Foreign Letters.

4 – At Receiving Houses, I would recommend that the same rule be adopted, but without any exception, Foreign Letters being taken, as at present, to the Branch Offices, unless the parties are willing to stamp them.

5 – There will be no necessity for keeping the Late Letters separate from the others – on the arrival of all at the Chief Office they will readily be distinguished by bearing the extra stamp.

6 – Part of the 6 o'clock collection reaches the Chief Office by a quarter past 6, and the whole is received by a quarter before 7. Some time would be occupied in selecting the Late Letters thus collected and in transferring them to the Inland Office; but there appears little doubt that they would on the whole reach that Department somewhat earlier than the Late Letters from the Branch Office do, and if so, a great convenience will be afforded to the public, not only without any sacrifice, but even with some gain on the part of the office.

7 – I think it not improbable that there may be some increase in the number of Late Letters; but if so, the extra fee will fully compensate for the additional trouble.

8 – It will be for consideration whether the rule requiring that late Inland letters should be stamped, should not at once be extended to St Martins le Grand. I see no advantage in maintaining the exception, but many reasons for its removal.

9 – As regards Foreign Letters posted late at the Chief and Branch Offices, it will, I submit, be in expedient to make any change until the postage stamps, now under preparation for such letters, are issued.

10 – Should the arrangement now proposed work satisfactorily, I would recommend its early extension to every part of the Kingdom. **Receiving Late Letters at all may be considered a privilege granted to the public, and I see no objection to making it conditional on the use of stamps.**

11 – Some very important advantages will result from such extension. Independent of the general convenience of substituting stamps for other means of payment, the particular use now proposed will afford much greater security in respect of the Late Letter fees being duly carried to the revenue; while it will enable every Postmaster to close his account of Paid and Unpaid letters when he commences the receipt of Late Letters, instead of keeping it open, as he now does, to the very last moment, a necessity which is no doubt one cause of frequent error.

The mechanics of sorting late fees is shown in a comment in the President's Order Book dated 9th July 1859. *The Deputy Controller will be good enough to direct that all the late fee letters whether under the ½oz or above and which have been stopped in consequence of not bearing an extra stamp by the first examiner shall be examined by a second officer.*

Late fee for London mail. Although the General Post and London District Post were amalgamated in 1855/6, the mail was kept separate for some time afterwards and there was no late fee service available for London Mail. In the 1857 Post Office Guide is the comment *Letters brought to the Receiving Houses after the fixed time of posting has expired cannot be forwarded till the next despatch: and the Receivers and Letter Carriers are strictly forbidden to receive a fee for including such letters in the collection.* Mail posted in London for delivery in London was placed in separate boxes. In the 1859 Post Office Guide *At the District Offices and Town Receiving Houses, separate boxes are provided for "London District" and "General Post, Colonial and Foreign Letters"..... For the convenience of persons entrusting their letters to servants or children to post, the inscription on the "London District" box is in red letters, and that on the "General Post" box black letters, so that the most illiterate person can be instructed in which of the boxes to deposit any letter.*

There was little need for a late fee service in London, because in the evening whilst mail for out of town was being charged late fees, local mail was still being accepted for guaranteed delivery within two hours to an address in the Town Area.

Rowland Hill always supported the principle that the fee should go to the revenue rather than into the Postman's pocket. However he had a more generous attitude to small provincial offices. In December 1857 there was a Post Office Circular from Rowland Hill with the comments *The Postmaster General directs that at Offices where, owing to there being no night duty except that of despatching a Mail Bag, the posting, during the night, of letters to be forwarded the same night, might subject the Postmaster to disturbance and trouble by obliging him to dress himself, strike a light, unseal the bag and alter the letter bill, a late fee of one shilling for each letter be demanded, and that this fee be considered the perquisite of the Postmaster himself.*

Stampless Inland letters after 1855: There was a facility after 1855 to have Inland mail posted without being prepaid in stamps. This could complicate the identification of late fee letters. However the period of posting always finished well before the late fee period began. The service is illustrated by this extract for the Post Office Directory for 1869: *Letters, or packets paying letter rates, posted at the window of the Chief Office, St Martins le Grand, to the amount of £2 and upwards, brought in by one individual, may be prepaid by Money up to 5PM, after which hour they must be either prepaid by stamps, or be sent unpaid.* Initially it was a £1 limit. Later the time was earlier and the facility was available at the Chief District Offices and at some East Central Branch Offices.

The impact of the expanded Railway system led to the first major change with the issue of the following notice on 2nd January 1865:

LATER POSTING IN LONDON OF LETTERS FOR THE NIGHT MAILS

With the view of affording the Public the means of posting Letters for the Country by the Night Mails up to the latest possible time, the Postmaster-General has made arrangements, which will commence on the 2nd January next (1865), for receiving Letters for all the Night Mails, at the General Post Office, and at the District and Branch Offices in London, up to 7.15pm. on payment of a Late Fee of two-pence, and for receiving at the Counter of the several District Offices, and of the Charing Cross Branch Office, up to 7.45pm., with a Fee of twopence, Letters to be despatched to the Country from the Railway Stations adjacent to such District and Branch Offices respectively.

Hitherto the latest time for posting Letters at the District and Branch Offices for the Night Mails has been 6.45pm. on the payment of a fee of one penny.

On and from the same date the Fee for receiving Late Letters at the General Post Office between 7.15 and 7.30pm., and at the London Railway Stations, up to the time of departure of the Trains, will be reduced from 6d. to 4d., and the time for closing the Boxes at the General Post Office and at Lombard Street Branch Office for Letters paying a Late Fee of 1d will be altered from 7 to 6.45pm. John Tilley Secretary

There was little need for a late fee service for the London District, as in the 1880's one could post a letter as late as 6.45pm at St Martins le Grand for guaranteed delivery that same evening to all *the suburbs of London – except a few distant places.* The service was available but rarely used.

Reduction of the Inland Mail Late Fee to ½d From April 1880 to after 1930, there was one uniform late fee rate of ½d throughout the whole country. This major change was possible because of the use of the network of railways used by the Post Office and was mentioned in a Circular to Surveyors sent by John Tilley in July 1879. *A plan has been suggested under which I think it will be found practicable to reduce the late fee charged upon letters posted after the ordinary time of closing the Letter Boxes to a uniform rate of halfpenny throughout the Kingdom, and at the same time to extend considerably the time allowed for posting letters upon payment of this extra fee in the case of all important mails.*

The plan consists in sending in the Bags for Railway Post Offices (or in some cases to Forwarding Offices) letters received after the time at which it is necessary to commence making up the Mails generally, keeping only the Railway Bags (or, in those cases in which there may be no Railway Bags, the Bag for the Forwarding Office) open up to the latest moment previous to the time of despatch.

Incoming letters from Europe had the 2/6d stamp attached to the letter and were addressed to The Censor of Urgent Matter.

The smallest fee upon late letters is generally sufficient to induce the public to post as far as possible within the ordinary hours. In those cases where there is Railway Bag, the Mails are as a rule very light, and no difficulty would probably arise from the reduction of the late fee to a halfpenny. The additional letters which would be received would not be so numerous as to prevent a punctual despatch of the Mail under existing arrangements.

In connection with this measure it is proposed to reduce also the fee upon letter posted in the Railway Post Offices and in late Letter Boxes at Railway Stations to a halfpenny. London was specifically excluded. Another more specific Circular was sent later:-

The Postmaster General has now directed that on and after the 1st (June 1885) the following alterations should be made:-

In London: Reduction of late fee for letters for the Continent posted in the special boxes at Charing Cross and Cannon Street from 6d to 4d..

In the Provinces: Reduction of late fee on Foreign and Colonial letters to ½d (the ordinary fee for Inland letters) wherever a fee of 1/- is charged at present. No alteration is to be made in the special fees of 1/- and 6d collected at the landing stage, Liverpool, and Southampton Docks office, respectively S.A. Blackwood. May 1885.

Censorship Special Fee. There was a special fee for avoiding delay in having ones mail checked by the censor during the First World War. This gave rise to covers with an extra 2/6d stamp in the manner of a late fee. The service was closer to Express mail than late fee. *it was decided to provide for the more expeditious examination of urgent outgoing communications of an unobjectionable character by announcing to the public that letters posted in a manner indicated and bearing an additional stamp of the value of half-a-crown would be given priority of treatment. Letters despatched under this arrangement, the number of which was comparatively small, were delivered separately to the Censors, were examined with special care and if nothing suspicious was observed, were forwarded in advance of the rest of the mails. Before the end of the war, these urgent outgoing letters could be posted at 68 post offices in the United Kingdom. (From an anonymous government report entitled Report on Postal Censorship during the Great War. This was used by G.Mark in his book British Censorship of Civil Mails in WWI.)*

INLAND LATE FEES AT THE CHIEF OFFICE, ST MARTINS LE GRAND.

1840 to 1865

With the start of the Penny Post in 1840 the late fee rate was established at

1d for 6 to 7 pm

6d for 7 to 7.30 pm

These rates continued in use for twenty-five years to January 1865.

Postage and thus the late fee had to be prepaid on late fee mail from 1842 either in cash or stamps and from 1856 only in stamps. The 1856 Post Office Guide has this comment *No letters are to be forwarded by the mail preparing for despatch unless prepaid, and that in stamps, so as to include both the ordinary postage and the late letter fee.* The one exception to this rule was the last half hour in St Martins le Grand where the 6d late fee rate could still be prepaid in cash.

This was changed in the 1859 Post Office Guide to both 1d and 6d rates, which had to be prepaid in stamps. From Apr 1860, there was also a 1d late fee payable for posting in the 15 minutes before the mail was despatched from the Chief Office for transmission by the Provincial Morning Mails.

January 1865 to 1869

1d for 6 to 6.45 pm

2d for 6.45 to 7.15 pm

4d for 7.15 to 7.30 pm

Describing the reduction in late fee rates that took place in January 1865 and the consequent increase in revenue. Rowland Hill wrote: *Thus the period for posting Late letters at the district offices has been extended by half an hour, whilst the extra charge for the late posting of letters has been reduced, in the case of letters posted between 6.45 pm and 7.15 pm, from sixpence to twopence; and in the case of letters posted between 7.15 pm and 7.30 pm, from sixpence to fourpence. A further advantage has been given to letters posted at a district office in the vicinity of the railway station from which they are conveyed. The period for the late posting of such letters at district offices has been extended to 7.45 pm at an extra charge of twopence. The success of this measure as a whole will be obvious when it is stated that, notwithstanding the considerable reductions of charge involved in it, the revenue derived from late letter fees in London, during 1865, exceeded by 20 per cent, the revenue derived from the same source in 1864.* (Postmaster General's Report, 1866).

An example of the classic paradox that by reducing taxes you increase revenue.

The 1d and 6d late fee rates had lasted for 25 years, whilst the new rates involving the new 4d period only lasted for 3 ½ years to August 1869. This might explain the rarity of the well-known L4 handstamp.

August 1869 to 1874

1d for 6 to 6.45 pm

2d for 6.45 to 7.30 pm. The long period of the 2d rate, which existed from 1869 to 1877, explains the relative abundance of handstamps and cancellations showing L 2.

1875 to 1876

1d for 6 to 6.45 pm

2d for 6.45 to 7.30 pm

1/- for 7.30 to 7.45 pm. A new very late rate of 1/- was introduced for an extra quarter of an hour from the end of the second period to 7.45 pm.

In the Postmaster General's Report for 1875 is the comment *Increased accommodation has been afforded by the establishment of an additional late letter box at the General Post Office, in which letters prepaid with a fee of one shilling can be posted for despatch up to 7.45 pm; that is, within fifteen minutes of the despatch of the mails.* This service was for Inland Mail only

1877 to 1880

1d for 6 to 7 pm

2d for 7 to 7.15 pm

6d for 7.15 to 7.30 pm

1/- for 7.30 to 7.45 pm

This trend to make the late posting rates even more expensive carried on in the period 1877 to 1880 with an increase from 2d to 6d for the period from 7.15 pm to 7.30 pm.

April 1880 to 1900

½d for 6 to 7.45 pm

In April 1880 a complete change took place with the entire one and three quarter hours of late posting costing only ½d: *The Fee on Inland Late Letters has been reduced to a halfpenny on each letter; but there is no alteration as regards Foreign Letters, Registered Letters, Newspapers, or Book Packets.* (Post Office Guide 1880.)

Between 1900 & 1905 to 1929

½d for 6 to 7.45 pm at Mount Pleasant and 6 to 7.30 pm. at St Martins le Grand. The change was sometime between 1900 and 1905.

1930

½d for 6 to 7 30 pm For Scotland, Northern Ireland and Channel Islands.

½d for 7 to 7.30 pm England and Wales.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL LATE FEES AT THE CHIEF OFFICE, ST MARTINS LE GRAND

Foreign and Colonial Mail was usually treated in the same way as Inland Mail with two exceptions;

- 1/ There was a special late service to catch the Hamburg and Rotterdam Packets from 1840 to 1847.
- 2/ Whilst postage for Inland mail had to be prepaid in stamps from 1855, it was not until 1875 that postage had to be prepaid in stamps for Foreign and Colonial mail.

Late fee mail was more complex. Postage had to be paid in stamps for the 1d late fee period from 1855 to 1857 and 1859 to 1860, and the 4d late fee period from 1866 to 1875.

1840 to 1845 Hamburg and Rotterdam Packets

On Tuesdays and Fridays, there was a special late service to catch these packets. This was only available at St Martins le Grand and the fee was payable in cash.

1d for 10 to 11 pm

6d for 11 to 11.30 pm

At the Post office in St.Martins-le-Grand they will be received after 10 pm and up to 11. pm on Payment of a Fee of One Penny, and after 11 pm to 11.30 pm on Payment of a Fee of Sixpence.....Except those for India via Marseilles which must be posted at the same hours as Inland letters. W.L. Maberly January 1840.

January 1845 to 1847 Hamburg and Rotterdam Packets

1d for 10 to 10.15 pm

6d for 10.15 to 10.30 pm. On the 31 December 1847 the Hamburg and Rotterdam Packets were discontinued, and with them the special Tuesday and Friday late fee rates.

1840 to January 1865 Other Mail not for the packets

1d for 6 to 7 pm

6d for 7 to 7.30 pm

January 1865 to 1869

1d for 6 to 6.45 pm

2d for 6.45 to 7.15 pm

4d for 7.15 to 7.30 pm

1869 to 1878

1d for 6 to 6.45 pm

2d for 6.45 to 7.30 pm

Foreign and Colonial mail was excluded from the 6d and 1/- rate periods introduced in 1875 and 1877 which were for Inland mail only.

Foreign and Colonial mail with a one penny stamp. One can frequently find covers posted to Europe and rarely further afield, with a penny stamp to pay the late fee, the postage having been paid in money. These covers have a red paid cds on the front, the amount of postage in manuscript and very often a bank's cachet. All of these covers are cancelled with single obliterations, many with the 51 in a diamond of the Inland Office. They occur up to 1875 but are most common from Dec 1858 to Dec 1866. They were all posted at either of the two Foreign Branch offices – St Martins le Grand or Lombard Street. Often they clearly did not fit in with the regulations shown in the Post Office Guide.

From 1855 Inland letter mail had to be prepaid in stamps, but twenty years elapsed until 1875, when Foreign and Colonial Mail had to be prepaid in stamps. During this period, this rule did not always apply to late fee mail, postage and the late fee sometimes had to be prepaid in stamps and sometimes there was an option to pay in cash, see below:

St Martins le Grand

The first penny late fee period:

1855 to 1857 both late fee and postage had to be in stamps.

1858 late fee with a stamp, postage optional could be in cash.

1859 to 1860 both late fee and postage had to be in stamps.

1861 to 1865, late fee had to be with a stamp, postage could be in cash.

1866 to 1875

Higher rate (6d then 4d then 2d) periods:

Started with both in cash.

1860 onwards the late fee had to be in stamps, postage could be in cash.

1866 onwards both late fee and postage had to be in stamps.

Lombard Street

The first penny late fee period:

1855 to 1859 cash or stamps optional for both late fee and postage.

1860 to 1865 both late fee and postage had to be in stamps.

1865 to 1875 both late fee and postage could be in cash.

Higher rate (2d) period:

1865 to 1876 onwards both late fee and postage had to be in stamps.

As a result of joining the UPU all mail was prepaid in stamps only:

Commencing with Monday, the 8th November 1875, no payment in money of letters addressed to Foreign Countries or British Colonies will be allowed.

In every case where prepayment is desired, Postage Stamps must be affixed to the letters.

This regulation is necessary, to enable this Department to comply with one of the conditions of the Postal Union Treaty, and to prevent prepaid letters from being treated and charged as unpaid letters at the place of destination. Post Office Circular November 1875.

Chief Office

1879

1d for 6 to 7 pm

2d for 7 to 7.15 pm

6d from 7.15 to 7.30 pm.

1880 to 1894

1d for 6 to 7 pm

2d for 7 to 7.15 pm

3d from 7.15 to 7.30 pm

1895 to 1915

The same general rate as before but there was an increasing number of special late fee periods to individual countries for the first penny period. For example by 1905 there were over twenty different rates. They started at 1d for 8.15 to 8.30 am to France via Folkestone and ended the day with 1d for 10 to 10.30 pm to Jamaica and the Turks Islands. There was no 3d rate from 1906 to 1915.

1915 to 1919

No service due to the First World War.

1919

A limited service started to France and Italy

1d for 10.45 to 11.5am via Boulogne and 4.30 to 5pm via Havre

1920 to 1921

During the twenties it was 1d for Europe and more for the rest of the world:

1d for various countries in Europe from 9.30 am through to 7 pm

3d for 6 to 8 pm on Thursdays to the Far East

6d for 8 to 9 pm on Thursdays to the Far East

6d for 7.30 to 11.15 pm to Africa

1922

The **3d** and **6d** rates covered the rest of the world

1923

Egypt included in the **1d** rate

1924

Brazil included in the **1d** rate

1925 to 1930

1d for Europe. On Sundays there was a special **2d** rate for Europe

2d for the rest of the world

4d for 7 to 8 pm on Thursdays to the Far East.

BRANCH OFFICE LATE FEES

1842

From 1842 the Branch Offices at Charing Cross, Old Cavendish Street and Borough took in late fee mail, initially from 6 to 6.30 pm. then from December 1843 from 6 to 6.45 pm. **The late fee rate was 1d**, for Inland mail both the fee and postage had to be prepaid in stamps. Foreign and Colonial mail had to be prepaid but there was the option of stamps or cash.....

Charing Cross, Old Cavendish Street and the Boroughall letters posted between 6 PM and 6-30PM will be subject to a Fee of One Penny each, which Fee, as well as the Postage, must, as regards Inland Letters, be paid by stamps affixed to the Letters, though upon Foreign, Colonial, or Ship Letters, the Postage and Fee may be paid by Stamps, or in Money, at the option of the sender. W.L.Maberly 10 March 1842.

1849

The 1849 Post Office Directory states that all mail (including Foreign and Colonial) posted in the Branch Offices had to be prepaid in stamps, paying the postage and the late fee. This coincided with the Post Office Notice *On and after the 1st of March (1849) the postage on all Late letters posted at the provincial offices, as well as the late Letter fee, must be paid by attaching the requisite number of Postage stamps. As any late Letter not bearing the requisite Stamps, as determined by the office scales, must be detained until the next dispatch.*

1852

In the Post office Directory for the one year 1852 Lombard Street has a separate start to the late fee period – 5.50 pm for mail prepaid in cash and 6 pm if prepaid in stamps. It finished at 7 pm and both postage and late fee had to be prepaid in stamps.

1857

With the 1857 reorganisation into Districts, Lombard Street became a Branch Office of the East Central District and Charing Cross became a Branch Office of the West Central District.

LOMBARD STREET an East Central District Branch Office.

1857 to 1858

1d for 5.50 to 6.50 pm. Foreign and Colonial mail if postage and late fee paid in cash.

1d for 6 to 7 pm Inland, Foreign and Colonial mail if postage and late fee paid in stamps.

These late fee periods were staggered, to encourage the use of stamps rather than prepayment in cash,

1859

1d for 5.50 to 7 pm. Foreign and Colonial mail if postage paid in cash and late fee in stamps.

1d for 6 to 7 pm. Inland, Foreign and Colonial mail if postage and late fee in stamps.

1860 to 1865

1d for 6 to 7 pm. Inland, Foreign and Colonial mail if postage and late fee in stamps.

1865 to 1875

1d for 5.50 to 6.30 pm. Foreign and Colonial mail if postage paid in cash and late fee in stamps.

1d for 6 to 6.45 pm. Inland, Foreign and Colonial mail if postage and late fee in stamps.

2d for 6.45 to 7.15 pm. Inland, Foreign and Colonial mail if postage and late fee in stamps.

Actual usage is a problem because there are many covers sent to Europe particularly Paris in the period 1860 to 1865 which have a single 1d stamp paying late fee and the postage being paid in cash when both had to be in stamps. See also page 13.

1875 – 1879

1d for 6 to 7 pm From 1875 all mail had to be prepaid in stamps

CHARING CROSS a West Central District Office.

1865 to 1869

1d for 6 to 6.45 pm

2d for 6.45 to 7.15pm

2d for 6.45 to 7.45 pm for destinations along the line from the nearest Railway terminus *Letter*

ALL BRANCH OFFICES LATE FEES

1870 to 1876

1d for 6 to 7.15 pm

1877 to 1879

1d for 6 to 7 pm

From 1880 there was a rapid expansion in the number of Branch Offices in the two central districts.

1880 to 1900

½d Inland rate and **1d** Foreign and Colonial rate for 6 to 7 pm. These were new and very much reduced rates.

From 1882 there was a proliferation of different periods for each of the many new Suburban Branch Offices and Sub District Offices. By 1887 there were 58 different periods. The basic period was 6 to 7pm in the central Branch Offices such as: Cannon Street, Eastcheap, Fleet Street, Gracechurch Street, Lombard Street, Leadenhall Street, Ludgate Circus, Mark Lane, Threadneedle Street, Throgmorton Avenue, Bedford Street and Charing Cross (this list grew with time). The more outlying offices, had earlier late fee periods, the most distant being 4pm to 5.30pm. The one exception was the House of Commons where from 1886 when in session, the Inland late fee period was later, from 7.15 to 7.30 pm.

1900 to 1915

Inland: **½d** for 6 to 7 pm

Foreign and Colonial: **1d** for 6 to 6.40 or 7 pm

1915 to 1919

½d for 6 to 7 pm Inland.

No Foreign and Colonial late fee service due to the First World War

1920

Inland: **½d** for 6 to 7 pm

At Lombard Street to Holland: **1d** for 4.30 to 5.30 pm

1921 to 1922

Inland: **½d** for 6 to 7 pm

1923

Inland: **½d** for 6 to 7 pm

To Europe and the Far East at Fenchurch Street, Lombard Street, Ludgate Circus and Throgmorton Avenue:

1d for 6 to 6.30pm.

2d 6.30 to 7pm.

1924

Inland: **½d** for 6 to 7 pm

To the Far East at the same four Offices: **3d** for 6 to 6.30 pm **6d** 6.30 to 7 pm

1925 to 1929

Inland: **½d** for 6 to 7 pm

To Rest of the World, at the same four Offices: **1d** for 6 to 7 pm

To Europe: **2d** for 6 to 7 pm

1930

Scotland, Ireland and Channel Islands: **½d** for 6 to 7 pm

To Rest of the World, at the same four Offices: **1d** for 6 to 7 pm

To Europe: **2d** for 6 to 7 pm.

HEAD DISTRICT OFFICES 1857 to 1880 INLAND, FOREIGN and COLONIAL MAIL

1857 to 1864

With the 1857 reorganisation into Districts, the Branch Offices changed to:-

Borough became the District Office for the South East District.

Charing Cross became a Branch Office of the West Central District.

Lombard Street became a Branch Office of the East Central District.

Old Cavendish Street became the District Office for the West Central District.

The late fee rate of **1d** and times remained the same as before, 6 to 6.45 pm at Charing Cross, Old Cavendish Street and Borough. The other District Head Offices were earlier, from 5.30 to 6 pm.

1865 2nd January

A complete change was made in the Notice entitled:

LATER POSTING IN LONDON OF LETTERS FOR THE NIGHT MAILS

With the view of affording the Public the means of posting Letters for the Country by the Night Mails up to the latest possible time, the Postmaster-General has made arrangements, which will commence on the 2nd January next (1865), for receiving Letters for all the Night Mails, at the General Post Office, and at the District and Branch Offices in London, up to

7.15 pm. on payment of a Late Fee of two-pence, and for receiving at the Counter of the several District Offices, and of the Charing Cross Branch Office, up to 7.45 pm., with a Fee of twopence, Letters to be despatched to the Country from the Railway Stations adjacent to such District and Branch Offices respectively. John Tilley Secretary

The new rates which applied to all the Branch and Head District offices with the exception of Lombard Street were:-

1d for 6 to 6.45 pm

2d for 6.45 to 7.15 pm

2d for 6.45 to 7.45 pm for destinations along the line from the nearest Railway terminus.

1867 to 1869

The above rates now only apply to the West Central and Western Districts. The other Districts no longer had the 7.45 pm late railway collection.

1d for 6 to 6.45 pm

2d for 6.45 to 7.15 pm

1870 to 1876

Several different late fee periods:

West Central Head Office:-

1d for 6 to 7.15 pm.

1d for 6 to 7.30 pm. for destinations along the line from the nearby Railway termini.

2d for 7.15 to 7.45 pm

Western, South Western and North Western Districts:-

1d for 6 to 7.15 pm

1d for 6 to 8 pm for destinations along the line from the nearest Railway terminus

Eastern, Northern, South Eastern and Charing Cross:-

1d for 6 to 7.15 pm

1877 to 1879

West Central Head Office:-

1d for 6 to 7 pm

1d for 6 to 7.30 pm. for destinations along the line from the nearest Railway terminus.

2d for 7 to 7.45 pm

Western, South Western and North Western Districts:-

1d for 6 to 7 pm

1d for 6 to 8 pm. for destinations along the line from the nearest Railway terminus.

Eastern, Northern, South Eastern and Charing Cross:-

1d for 6 to 7 pm

HEAD DISTRICT OFFICES, INLAND MAIL

1880 to 1923

½d for 6 to 7 or 8 pm

The end of the late fee period varied between offices. Several in particular West Central, Western and North Western had later times for mail going to a nearby rail termini.

1924 to 1929

½d for 6 to 7.30 pm A fixed period for all Head District Offices

1930

½d for 7 to 7.30 pm England and Wales.

½d for 6 to 7.30 pm Scotland, Ireland and Channel Islands.

HEAD DISTRICT OFFICES FOREIGN AND COLONIAL LATE FEES

1880 to 1891

1d for 6 to 7 pm

1892 to 1911

1d for 6 to 7 pm

3d for 7 to 7.45 or 8 pm for transatlantic mail

1912 to 1914

1d for 6 to 7 pm

2d for 7 to 7.45 or 8pm for transatlantic mail

1915 to 1921

None

1922

South Western, West Central and Western Districts:

1d for 6 to 7 pm to France and Holland.

Other Head District Offices:

1d for 6 to 6.30 pm to France and Holland.

1923 to 1924

South Western, West Central and Western Districts:

1d for 6 to 7 pm Europe.

3d for 6 to 6.30 pm Near and Far East.

6d for 6.30 to 7 pm Near and Far East.

Other Head District Offices:

1d for 6 to 6.30 pm Europe.

3d for 6 to 6.30 pm Near and Far East.

1925 to 1930

South Western, West Central and Western Districts:

1d for 6 to 7 pm Europe.

2d for 6 to 7 pm Far East.

Other Head District Offices:

1d for 6 to 6.30 pm Europe.

2d for 6 to 6.30 pm Far East.

LATE FEE MAIL AT RECEIVING HOUSES AND LETTER BOXES FOR INLAND, FOREIGN AND COLONIAL MAIL

1847 to 1880

From 1847 onwards both the postage and late fee had to be prepaid in stamps on all late fee mail accepted at Receiving Houses:

On and after the 4th of May, the Receiving Houses in London will be kept open from 5.30 to 6PM for the receipt of Late Letters intended for the General post, whether Inland, Foreign, Colonial or Ship Letters, on payment of the Late Letter Fee of One Penny, providing the Postage as well as the Late Letter Fee on such Letters be paid by attaching the requisite number of Stamps.
April 1847 Notice to the Public.

It was always a penny late fee in Receiving Houses and Letter Boxes.

1880 to 1886

½d Inland or 1d Foreign and Colonial for 5.30 to 6 pm

The Inland Late Fee rate was reduced to ½d the Foreign and Colonial was still 1d.

1887 to 1930

½d Inland or 1d Foreign and Colonial for 6 to 7 pm

(not 1915 to 1923)

SUNDAY POSTING

Late fee facilities were available via special Sunday Posting Boxes, where late fee mail with an extra stamp, could be posted on late Saturday night or later, for a Sunday collection. There were special facilities at the Rail termini, which are shown on pages 27 to 32.

1892 to 1915

½d Inland mail. 1d Foreign and Colonial mail.

Both Inland, Foreign and Colonial mail at St. Martins le Grand and Head District Offices. By 1906 many Branch Offices also had the special boxes.

1915 to 1919

½d Inland mail. No Foreign and Colonial service because of the War.

1920

No Inland service, Full Foreign and Colonial service listed as the same as 1914, probably in error.

1921 to 1922

No late fee service for either category. The comment in the Post Office Guide is "*Correspondence falling into the last Collections on Saturday night from all Post Offices, Pillar Boxes, and Wall Boxes, is in time for despatch to the Continent by Day Mail on Sunday morning*"

1923 to 1924

½d Inland mail.

A new Foreign and Colonial service. At St Martins le Grand only:

3d for 11 pm Saturday to 7 am Sunday and 6 to 7 pm. Sunday.

1925 to 1929

½d Inland mail. Again a full Inland service.

2d for Foreign and Colonial mail on Saturday night and Sunday

The Foreign and Colonial late fees become more widespread. At St Martins le Grand, Head District Offices and many Branch Offices.

1930

Inland, no late fee service, with special boxes being more widespread and free of any extra payment.

2d for midnight on Saturday to 7 am Sunday. At St Martins le Grand only, for the Day mail to Europe.

POSTAGE RATES FOR INLAND LETTERS

I have not given the weight increments for each rate of postage because they would make the listings cumbersome and are rarely relevant.

10 Jan 1840 to 1 Apr 1865	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, (and then 2d increments)
1 Apr 1865 to 5 Oct 1871	1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, (and then 1d increments)
5 Oct 1871 to 1 Nov 1915	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, (and then ½d increments)
1 Nov 1915 to 3 Jun 1918	1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, (and then ½d increments)
3 Jun 1918 to 1 Jun 1920	1½d, 2d, 2 ½d, 3d, (and then ½d increments)
1 Jun 1920 to 25 May 1922	2d, 2½d, 3d, 3½d, (and then ½d increments)
29 May 1922 to after 1930	1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d, (and then ½d increments)

POSTAGE RATES FOR INLAND POSTCARDS

1 Oct 1870 to 3 Jun 1918	½d
3 Jun 1918 to 13 Jun 1921	1d
13 Jun 1921 to 29 May 1922	1½d
29 May 1922 to 1930+	1d

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POSTAGE RATES

A knowledge of Foreign and Colonial postage rates is needed to understand the proportion of postage versus late fee on the evidence provided by a cover.

These lists are simplified. For a full treatment of these rates one must use *British Letter Mail to Overseas Destinations 1840 – 1875, J. & M. Moubray, London, 1992.*

In the 1840's and 50's these rates were very complex with very many different routes and rates. There was a general trend towards simplification in the 1860's and early 70's, leading to the formation of the General or the later Universal Postal Union. The GPU came into operation on 1 July 1875 and the UPU on 1 April 1879.

List one Countries that make up the destination of the majority (98%) of the foreign and colonial mail that I have recorded, with a simplified list of the postage rates from the mid 1850's to them joining the GPU.

List two Countries in the GPU on 1 Jan 1876, when France joined and as a result many European rates became simpler.

List three Many significant countries did not join the G/UPU until some time after 1875. I list a selection of these countries up to the 1 October 1891 when a universal set of rates were established for the whole world. It also includes Post Cards rates.

List four Has the rates from 1898.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POSTAGE RATES

List one. Rates for the most common destinations prior to the GPU.

AUSTRIA

8d or 1/4 from 15 Dec 1853 to 1 Jan 1855

8d or 1/1 from 1 Jan 1855 to 1 Jan 1857

8d or 9d from 1 Jan 1857 to 1 Feb 1858

8d from 1 Feb 1858 to 1 Jul 1859

6d or 8d from 1 Jul 1859 to 1 Jul 1870

3d or 6d or 8d from 1 Jul 1870 to 22 Jul 1870

3d or 8d from 22 Jul 1870 to 15 Sep 1870

3d from 15 Sep 1870 to 1 Jan 1871

3d or 8d from 1 Jan 1871 to 1 Jan 1872

3d from 1 Jan 1872 to 1 Jul 1875

2½d from 1 Jul 1875 to 1921

BELGIUM

6d or 8d from 15 Feb 1850 to 1 Jan 1857
4d or 6d from 1 Jan 1857 to 1 Aug 1865
3d or 4d from 1 Aug 1865 to 1 Jul 1875
2½d from 1 Jul 1875 to 1921

FRANCE

10d to 1 Jan 1855
4d from 1 Jan 1855 to 1 Jul 1870
3d from 1 Jul 1870 to 1 Jan 1876
2½d from 1 Jan 1876 to 1921

GERMANY

6d or 8d from 1 Jan 1855 to 1 Jul 1870
3d or 6d or 8d from 1 Jul 1870 to 3 Jun 1872
3d from 3 Jun 1872 to 1 Jul 1875
2½d from 1 Jul 1875 to 1921

ITALY

6d or 11d from 1 Jan 1863 to 1 Dec 1866
6d or 8d or 11d from 1 Dec 1866 to
15 Feb 1867
6d or 11d from 15 Feb 1867 to 21 Jun 1869
6d or 8d from 21 Jun 1869 to 1 Jul 1870
5d or 6d from 1 Jul 1870 to 1 Jul 1875
2½d or 4d from 1 Jul 1875 to 1 Jan 1876
2½d from 1 Jan 1876 to 1921

NETHERLANDS

1/- or 1/2 from 1 Apr 1852 to 15 Dec 1853
8d or 11d from 15 Dec 1853 to 1 Jan 1855
8d from 1 Jan 1855 to 1 Jan 1857
6d or 8d from 1 Jan 1857 to 3 Oct 1864
3d or 6d from 3 Oct 1864 to 1 Jul 1875.
2½d from 1 Jul 1875 to 1921

SPAIN

8d or 2/2 from 1 Jan 1857 to 1 Oct 1858
6d from 1 Oct 1858 to 1 Jan 1876
2½d from 1 Jan 1876 to 1921

SWITZERLAND

8d or 10½d from 1 Jan 1855 to 1 Jan 1857
6d or 10½d from 1 Jan 1857 to 1 Jan 1860
6d or 10d from 1 Jan 1860 to 1 Jan 1863
6d or 8d from 1 Jan 1863 to 13 Nov 1865
5d or 8d from 13 Nov 1865 to 1 Jan 1869
3d or 5d from 1 Jan 1869 to 1 Jul 1875
2½d from 1 Jul 1875 to 1921

USA

1/- or 2/4 from 1 Aug 1863 to 30 Oct 1865
1/- or 1/6 from 30 Oct 1865 to 1 Jan 1868
6d from 1 Jan 1868 to 1 Jan 1870
3d from 1 Jan 1870 to 1 Jul 1875
2½d from 1 Jul 1875 to 1921

List two. General Postal Union rates as of 1 January 1876.

The General Postal Union as of 1st January 1876 was composed of: Austria, Azores, Belgium, Canary Islands, Denmark, Egypt, Faeroe Islands, France, French PO's in Tangier and Tunisia, Germany, Gibraltar, Great Britain, Greece, Heligoland, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Madeira, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States, Turkey.

The rates were: letters 2½d, post cards 1½d (to 1st Apr 1879) then 1d, newspapers 1d, printed matter 1d.

List three. Foreign and Colonial postage rates to countries that did not immediately join the GPU in 1875.

Many significant countries particularly in the Far East did not join the G/UPU until some time after 1875. When they joined their postage rates did not fall to the level of the 1875 GPU agreement. It was not until 1 October 1891 that an agreement was reached on a world wide letter rate and 1 January 1892 for printed matter (Natal and Transvaal joined later on 1 July 1892) **The final set of rates were: letters 2½d, post cards 1d, newspapers ½d, printed matter ½d.**

Foreign and Colonial Postage Rates of Countries late in joining the UPU

BRAZIL

By British Packet

Letter Rates

1/- to 1 Dec 1875

9d from 1 Dec 1875 to 1 Jul 1877

6d from 1 Jul 1877 to 1 Apr 1879

4d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Oct 1891

2½d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Post Card Rates

3d from 1 Jul 1877 to 1 Apr 1879

1½d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

1d GPU to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

By Direct Packet

Letter Rates

1/- to 1 Jul 1876.

6d from 1 Jul 1876 to 5 Oct 1888

4d from 5 Oct 1888 to 1 Jan 1891

2½d from 1 Jan 1891 to 25 Dec 1898

Post Card Rates

1½d from 1 May 1890 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

1d from 1876 to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

CHILE

By British or French Packet

Letter Rates

1/6 to 1 Jul 1878

1/- from 1 Jul 1878 to 1 Apr 1881

4d from 1 Apr 1881 to 1 Oct 1891

2½d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Post Card Rates

1½d from 1 Apr 1881 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

2d (British Packet) 4d (French Packet)
to 1 Apr 1881

1d from 1 Apr 1881 to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

CHILE

Via the USA

Letter Rates

1/- to 1 Oct 1878

11d from 1 Oct 1878 to 1 Apr 1881

4d from 1 Apr 1881 to 1 Oct 1891

2½d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Post Card Rates

1½d from 1 Apr 1881 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

1d to 1 Oct 1878

3d from 1 Oct 1878 to 1 Apr 1881

1d from 1 Apr 1881 to 1 Oct 1891

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

HONG KONG

Via Brindisi

Letter Rates

1/3 to 1 Jul 1876

1/2 from 1 Jul 1876 to 1 Apr 1877

8d from 1 Apr 1877 to 1 Apr 1879

6d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Feb 1880

5d from 1 Feb 1880 to 1 Jan 1891

2½d from 1 Jan 1891 to 25 Dec 1898

Post Card Rates

2½d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Jul 1879

2d from 1 Jul 1879 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

3d to 1876

2d from 1877 to 1 Feb 1880

1½d from 1 Feb 1880 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

HONG KONG

Via USA

Letter Rates

1/- to 1 Jul 1875

6d from 1 Jul 1875 to 1 Apr 1879

4d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Jan 1891

2½d from 1 Jan 1891 to 25 Dec 1898

Post Card Rates

1½d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

2d to 1 Apr 1879

1d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

Foreign and Colonial Postage Rates of Countries late in joining the UPU

INDIA

Via Brindisi

Letter Rates

1/- to 1 Jul 1876

8d from 1 Jul 1876 to 1 Apr 1879

6d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Feb 1880

5d from 1 Feb 1880 to 1 Jan 1891

2½d from 1 Jan 1891 to 25 Dec 1898

Post Card Rates

2½d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Jul 1879

2d from 1 Jul 1879 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

3d to 1 Jul 1876

2d from 1 Jul 1876 to 1 Feb 1880

1½d from 1 Feb 1880 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

INDIA

Via Southampton

Letter Rates

9d to 1 Jul 1876

6d from 1 Jul 1876 to 1 Apr 1879

4d from 1 Apr 1879 to Jan 1880

Post Card Rates

1½d from 1 Apr 1879 to Jan 1880

Service withdrawn end of Jan 1880

JAMAICA

Letter Rates

1/- to 1 Apr 1877

6d from 1 Apr 1877 to 1 Apr 1879

4d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Jan 1891

2½d from 1 Jan 1891 to 25 Dec 1898

Post Card Rates

3d from 1 Apr 1877 to 1 Apr 1879

1½d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

1d (British Packet) **2d** (French Packet)
to 1 Apr 1877

1d from 1 Apr 1877 to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

JAPAN

Via Brindisi

Letter Rates

1/3 to 1 Apr 1877

1/2 from 1 Apr 1877 to 1 Jun 1877

8d from 1 Jun 1877 to 1 Apr 1879

6d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Feb 1880

5d from 1 Feb 1880 to 1 Oct 1891

2½d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Post Card Rates

4d from 1 Jun 1877 to 1 Apr 1879

2½d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Jul 1879

2d from 1 Jul 1879 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

3d to 1 Apr 1877

2d from 1 Apr 1877 to 1 Feb 1880

1½d from 1 Feb 1880 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

JAPAN

Via USA

Letter Rates

1/- to 1 Jul 1875

10d from 1 Jul 1875 to 1 Jun 1877

6d from 1 Jun 1877 to 1 Apr 1879

4d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Oct 1891

2½d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Post Card Rates

3d 1878 to 1 Apr 1879

1½d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

2d to 1 Jul 1875

3d from 1 Jul 1875 to 1878

1d from 1878 to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

NEW SOUTH WALES

Via Brindisi

Letter Rates

9d to 1 Jul 1876

8d from 1 Jul 1876 to 1 Feb 1880

7d from 1 Feb 1880 to 1 Mar 1880

6d from 1 Mar 1880 to 1 Jan 1891

2½d from 1 Jan 1891 to 25 Dec 1898

NEW SOUTH WALES

Via Brindisi continued:

Post Card Rates

3d from 1 Jan 1889 to 1 Jan 1891

2d from 1 Jan 1891 to Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

3d to 1 Jul 1876

2d from 1 Jul 1876 to 13 Feb 1880

1½d from 13 Feb 1880 to 1 Mar 1880

1d from 1 Mar 1880 to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930 +

NEW SOUTH WALES via the long sea route, via Southampton or the USA.

Letter Rates

6d from 16 Jul 1864 to 1 Jan 1889

4d from 1 Jan 1889 to 1 Jan 1891

2½d from 1 Jan 1891 to 25 Dec 1898

Post Cards Rates

2d from 1 Jan 1889 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

NEW ZEALAND

Rates the same as New South Wales

TRINIDAD

Letter Rates

1/- to 1 Apr 1877

6d from 1 Apr 1877 to 1 Apr 1879

4d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Jan 1891

2½d from 1 Jan 1891 to 25 Dec 1898

Post Card Rates

3d from 1 Apr 1877 to 1 Apr 1879

1½d from 1 Apr 1879 to 1 Oct 1891

1d from 1 Oct 1891 to 1921

Printed Matter Rates

1d (British Packet) 2d (French Packet)
to 1 Apr 1877

1d from 1 Apr 1877 to 1 Jan 1892

½d from 1 Jan 1892 to 1930

List four. Foreign and Colonial Rates from 1891

Colonial Letter Rates

From 1 Oct 1891 to 25 Dec 1898 2½d, 5d, 7½d, 10d

From 25 Dec 1898 to 1916 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d

From 1916 to 3 Jun 1918 1d, 2½d, 4d, 5½d

From 3 Jun 1918 to 1 Jun 1920 1½d, 2½d, 3½d, 4½d

From 1 Jun 1920 to 13 Jun 1921 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d

From 13 Jun 1921 to 29 May 1922 2d, 3½d, 5d, 7½d

From 29 May 1922 to 14 May 1923 1½d, 3d, 4½d, 6d

From 14 May 1923 to 1930 + 1½d, 2½d, 3½d, 4½d

Foreign Letter Rates

From 1 Oct 1891 to 1908 2½d, 5d, 7½d, 10d

From 1908 to 13 Jun 1921 2½d, 4d, 5½d, 7d

From 13 Jun 1921 to 14 May 1923 3d, 4½d, 6d, 7½d

From 14 May 1923 to 1930 + 2½d, 4d, 5½d, 7d

Post Card Rates

From 1 Oct 1891 to 13 Jun 1921 1d

From 13 Jun 1921 to 1930 + 1½d

RAILWAY LATE FEES

These form a distinct group and have been separately listed in the tables. They usually treated letters and newspapers in the same way. There were occasional restrictions on newspapers, because of the small size of the letterboxes at the Stations.

Due to the number of small unimportant variations in the times of the late fee periods at Railway stations, I have simplified the way that they are described.

Railway late fees were for Inland and Transatlantic mail from 1848 to 1879. It was only after 1879 that they were for Continental mail.

I have placed Euston Square Station first with the others in alphabetical order.

EUSTON SQUARE STATION LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

A late fee service started in 1848 with this notice:-

Letters and newspapers for Places, the correspondence of which is conveyed by the North Western Railway (ie Euston Square Station) or by the Lines branching therefrom a List of which Places is subjoined (all in the UK), will be forwarded by the Mail Train of this morning (8.30 to 9.50am) if dropped into the Bag, providing the Late Fee of sixpence in addition to the postage be paid upon every Letter and the Late Fee of Sixpence upon every Newspaper, both Postage and Fee being paid by attaching a sufficient number of stamp to each Letter or Newspaper. (Notice January 1848.)

The bag was also open from 7.30 to 8.35 pm. for the night mail.

This service included Liverpool and thus was also for transatlantic mail.

An 1844 type 4 bar horizontal barred oval single cancellation was entered in the Proof Books as having been sent on 8th February 1848. This must have been used on a Travelling Post Office as the facility at Euston Square Station was only a "Bag" until in 1870 when it became a Town Receiving House.

The times varied frequently by small amounts, so I have not documented them. This service continued unchanged until 1882, when a separate new service for transatlantic mail came into operation.

1848 to 1864

6d for morning and evening Inland mails

1864 to 1866

4d for morning and evening Inland mails

From 1865 the box was closed earlier for the Irish mail than for the north of England and Scotland. The Post Office Notice issued in March 1864 has this comment. *Late letters for the American mails dispatched by British and Canadian packets from Galway, Londonderry and Queenstown may be posted in the box at Euston Square on the nights when these supplementary mails are made up in London.*

1867 to 1879

2d for morning and evening Inland mails

2d for transatlantic mail via British and Canadian packets from Galway, Londonderry and Queens-town

1880 to 1882

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1882 to 1914

½d for morning, midday and evening Inland mails

Boxes were first attached to the Travelling Post Offices in 1882:

Late Letter Boxes have, since 1st November 1882, been affixed to all Mail trains throughout the Kingdom, by which Post Office Sorters travel, and letters bearing an extra fee of one halfpenny can be posted in them every day in the week (including Sunday) at any station at which the trains stop. It appears that a total of 2,876 letters were posted in this way in the week ended 28th February, when a record was kept. (Report to the Postmaster General 1883.)

Euston Square Station had:

1/ Late Letter Box for mail with an extra ½d late fee for Inland mail.

2/ Box affixed to the Post Office Carriages in the Mail Trains, which stayed open for ten to twenty minutes longer than the Late Letter Box.

3/ A transatlantic service "*Letters for the United States, Canada etc., bearing a fee of 2d. in addition to the ordinary postage, and posted in the late letter box up to 8.15pm. and in the box affixed to the Irish Mail Post Office Carriage up to the time of departure of the train on the night prior to sailing of the Packet from Queenstown or Londonderry*".

1882 to 1886

On Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays

1887

No Thursday sailing for the USA. 1888 to 1909 To both Canada and the USA on Wednesdays and Saturdays. With extra sailings to Canada:- on Tuesdays 1901 to 1902; on Thursdays 1887 to 1891, 1896, 1897, 1903 to 1906; on Fridays 1907 to 1913

1892 to 1896

Sunday late fee rate of **1d** to Europe

1906 to 1915

Sunday late fee rate of **1d** to Europe

2d for transatlantic mail via Queenstown or Londonderry, on the Irish TPO.

1915 to 1917

½d for morning, midday and evening Inland mails

1918 to 1923

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1924

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1/- for USA via Liverpool

1925 to 1929

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

2d for Europe on Sundays

6d for USA via Liverpool

1930

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

CANNON STREET STATION

SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY

1867 to 1879

2d for evening Inland mails

Duplex issued 29th March 1879. Used 23 Aug 1889 to 4 Jan 1895 for Continental Night Mail. See page 50.

1880 to 1885

½d for evening Inland mails

½d for morning newspapers to the Continent (from 1882)

6d for morning and evening Continental mails (4d from 1st June 1885)

1886 to 1891

½d for evening Inland mails

½d for morning newspapers to the Continent

4d for morning and evening Continental mails

1892 to 1894

½d for evening Inland mails

½d for morning newspapers to the Continent

1d for Sunday late fee rate to Europe

4d for morning and evening Continental mails

1895 to 1905

- ½d for evening Inland mails
- ½d for morning newspapers to the Continent
- 1d for Sunday late fee rate to Europe
- 4d for morning and evening Continental mails
- 4d for evening mail for the Near and Far East on Fridays

1906 to 1915

- ½d for evening Inland mails
- ½d for morning newspapers to the Continent
- 1d for Sunday late fee rate to Europe
- 2d for morning and evening Continental mails
- 2d for evening mail for the Near and Far East on Fridays

1915 to 1924

- ½d for evening Inland mails

1925 to 1930

- ½d for evening Inland mails
- 2d for Sunday late fee rate to Europe (not 1930)

CHARING CROSS STATION SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Inland mail could be posted up to 9pm. without a fee. A duplex was issued on 29th Mar 1879, Used 17th Aug 1886 to 31st Jul 1895 for Continental Night Mail. See page 50.

1879 to 1885

- 6d for evening Continental mails (4d from 1st June 1885)

1886 to 1891

- ½d for evening Inland mails, on Sundays only
- 4d for evening Continental mails

1892 to 1894

- ½d for evening Inland mails, on Sundays only
- 1d. for a Sunday late fee to Europe
- 4d for evening Continental mails

1895 to 1905

- ½d for evening Inland mails, on Sundays only
- 1d. for a Sunday late fee to Europe
- 4d for evening Continental mails
- 4d for evening mail for the Near and Far East on Fridays

1906 to 1915

- ½d for evening Inland mails, on Sundays only
- 1d. for a Sunday late fee to Europe
- 2d for evening Continental mails
- 2d for evening mail for the Near and Far East on Fridays

No late fee services after the war

HOLBORN STATION LONDON CHATHAM AND DOVER RAILWAY

1886 to 1888

4d for night mails to the Netherlands

1889 to 1890

4d for night mails to Europe via Flushing

1891

½d for evening Inland mails, on Sundays only

4d for night mails to Europe via Flushing

1892 to 1905

½d for evening Inland mails, on Sundays only

1d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

4d for night mails to Europe via Flushing

1906 to 1915

½d for evening Inland mails, on Sundays only

1d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

2d for night mails to Europe via Flushing

1924 to 1927

2d for night mails to Europe via Flushing

KINGS CROSS STATION GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY

1886 to 1905

½d for morning Inland mails

½d for midday Inland mails

1892 to 1896 In addition to the above a:

1d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

1906 to 1915

½d for Inland mails

½d for morning and midday Inland mails

1d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

1915 to 1924

½d for morning midday (to 1917) and evening Inland mails

1925 to 1929

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

2d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

LIVERPOOL STREET STATION GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY

1883 to 1930 For mail placed into boxes attached to the Travelling Post Office Carriage.

1883 to 1917

½d for morning Inland mails on the Ipswich TPO Carriage

½d for evening Inland mails, on the Ipswich and Cambridge TPO Carriages

1892 to 1896 and 1906 to 1915

In addition to the above:

1d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

1918 to 1924

½d for morning Inland mails on the Ipswich TPO Carriage

½d for evening Inland mails, on the Cambridge TPO Carriage

1925 to 1930

As above in addition| 2d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

LONDON BRIDGE STATION SOUTH EASTERN AND SOUTH COAST RAILWAY

1860 There was an announcement that an Inland mail late fee service would shortly be available. On 18 September 1863 a barred numeral was issued, it has not been seen in use. See page 51

1864

6d for evening Inland mails

1865 to 1866

4d for evening Inland mails

1867 The South Eastern Railway switched to Cannon Street Station.

LONDON BRIDGE STATION LONDON BRIGHTON AND THE SOUTH COAST RAILWAY

1886 to 1891

½d for evening Inland mails

1892 to 1896

½d for evening Inland mails

1d for Sunday late fee rate to Europe

1897 to 1905

½d for evening Inland mails

1906 to 1914

½d for evening Inland mails

1d for Europe

PADDINGTON STATION GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY

A late fee service for Inland mail on the Night Mail Train of the Great Western railway and the lines branching from it. *A box for the receipt of letters and newspapers is opened at the station every evening (except Sunday) from 7.30pm to 8.40pm. (Post Office Guide 1860.)*

This was the first mention in Post Office Guide, yet a 3HOS with the number O49 was sent on 2nd Oct 1855, which has been recorded used on a late fee cover dated 24th Nov 1855.

1860 to 1864

6d for evening Inland mails

1865 to 1866

4d for evening Inland mails

1867 to 1868

2d for evening Inland mails

1869 to 1879

2d for morning and evening Inland mails

1880 to 1881

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1882 to 1888

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

2d for Cape mail via Dartmouth, on Thursdays

1889 to 1890

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

2d for Cape mail on alternate Fridays

1891

½d for morning and evening Inland mails, the Cape mail service now left from Waterloo

1892 to 1896

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1d for Sunday late fee rate to Europe

1897 to 1905

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1906 to 1915

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1d for Sunday late fee rate to Europe

1915 to 1924

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1925 to 1929

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

2d for Sunday late fee rate to Europe

1930

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

ST PANCRAS STATION THE MIDLAND RAILWAY

1884 to 1891

½d for evening Inland mails

1892 to 1896

½d for evening Inland mails

1d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

1897 to 1918

½d for evening Inland mails

1906 to 1915

½d for evening Inland mails

1d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

1925 to 1929

2d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

SHOREDITCH STATION GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY

1860 There was an announcement that a late fee service would be shortly available. Two duplexes were issued early in 1863, presumably for this late fee service; neither has been recorded in use.

1864

6d for Ipswich and Cambridge Night Mails

1865 to 1866

4d for Ipswich and Cambridge Night Mails

1867 to 1869

2d for Ipswich and Cambridge Night Mails

Liverpool Street Station became the London terminus for the Great Eastern Railway in 1875.

VICTORIA STATION LONDON CHATHAM AND DOVER RAILWAY

1886 to 1888

4d for night mails to the Netherlands

1889 to 1890

4d for night mails to Europe via Flushing

1891

½d for evening Inland mails, on Sundays only

4d for night mails to Europe via Flushing

1892 to 1905

½d for evening Inland mails, on Sundays only.

1d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe(to 1896)

4d for night mails to Europe via Flushing

1906 to 1915

½d for evening Inland mails, on Sundays only

1d for a Sunday late fee rate to Europe

1d for foreign mail posted on a weekday in a letter box at the Station (to 1913)

2d for night mails to Europe via Flushing

1924 to 1930

2d for night mails to Europe, on weekdays (1924-27) and on Sundays (1925-30)

WATERLOO STATION LONDON AND SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

1860 There was an announcement that an Inland mail late fee service would be shortly available. In July 1863, two barred numeral duplexes were issued, not seen used (see page 52).

1864

6d for evening Inland mails

1865 to 1866

4d for evening Inland mails

1867 to 1879

2d for evening Inland mails

1880 to 1890

½d for evening Inland mails

1891

½d for evening Inland mails

2d for Cape mail on alternate Fridays

1892 to 1897

½d for evening Inland mails

2d for Cape mail on Saturdays

1898

½d for evening Inland mails

2d for Cape mail on Saturdays

2d for West Indies and the Pacific on alternate Wednesdays

1899 to 1906

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

2d for Cape mail on Saturdays

2d for West Indies and the Pacific on alternate Wednesdays

1906 to 1915

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1d for Sunday late fee rate to Europe

2d and 4d for Cape mail on Saturdays

1915 to 1918

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1919 to 1923

½d for evening Inland mails

1924

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

1/- for USA via Southampton, New Zealand, Brazil and South Africa

1925 to 1930

½d for morning and evening Inland mails

2d for Sunday late fee rate to Europe (not in 1930)

6d for USA via Southampton, New Zealand, Brazil (1925 only) and South Africa

REGISTERED LATE FEE MAIL

A Late fee service for Registered mail was started when the fee for Inland Registration was reduced:-
“On the 1st August (1862), and thenceforward, the Fee charged at all Post Offices for registering Inland Letters during the present hours of Registration will be reduced from 6d. to 4d. The Registration Fees on Foreign and Colonial Letters will remain unaltered.

At the Metropolitan Chief Offices, - at the London District Offices (including the Lombard Street and Charing Cross Branches), - and at all Provincial Head Offices, Registration, whether for Inland, Foreign, or Colonial Letters, will be extended until the closing of the Letter Box for each despatch, or until the Office is closed for the night, upon payment of a late Fee of 4d. in addition to the ordinary registration fee.” (Rowland Hill G.P.O. July 1862.)

Compensation Insurance. If a cover has the word “Registered 8d” written on the front with that much extra in stamps, then 2d would be the Registration fee and 6d the fee for compensation insurance. This extra fee for insurance, could vary from 2d to 1/10d, depending on how much the envelope was insured for.

REGISTRATION FEE

From 1st Aug 1862 the Inland Registration fee was 4d

From Feb 1866 the Registration fee was 4d, for most European countries

From 1st Jan 1878 the Registration fee for all UPU countries was 2d

From Jun 1921 the Registration fee was 3d

REGISTERED LATE FEE

1862 to 1873

4d for 5.30 to 6 pm St Martins le Grand, Head District Offices and the main Branch Offices:

1874 to 1875

At St.Martins le Grand:

4d for 5.30 to 6 pm and 1/- for 6 to 6.30 pm

At Head District Offices and the main Branch Offices:

4d for 5.30 to 6 pm

1876

At St.Martins le Grand:

4d for 5.30 to 6 pm

1/- for 6 to 6.30 pm

2/6 for 6.30 to 7.45 pm for Night mails

In 1878 the Registration fee was reduced to 2d for countries in the U.P.U.

1877 to 1879

At St.Martins le Grand:

4d for 5.30 to 6 pm

1/- for 6 to 6.30 pm

2/6 for 6.30 to 7.30 pm Foreign and Colonial or 6.30 to 7.45 pm Inland mail

At Head District Offices and the main Branch Offices.

4d for 5.30 to 6 pm

1880 to 1890

Foreign, Colonial and Inland Registered mail were all at the same general rates.

At St.Martins le Grand:

2d for 5.30 to 6 pm

4d for 6 to 6.30 pm

6d for 6.30 to 7 pm

1/- for 7 to 7.30 pm

At Head District Offices and the main Branch Offices:

2d for 5.30 to 6 pm

1890

As before with the addition of Lombard Street:

2d for 5.30 to 6 pm

4d for 6 to 6.30pm

6d for 6.30 to 6.55 pm

1898

As before with the addition of Inland "Late Night Mails" at St.Martins le Grand:

2d for 7.30 to 8 pm

1900 to 1905

As before, between 1900 and 1905 there were a new series of additional rates for Foreign and Colonial mail, which were to catch specific packets, e.g. for Cape mail via Southampton on Saturdays:

4d for 11.45 to 12 pm

6d for 12 to 12.15 pm

The Lombard Street periods were extended to other EC Branch Offices.

1900 to 1906

Registered letters accepted on Sundays at Head District offices and many Branch Offices for double the registration fee plus postage. This was equivalent to a late fee charge.

1908

As before but, Head District Offices charges now were:

2d for 5.30 to 6 pm

4d for 6 to 6.30 pm

The latest rate at St Martins le Grand was extended to 8pm. for continental mails via Calais and Ostend. A similar late service was available at Charing Cross (1908-1914) and Strand (1908-1915) where the fee was 1/-.

1915 to 1920

Foreign and Colonial Registered service ceased on 20th Jul 1915

The full set of Inland rates and times by now were:

St.Martins le Grand:

2d for 5.30 to 6 pm

4d for 6 to 6.30 pm

6d for 6.30 to 7 pm

1/- for 7 to 7.30 or 8 pm

At East Central District Branch Offices:

2d for 5.30 to 6 pm

4d for 6 to 6.30 pm

6d for 6.25 or 6.30 to 6.55 pm

Head District Offices:

2d for 5.30 to 6 pm

4d for 6 to 6.30 pm

Other Branch Offices, (service ceases in 1923):

2d for 5.30 to 6 pm

1921 to 1929

All the Inland rates increased: **2d, 4d, 6d, 1/-**; becomes **3d, 6d, 9d, and 1/6**. Times are as above.

1923 to 1924

Foreign and Colonial mail service starts again at St.Martins le Grand:

Europe **4d and 6d**

Rest of the World **3d, 4½d, 6d and 9d**

These rates were for various times, dependent on when the last mails were sent to catch particular ships.

1925 to 1930

Foreign and Colonial at St.Martins le Grand:

Europe **2d and 4d**

Rest of the World **4d and 8d**

At East Central District Branch Offices and Head District Offices:

Europe **2d**

Rest of the World **4d**

1930

Inland:-St.Martins le Grand:

3d for 5.30 or 6.30 to 7 pm.

6d for 7 to 7.30 pm

At East Central District Branch Offices and Head District Offices:

3d for 5.30 or 6.30 to 7 pm. England and Wales was 6.30 pm.

The rest of the UK 5.30 pm.

REGISTERED LATE FEE AT RAILWAY STATIONS

A special late fee was payable at Sorting Carriages in the London Railway Stations for the late acceptance of registered mail. The fee was 1/- from 1898 to 1920 and then 1/6 from 1921 to 1930+. Very few examples have been recorded.

PRINTED MATTER POSTAGE RATES

There is no *Moubray* to turn to when studying printed matter rates before the GPU and UPU agreements in 1875 and 1879. The two main sources of information, the *Post Office Directory* and the *Post Office Guide* are ambiguous when discussing rates for the many categories of printed matter. The 1855 *Post Office Directory* contains the statement "the internal rates of foreign countries newspapers....cannot be ascertained with sufficient certainty to give them generally in the Post Office Directory". One of the problems was the proliferation of categories of printed matter each with its own set of postal rates:- 'Stamped newspapers' -- Prices Current, both 'stamped' and unstamped -- Printed Votes -- Proceedings in Parliament -- Magazines -- Plantation Accounts -- Law Proceedings -- Printed Pamphlets -- Periodicals etc.

This all became very much simpler with the General Postal Union in (1875) and later Universal Postal Union (1879) agreements. One category that can be traced easily, certainly for Inland mail, is 'Stamped' or later 'Registered' newspapers. Before 1870 if a newspaper or Prices Current had paid stamp duty and thus had an impressed tax stamp, this acted in lieu of postage for the Inland Mail and for a time on Colonial and some Foreign Mail.

INLAND POSTAGE RATES

Inland newspapers that had an impressed tax stamp, postage was "free". From 1844 to 1870, the tax stamp paid the postage.

1870

The Post Office Act of 1870 marked the end of the impressed stamp. The Register of newspapers and Prices Current still had significance because the 1871 Post Office Guide states "*Publications not on the Register at the General Post Office cannot be sent abroad at any rates lower than those applicable to book packets*"

1870 (1 Oct) to **1920** (1 Jun)

½d, 1d, 1½d, 2d

1920 (1 Jun) to **1921** (13 Jun).

Printed matter **½d (1oz) 1d, 1½d, 2d**. Newspapers minimum **1d**, but this is for 6oz. From 1st Sep 1920.

1921 (13 Jun) to **1922** (29 May).

Both newspapers and printed matter the same at **1d, 1½d, 2d**.

1922 (29 May) to **1930** +

Newspapers still **1d**, for 6oz. Printed matter reduced to **½d** for the minimum rate. This is restricted to mail posted early in the day – in London before 4.30pm.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POSTAGE RATES

1844 to 1856

Colonial mail with an impressed tax stamp, carried on a British Packet was free.

Foreign countries ranged from free to **1d** or **1½d** or **2d** or **3d** depending on destination.

1857 to 1875

The 1857 Post office Guide states "*in all cases of newspapers going abroad the impressed stamp stands for nothing*" The rates were a minimum of **1d** or **1½d** or **2d** or **3d** depending on destination.

1875 to 1930

The General Postal Union rates were **1d**, **2d**, **3d**. These were reduced to **½d**, **1d**, **1½d**, in Mar 1879 at the same time as foreign postcards went from **1¼d** to **1d**.

Countries not in the Union had varying rates. The initial weight band could be **1d** or **1½d** or **2d** or **3d** or **4d** or **5d**. depending on destination. These were subsequently reduced.

PRINTED MATTER LATE FEES

1840 to 1847

½d for 6 to 7.30 pm. Inland Mail only. In cash at the Late Newspaper Windows at St Martins le Grand.

1848 to 1855

½d for 6 to 7.30 pm. Inland Mail only. Restricted to one of the Late Newspaper Windows at St Martins le Grand.

A Railway late fee service started in 1848 with this notice:

*Letters and newspapers for Places, the correspondence of which is conveyed by the North Western Railway (i.e. Euston Square Station) or by the Lines branching there from a List of which Places is subjoined (all in the UK), will be forwarded by the Mail Train of this morning (8.30 to 9.50am) if dropped into the Bag, providing the Late Fee of sixpence in addition to the postage be paid upon every Letter and the Late **Fee of Sixpence** upon every **Newspaper**, both Postage and Fee being paid by attaching a sufficient number of stamps to each Letter or Newspaper. (Notice January 1848.)*

The bag was also open from 7.30 to 8.35 pm. for the night mail

1856 to 1879

¼d for 6 to 7 pm, **½d** for 7 to 7.15 pm and **1d** for 7.15 to 7.30 pm.

Inland, Foreign and Colonial Mail: In cash or stamps at the Late Newspaper Windows at St. Martins le Grand:

With a few exceptions newspapers could use the railway station Inland late fee services.

1880 to 1891

¼d for 6 to 7 pm, **½d** for 7 to 7.15 pm. Inland mail: In cash or stamps at the Late Newspaper Windows at St. Martins le Grand: In addition **1d** for 7.15 to 7.30 pm. Foreign and Colonial Mail:

West Central Head District Office and the Railway Stations that offered a late fee service with **½d** prepaid in stamps, all handled newspapers and printed matter, for Inland mails.

½d for 8 pm to 7.15 am. From 1882 there was a special service at Cannon Street Station, for newspapers to Europe

1892 to 1905

¼d for 6 to 7 pm, **½d** for 7 to 7.15 pm. Inland mail: In cash or stamps at the Late Newspaper Windows at St. Martins le Grand: In addition **1d** for 7.15 to 7.30 pm. Foreign and Colonial Mail:

West Central, North Western, Western and South Western (1893) Head District Offices and the Railway Stations that offered a late fee service with **½d** prepaid in stamps, all handled newspapers and printed matter, for Inland mails.

West Central, North Western and Western Head District Offices had a 1d late fee for transatlantic mail via Queenstown and Londonderry.

All the Railway Stations that offered a late fee service now had one for Continental mail at 1d to be paid in stamps.

½d for 8 pm to 7.15 am. For newspapers to Europe there was still the special service at Cannon Street Station.

1898 to 1899

As above with the addition of a 2d rate at St Martins le Grand for Cape mail on Saturdays via Southampton.

1900

As above but now all the Head District Offices except Northern and Eastern District had a ½d rate for Inland mail.

1901 to 1905

As above but the South Western District Head office no longer had an ½d Inland rate.

Many Branch Offices had a 1d rate for continental mail.

No detailed information for the years 1901 to 1904.

1906 to 1915

No separate late fee system for Inland newspapers, which were treated as letters.

¼d for 6 to 7 pm, ½d for 7 to 7.15 pm and 1d for 7.15 to 7.30 pm. Foreign and Colonial late fee: In cash or stamps at the Late Newspaper Windows at St. Martins le Grand:

West Central, North Western and Western Head District Offices had a 1d late fee for transatlantic mail via Queenstown and Londonderry, and Cape mail on Saturdays via Southampton.

All the Railway Stations that offered a late fee service now had one for Continental mail at 1d to be paid in stamps.

½d for 8 pm to 7.15 am. For newspapers to Europe there was still the special service at Cannon Street Station.

1915 to 1923

¼d for 6 to 7 pm, ½d for 7 to 7.15 pm Inland newspapers only: In cash or stamps at the Late Newspaper Windows at St. Martins le Grand:

West Central, North Western and Western Head District Offices and the Railway Stations that offered a late fee service with ½d prepaid in stamps, all handled newspapers and printed matter, for Inland mails.

1924 to 1930

¼d for 6 to 7pm, ½d for 7 to 7.15 pm. The only service was for Inland newspapers, to be paid in cash or stamps at the Late Newspaper Windows at St. Martins le Grand.

LONDON LATE FEE and TOO LATE MAIL 1840 to 1930

CATALOGUE OF LATE FEE CANCELLATIONS

This is not a catalogue of all the cancellations used on late fee covers. Slightly over half of the late fees paid covers that I have recorded are in category three. These are not covered by this catalogue.

Category one Cancellations used almost **exclusively** on late fee covers.

Category two Cancellations used **frequently** on late fee covers.

Category three The largest group of cancellations, that were used only very **occasionally** on late fee covers, which are usually found on normal covers.

Category four A small group of cancellations that have been called late fee paid cancellations in the past but are **clearly not so**.

RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

The relative abundance of surviving covers with **late fee paid** shows the dominance of commercial users of the service. The Chief office at St Martins le Grand plus the East and West Central District make up 94% of all the late fee paid covers recorded from London.

The remaining 6% covers all the various Railway Station late fees, all the other Head District Offices and the rest of London.

The almost complete absence of late fee paid covers with Suburban Office cancellations again reflects the fact that late fees were largely used on commercial correspondence.

The East Central District Head Office and Branch Offices make up 25%. The number of covers recorded (in order of abundance) is: -

Head District Office	105
Mark Lane	54
Lombard Street	53
Gracechurch Street	41
Ludgate Circus	38
Threadneedle Street	36
Throgmorton Avenue	34
Leadenhall Street	33
Eastcheap	23
Cannon Street	20
Fleet Street	19
Fenchurch Street	9
Others	6

CATALOGUE SEQUENCE

The catalogue is arranged in a loose chronological order, with similar groups placed together.

CODES L1, L2, L3 codes.

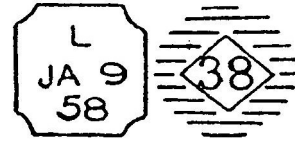
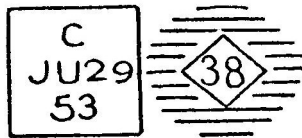
These indicate the late fee period in which the collection was made, not that a late fee had been paid.

Of all the L1, L1d, L2, L2d, L3, L3d codes recorded used in cancellations for this study 60% had extra stamps showing that a late fee had been paid. Of these only half showed the correct amount of fee (i.e. the value of the extra stamps on the cover equalling the code)

**CANCELLATIONS USED FROM
May 1840 to February 1862**

For the first 22 years there were no Category one cancellations. There were a few Category two types used on Foreign mail at the Chief Office: single cancellation with the number 51 and double cancellations with the numbers 45,46 and 47. These are illustrated.

Category three cancellations were numbers 17,18,19 and 20 in single Inland Office diamonds. However before any of these were issued there were two cancellations that have been described as late fee paid duplex. Two number 38 duplexes with square date stamps were used, mostly on Inland mail (90%).



Used from 29 Jun 1853 to 8 Aug 1853.

Used from 19 Aug 1853 to 25 May 1858.

These have been called late fee cancellations, however neither show any evidence by means of extra stamps, of a late fee having been paid.

It was this that led Stitt Dibden in his book "*Late Fee and Too Late Stamps*" to suggest that **all** the examples of covers with these cancellations had paid the 6d late fee in cash. Later, when all the late rates had to be prepaid in stamps, too few covers show this very late rate having been paid, for Stitt Dibden's suggestion to be valid. Less than 1% of all the late fee paid covers recorded, have the highest late fee rate.

Three covers have been recorded with these cancellations used with receiving house marks of Brick Lane, Moorgate St. and Peckham, which if they did offer a late fee service, would only have been at the 1d rate and an extra stamp would have had to have been applied to the cover (this rule always applied to Receiving Houses). It was only at St Martins le Grand that cash could be used to pay the late fee for the very late 6d rate.

Hendy in "*History of the Postmarks of the British Isles*" 1909 stated that the example with indented corners on the date stamp was "*used on late fee letters posted after 6 PM*". This could well be true, but its use was to indicate that the cover had been posted in the late fee period. If no fee had been paid, it was too late. No covers with these cancellations have been seen used with the widely used circular too late hand stamp, which suggests that the cancellation itself indicated "too late".

A page dated 23 September 1857 from the Circulation Department, with the comment against 38B "*double stamp for dating and obliterating*" –has no mention of any late fee or too late use.



Nos. 51.C & E & F.

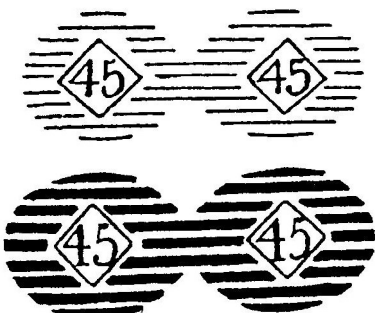
A series of cancellations, for details see "*Horizontal Diamonds*" by Brian Smith, 1991 L.P.H.G. Handbook number 12.

51.C was the first to be sent to the Inland Office on 17 May 1855.

These cancellations (with several others) were often used on foreign covers with the late fee paid by means of a penny stamp, whilst the postage was prepaid in cash. In addition a paid hand stamp in red was applied to the front of these covers. They were posted at the Inland Office at St Martins le Grand and Lombard Street. The destination was often Paris. Late fee use from 30 Nov 1858 to 21 Apr 1863.

Rarity D to Paris, F to the rest of Europe and G further afield.

Price from £25 on a cover to Paris, £40 and upwards for further afield.



Inland Office

Nos. 45.B & C & D & E & F & G & H & I & J.

A series of cancellations, for details see "*Horizontal Diamonds*" by Brian Smith, 1991 L.P.H.G. Handbook number 12.

Used on both Inland and Foreign mail.

Late fee use from 3 Dec 1857 to 15 Jul 1867.

Rarity D.

Price £12.

CANCELLATIONS USED FROM May 1840 to February 1862

Inland Office

Nos. 46.D & E & F & G & H & I & J.

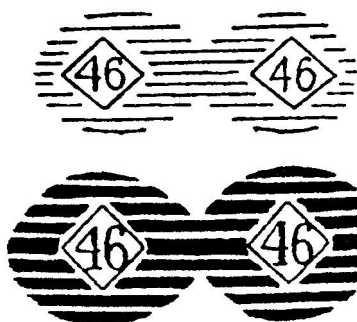
A series of cancellations, for details see "*Horizontal Diamonds*" by Brian Smith, 1991 L.P.H.G. Handbook number 12.

Used on both Inland and Foreign mail.

Late fee use from 26 Oct 1858 to 15 Mar 1867.

Rarity D.

Price £12.



Inland Office

Nos. 47.F & G & H.

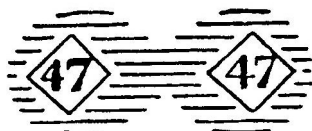
A series of cancellations, for details see "*Horizontal Diamonds*" by Brian Smith, 1991 L.P.H.G. Handbook number 12.

Used on both Inland and Foreign mail.

Late fee use from 9 Jun 1859 to 8 Feb 1862.

Rarity E.

Price £12.



CANCELLATIONS USED FROM February 1862 to July 1863

Two new cancellations were brought into use for late fee paid covers during this period. Most (70%) of the late fee paid mail was cancelled by either **12D2** or **13D2**, the remainder was cancelled by the double 45, 46 and 47's or the single 51.

Foreign Branch.

No.12 Dubus type 2.

Sent on 1st Feb 1862.

Of the recorded covers all but one are foreign mail.

The ratio: late fee paid 40%, unpaid 60%.

Used from 2 Feb 1862 to 27 Jun 1864.

Rarity B.

Price £15. High, because foreign mail used higher value adhesives.

Inland Branch.

No.13 Dubus type 2.

Sent to the Inland Office on 1st Feb 1862.

Most (80%) of the covers are Inland mail.

Almost all (95%) are late fee paid.

Used from 1 Feb 1862 to 1 Nov 1863.

Rarity B.

Price £15 for foreign covers and Inland late fee paid.

£6 for Inland covers without having paid the late fee.



There were no specific late fee paid cancellations used in the thirteen years between July 1863 and August 1876. There are occasional uses of various single cancellations from 1863 to 1867 and duplexes from 1867 to 1876. Several duplex marks of the Chief Office fit into category 2, see below.

One hand stamp fits in category one – the boxed L's. From 1869 to June 1876 almost all (93%) the foreign late fee paid mail had a boxed L of some type.



Inland mail only:

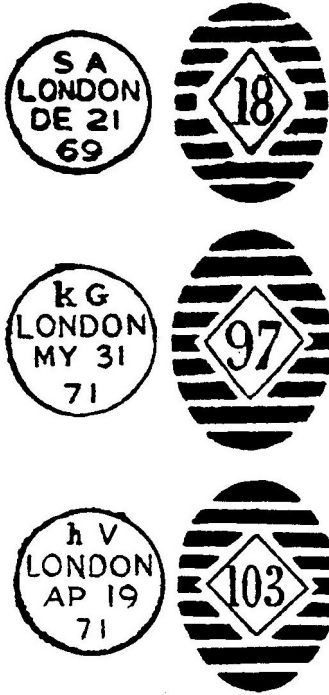
Nos. 18,19 and 24 Dubus type 6. Inland Branch duplex.

Late fee use from Apr 1869 to mid 1876.

Rarity D on late fee paid covers.

Price £6.

CANCELLATIONS USED FROM July 1863 to August 1876 and then to 1930



Foreign and Colonial mail only:

No. 10 Dubus type 6. "Inland Branch" duplex.

No. 97 Dubus type 8. "Inland Branch" duplex.

Nos. 100, 103, 105 and 106 Dubus type 10. "Inland Branch" duplex.

Nos. 89, 97 and 98 Dubus type 11. "Inland Branch" duplex.

All of these cancellations have the same overall format.

All fit into category 2. (frequently used on late fee)

As a group their rarity is A on late fee paid covers.

Price depends on the adhesives used, as prior to the General Postal Union agreement of 1 July 1875, postage rates were high and variable, giving rise to some rare adhesives on cover.

None of these cancellations have any premium.

CANCELLATIONS USED FROM August 1876 to 1930

A series of cancellations, numbered 78 to 81 of Dubus type 15, were used during this period on normal mail. After August 1876, they would be placed in Category one or two.

Prior to August 1876 they were used on Inland mail, had a two-letter code and were never late fee paid. For more details see below.

After August 1876 they completely changed and became Category two, being used for Foreign and Colonial mail. With a code L for late, followed by a number showing the period when the cover was posted. (Half of these were late fee paid).

DUBUS TYPE 15

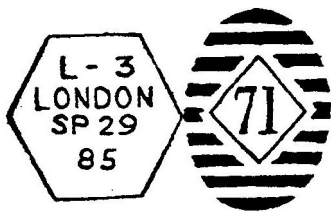
No. 71 Dubus type 15.

Sent to the Inland Branch on 30 Sep 1885.

Used from 6 Nov 1885 to 30 Sep 1890.

All copies are Foreign and Colonial mail. Most (60%) late fee paid.

Codes L1, L3. Rarity G. Price £50.



No. 72 Dubus type 15.

Sent to the Inland Branch on 30 Sep 1885.

Used from 2 Nov 1885 to 5 Apr 1889.

All copies are Foreign and Colonial mail. All are late fee paid.

Codes L1, L3. Rarity H. Price £100.



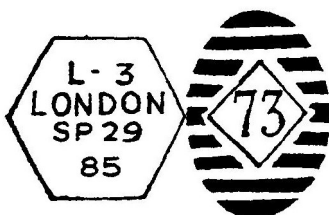
No. 73 Dubus type 15.

Sent to the Inland Branch on 30 Sep 1885.

Used from 14 Jun 1889 to 31 Aug 1893.

All copies are Foreign and Colonial mail. It is not known if late fee was paid.

Codes L1, L2, L3. Rarity H. Price £100.



CANCELLATIONS USED FROM

In 1876 a number of Category one and two duplex came into use. This was connected with joining the General Postal Union in the previous year.



No. 74 Dubus type 15.

Sent to the Inland Branch on 30 Sep 1885.
Recorded in use on 4 May 1894
Code L-2. Rarity H. Price £100++



No. 75 Dubus type 15.

Not entered in the Proof Books.
Used from 19 Oct 1876 to 2 May 1895.
All copies are Foreign and Colonial mail.
Most (70%) are late fee paid.
Codes L1, L3. Rarity B (code L1) and H (code L3).
Price £15 (code L1) and £35 (code L3).



No. 76 Dubus type 15.

Not entered in the Proof Books.
Used from 13 Oct 1876 to 26 Aug 1895.
All copies are Foreign and Colonial mail.
Most (65%) are late fee paid.
Codes L1, L2, L3. Rarity C (code L1), D (code L2) and H (code L3).
Price £15 (code L1), £20 (code L2) and £35 (code L3).

No. 77 Dubus type 15.

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Foreign and Colonial mail:

Used from 19 Oct 1876 to 25 Oct 1895.
Most (55%) are unpaid late fee. Of these only two had "Too Late" handstamps.
Codes L, L1. The L code is found on covers where the fee was unpaid, or 1d paid or 2d paid.
Rarity D. Price £20.



No 78 Dubus type 15.

First sent to the Inland Branch on about 6 May 1869. With the hand stamp code A.

Two were sent on the 13 Aug 1870 with hand stamp identification codes A and B. These were annotated "*new machines supplied*".

First period of use from 6 Oct 1869 to 11 Nov 1874.

All used on Inland mail.

No evidence of any late fee being paid.

Double letter codes:- The A and B are the hand stamp identification codes for each machine. The second letter is the Inland Branch day code.

Rarity C (code A), H (code B).

Price £10 (code A), £15 (code B).

Second period of use from 11 Sep 1876 to 8 Apr 1902.

Most (95%) Foreign and Colonial mail.

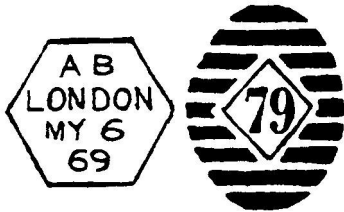
Half (50%) had late fee paid. Rarity E.

Price £15 (code L1), £20 (code L2).



This cancellation was used, for an unknown period of time, to specifically indicate too late. In the Mount Pleasant Stamp Impression Book an example of 78 Dubus type 15 has the following annotation
“The Foreign letters mis-posted in the Country Boxes at the Mark Lane, Gracechurch St. and Ludgate Circus Branch Offices after 6.0 pm, and received here with the letters for the Provinces, should after selection by the examiners here be impressed with the L1 stamp with the No 78 obliterator.” 30 June 1880.

The 1d late fee period at St Martins le Grand ran from 6 to 7 pm, so the L1 code was suitable. This illustrates the ambiguity of trying to separate late fee from too late.



No 79 Dubus type 15.

First sent to the Inland Branch on about the 6 May 1869. With the hand stamp code A.

Two were sent on the 13 Aug 1870 with hand stamp identification code letters A and B. They were also annotated “*new machine*”.

First period of use from 7 Jul 1869 to 30 Dec 1873.

All used on Inland mail.

No evidence of any late fee being paid.

Double letter codes - A and B are the hand stamp codes for each machine, the second letter is the Inland Branch day code.

Rarity H (code A), D (code B).

Price £15 (code A), £10 (code B).

Second period of use from 2 Jul 1877 to 5 Sep 1878.

All Foreign and Colonial mail.

Most (60%) show no late fee paid.

Code L1 Rarity G. Price £20.



No 80 Dubus type 15.

First sent to the Inland Branch on about the 1 Mar 1872. With the hand stamp code B.

First period of use on 6 Feb 1874.

Used on Inland mail.

No late fee was paid.

Double letter code - B is the hand stamp identification code. The second letter is the Inland Branch day code.

Rarity H. Price £25.

Second period of use from 16 Dec 1878 to 29 Jul 1895.

All Foreign and Colonial mail.

Most (60%) show no late fee paid.

Codes L, L1, L1^D, L2, L2^D, L3, L3^D, L6.

Rarity C. Price £15. Code L6 £100++



No 81 Dubus type 15.

First sent to the Inland Branch on about the 1 Mar 1872. With the hand stamp identification code B.

First period of use on 5 Mar 1874.

Used on Inland mail. No late fee was paid.

Double letter code - B is the hand stamp identification code. The second letter is the Inland Branch day code.

Rarity H. Price £25.

One cover recorded to Hamburg Code BB 29 Aug 1876

Second period of use from 16 Jul 1877 to 9 Jul 1894.

All Foreign and Colonial mail. Most (60%) show no late fee paid.

Codes L1, L1^D, L2, L3^D Rarity D. Price £20.

EAST CENTRAL BRANCH OFFICES

Eastcheap Dubus type 1 Number 1.

Sent on 22 Dec 1882.

Used from Jan 1883 to 29 Nov 1896.

Only used on Foreign and Colonial mail.

Most (66%) have 1d late fee paid.

Code L1.

Rarity E. Price £20.



Eastcheap Dubus type 1 Number 2.

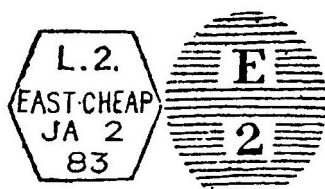
Sent on 3 Jan 1883.

Used from 8 Jun 1883 to 3 Feb 1897.

Used on both Inland and Foreign mail.

Codes L1, L2. The L2 had ½d late fee paid.

Rarity H. Price £45.



Eastcheap Dubus type 2 Number 1.

Sent on 7 Dec 1893.

Used from Dec 1894 to 12 Feb 1900.

All Foreign mail.

Most (80%) are no late fee paid.

Code L1.

Rarity F. Price £30.



Eastcheap Type 3 Number 2.

Sent on 8 Sep 1887.

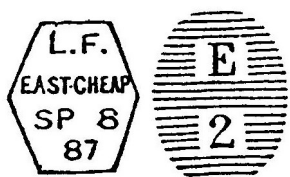
Used from 14 Nov 1887 to May 1888.

Use not known, only seen on piece.

Code small L.F.

Rarity H.

Price £50.



Eastcheap Type 4 Number 2.

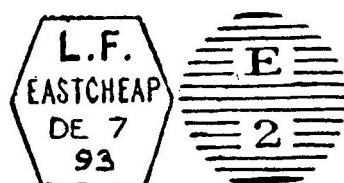
Sent on 7 Dec 1893.

Used from 8 May 1899 to 19 Dec 1904.

The one cover recorded is foreign mail with no late fee paid.

Code larger L.F.

Rarity H. Price £50.



Two Proof Book entries of Fleet Street Dubus type 1 were made on 28 Feb 1880, which have codes LA and LB, neither have been seen in use.

Fleet Street Dubus type 1 Number 1.

Sent on 27 Dec 1882.

Used from 21 Jan 1884 to 1 May 1902.

Almost always used (90%) on foreign mail.

Mostly (60%) late fee paid.

Code L 1.

Rarity E. Price £25.





Fleet Street Dubus type 1 Number 2.

Sent on 13 Jan 1883.
Used from 7 Mar 1883 to Jul 1895.
Inland mail only.
Most (90%) late fee paid of ½d.
Code L 2.
Rarity E. Price £25.

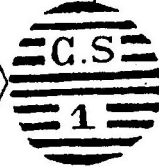
The two Fleet Street duplexes have code L1 for foreign mail with a late fee of 1d and L2 was for Inland mail with a late fee of ½d. The codes L1 and L2 clearly do not indicate the early and later late fee periods.



Gracechurch Street Dubus type 2 Number 1.

First sent to on 29 Apr 1878.
Used from 12 Jun 1878 to 3 Jan 1905.
Only used on Foreign and Colonial mail.
Most (75%) covers have a late fee paid of 1d. – the only rate at the Branch Offices.
Code L 1.
Rarity A. Price £20.

Two later recuts are illustrated:



Sent Feb 1880

Sent May 1892



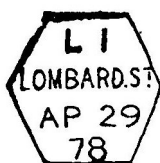
Leadenhall Street Dubus type 1 Number 1.

Two sent on 27th Jul 1892.
One has a 4mm high L in the date stamp and the other has a 4.5mm high L.
Used from 20 Dec 1892 to 16 Mar 1897.
30% Inland mail. All late fee paid.
70% Foreign mail of which 90% had no late fee paid.
Code L 1.
Rarity E. Price £25.



Lombard Street Dubus type 6 Number 5.

Sent on 29 Apr 1878.
Used from 6 May 1878 to Apr 1904.
One Inland cover with late fee paid.
Rest Foreign mail, of which 65% have late fee paid.
Code L 1.
Rarity D. Price £20.



Lombard Street Dubus type 6 Number 6.

Sent on 29 Apr 1878.
Used from 4 Oct 1878 to 5 Feb 1914.
Only used on Foreign mail.
Most (60%) paid late fee.
Code L 1.
Rarity D. Price £20.



Lombard Street Dubus type 6 Number 7.

Sent on 16 Aug 1880.
Used from Dec 1880 to 30 Nov 1891.
Only used on Foreign and Colonial mail.
All late fee paid.
Rarity G. Price £30.



Ludgate Circus Dubus types 1A & 1B Number 1.

Three sent, the first on 11 Oct 1878. = Type A.
Two more on 12 Dec 1883 and 12 Sep 1890 = Type B.

Type A:

Used from 18 Nov 1878 to 5 Jun 1883.
Mostly (60%) Inland mail.
Mostly (60%) paid late fee.

Code L 1.

Rarity D. Price £20.

Type B: the first recut:

Used from 11 Mar 1884 to 6 Jan 1887.
The second recut:

Used from 29 Jul 1892 to Mar 1903.
Mostly (75%) Foreign and Colonial mail.
Mostly (60%) late fee unpaid.

Code L 1.

Rarity D. Price £20.



Mark Lane Dubus type 2A Number 1.

Sent on 29 Apr 1878.
Used from 30 Sep 1878 to 18 Mar 1888.
Only used on Foreign and Colonial mail.
Mostly (70%) paid late fee.
Code L and L 1
Rarity C. Price £20.



Mark Lane Dubus type 2B Number 1.

Sent on 7 Feb 1896.
Used from 30 Jul 1896 to Nov 1902.
Only used on Foreign and Colonial mail.
Equal (50%) paid and unpaid late fee.
Code L 1. with 6 pm, 6.45 pm and 7 pm.
Rarity F.
Price £25.



Mark Lane Dubus type 2A Number 2.

Sent on 5 Nov 1879.
Used from 18 Oct 1881 to 27 Sep 1899.
Only used on Foreign and Colonial mail.
Mostly (60%) paid late fee.
Code L 1.
Rarity D. Price £20.



Mark Lane Dubus type 2C Number 2.

Type C has the time in full.

Sent on 18 Mar 1896.

Used from 1 Feb 1899 to Feb 1907.

Only used on Foreign and Colonial mail.

Mostly (60%) paid late fee.

Codes L 1, 6.15 pm; L 1, 6.45 pm; L 1, 7 pm. This is strange because the start of the late fee period was 7 pm.

Rarity F.

Price £25.



Threadneedle Street Dubus type 1 Number 1.

Sent on 22 Jul 1892.

Used from 7 Sep 1892 to 24 Sep 1913.

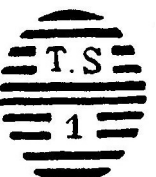
Only used on Foreign mail to Nov 1902.

Two Inland covers recorded Jan 1903 to Sep 1913.

Most (85%) paid late fee.

Code L - 1.

Rarity C. Price £20.



Throgmorton Avenue Dubus type 2 Number 1.

Sent on 16 Jun 1882.

Used from Jul 1882 to 22 Mar 1883.

Only used on Foreign mail.

Most (65%) paid late fee.

Code L 1.

Rarity G. Price £35.



Throgmorton Avenue Dubus type 2 Number 2.

Sent on 16 Jun 1882.

Used in Aug 1887.

Usage unknown, I have not seen this example.

Rarity H. Price £50.



Throgmorton Avenue Dubus type 3 Number 1.

Sent on 28 Jul 1892.

Used from 9th Aug 1892 to 3rd Oct 1905.

Only used on Foreign mail.

Most (80%) late fee paid.

Code L 1.

Rarity E. Price £20.



HEXAGONAL "COMBINED" DATE STAMPS.



Hexagonal No. 1.

Sent on 15 Jun 1897.

Used from 20 Oct 1897 to 29 Sep 1906.

Only used on Inland mail.

Most (65%) late fee paid.

Time 7.45pm.

Rarity F. Price £25.



Hexagonal No. 2.

Sent on 15 Jun 1897.

Used from 24 Feb 1898 to 3 Jun 1908.

Only used on Inland mail.

(50%) have late fee paid.

Time 7.45pm.

Rarity H. Price £25.



Hexagonal No. 3.

Sent on 15 Jun 1897.

Used from 2 Sep 1897 to 27 Jul 1905.

Only used on Inland mail with late fee paid.

Time 7.45pm.

Rarity H*. Price £25.



Hexagonal No. 4.

Sent on 17 Jun 1897.

Used from 10 Nov 1898 to 17 Dec 1908.

Only used on Inland mail.

All late fee paid.

Time 7.45pm.

Rarity H. Price £25.



Hexagonal No. 5.

Sent on 17 Jun 1897.

Used from 8 Aug 1901 to 23 Jun 1909.

Only used on Inland mail.

Most (65%) late fee paid.

Time 7.45pm.

Rarity H. Price £25.



Hexagonal No. 6.

Sent on 17 Jun 1897.

Used from 4 Sep 1900 to 9 Sep 1909.

Only used on Inland mail.

Late fee paid.

Time 7.45pm.

Rarity G. Price £25.



Hexagonal No. 7.

Sent on 17 Jun 1897.

Used from 14 Nov 1902 to 2 Aug 1907.

Only used on Inland mail.

Late fee paid.

Time 7.45pm.

Rarity H. Price £25.

These Hexagonal date stamps are recorded in the Post Office archives as being withdrawn on 18th Dec 1907, and being replaced by Pearson Hill cds's nos. 92 to 98.

A few were used later.

RAILWAY LATE FEE CANCELLATIONS

These were either used at the stations or on a TPO.



Cannon Street Station.

South Eastern Railway Post Office duplex.

Sent on 31 Aug 1866.

Not recorded in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



Cannon Street Station.

Continental Night Mail duplex.

Sent on 29 Mar 1879.

Used from 30 May 1881 to 14 Aug 1896.

No code.

Rarity E.

Price £150.



Cannon Street Station.

Continental Night Mail cds.

Sent in Aug 1895.

Used from 18 Sep 1895 to 21 Jun 1912.

Code *.

Rarity E.

Price £50.



Charing Cross Station.

Continental Night Mail duplex.

Sent on 29 Mar 1879.

Used from 9 Dec 1881 to 31 Jul 1895.

No code.

Rarity G.

Price £250



Charing Cross Station.

Continental Night Mail cds.

Sent Aug 1895.

Used from 23 Dec 1896 to 28 Feb 1914.

Code *.

Rarity G.

Price £75

Euston Square Station 1844 type.

This must have been used on a Travelling Post Office, as the facility here was only a "Bag". Euston Square Station did become a Town Receiving House until 1870. It does sometimes happen that cancellations are allocated to places such as pillar boxes (or indeed Post Offices) but are used somewhere else. It does show where the mail was originally posted.

A 3HOS with the number B34 was also used in the TPO on Irish mail to the USA.



1844 type.

Sent on 8 Feb 1848.

Used from 21 Feb 1850 to 31 Aug 1871. Mostly on Inland mail but also on Irish mail to the USA.

Late fee rate 6d to 2 Jan 1865 then 4d.

Rarity E.

Price £ 100 to £350.



4VOS type.

Sent on 27 Sep 1867.

Used from 27 Nov 1874 to 18 Mar 1880.

Railway late fee was 2d.

From 1870 there was a Town Receiving House at Euston Square Station. In 1871 it was upgraded to a Branch Office. There would therefore have been a late fee at this Office.

Rarity G.

Price £50 with a 1d late fee, £100 with a 2d late fee.



3VOS type.

Sent on 4 Dec 1880.

Not recorded in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



London Bridge Station.

South Eastern Railway Post Office duplex.

Sent on 18 Sep 1863.

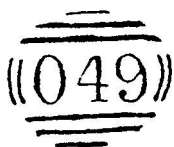
Recorded in use from 23 Aug 1864 to 8 Sep 1868.

Late fee use Wilson, see reference no. 11

Code A.

Rarity H.

Price £300



Paddington Station. 3HOS .

Sent on 2 Oct 1855

Used 24 Nov 1855 to 30 Oct 1876.

Late fee rate 6d to 2 Jan 1865 then 4d to Aug 1869 then 2d to 1880 when there was also a ½d rate for Inland mail.

Rarity H.

Price £120 to £500. Depending on the stamp used to pay the late fee.

This Paddington Station 3HOS was not always used. From the mid 1860's, there are a few late fee paid covers, posted on the TPO at Paddington Station showing a Paddington Station cds and destined for Bridgwater, Bristol and other such towns. These covers were first cancelled in Exeter rather than Paddington.



London and Exeter TPO.

G01 3VOS.

Sent on 7 Feb 1873.

Used from Apr 1874 to 17 Nov 1876.

Rarity H.

Price £200.



London and Exeter TPO.

Paddington Station duplex.

Sent on 23 Nov 1879.

Used 6 Feb 1880 to 11 Feb 1892.

Rarity G.

Price £250.



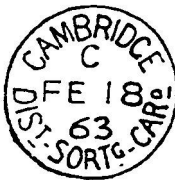
London and Exeter TPO.

L & E single cancel. Numbers 1 and 2.

Sent on 23 Nov 1879.

Not recorded in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



Shoreditch Station Great Eastern Railway.

London and Cambridge District Sorting Carriage.

London and Ipswich District Sorting Carriage.

Two duplexes issued on 18 Feb 1863 and 8 Mar 1863.

For the new late fee service from Shoreditch Station.

Neither recorded in use.

Rarity GPO.



Waterloo Station.

South Western Railway Post Office duplex.

Sent 18 to 23 Jul 1863.

Not recorded in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



Waterloo Station.

South Western Railway Post Office Waterloo Station duplex.

Sent 18 to 23 Jul 1863.

Not recorded in use.

Rarity G.P.O.

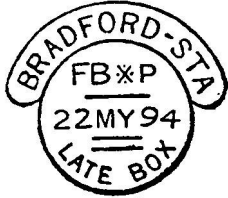
The late fee rate was 6d at the Station and 3d if a passenger posted the letter once the train was under way (Wilson).

PROVINCIAL RAILWAY STATION HOODED CANCELLATIONS FOR LATE FEE BOXES

These cancellations were used in London on mail posted at four provincial railway stations, in late boxes for mail trains that would connect with the continental night mail. The fee for this service was only ½d, which was much lower than equivalent late fee rates in London.

In the Post Office Archives, Post 55, number 209, there is a quote that confirms that all four hooded late box cancellations were used in London. It is dated October 1929 and titled “*For stamping Late Fee correspondence*”, the quote is “*it transpires that Hooded stamps were in use in the London District only, for this purpose, but the authority for their supply cannot be traced.*”

Bradford Station Hooded Late Box.



Sent on 23 May 1894.

Asterisk code used in Proof Book entry only.

Time in full, always 2.45 PM.

Used from 27 Jul 1899 to 6 Jul 1907.

Only seen on Foreign mail, with the late fee paid.

The late fee rate was only ½d for Foreign mail.

Rarity H. Price £150.

Leeds Station Hooded Late Box.



Sent on 15 Dec 1894.

Used from 11 Dec 1897 to 7 Dec 1900.

Time in full always 3. PM.

Only seen used on Foreign mail, with the late fee paid.

The late fee rate was ½d for Foreign mail.

Rarity H. Price £200.

Liverpool Station Hooded Late Box.

There are two subtypes:

Hooded Die 1.



Sent on 14 Jun 1883.

The hood extends below the date line.

Used from 19 Jun 1891 to 17 Aug 1910.

Code A.

Only seen on Foreign mail, with the late fee paid.

The late fee rate was ½d for Foreign mail.

Rarity H. Price £150.

Hooded Die 2.



Sent 7 Apr 1884.

The base of the hood is level with the middle of the date line.

Only seen on Foreign mail, with the late fee paid.

The late fee rate was ½d. for Foreign mail.

Codes C or blank.

Used from 4 Aug 1888 to 29 Nov 1897.

Time in full, always 2. PM:

Used from 23 Jul 1898 to 27 Mar 1907.

Rarity F. Price £150.

In an East Central District Stamp Impression Book, there is a comment dated 19 Jun 1883 “ *The letters received in the Bag due at 4.10 should be obliterated and impressed with a special “Liverpool Stn” dated stamp at this Office*”.

Another comment dated 14 Sep 1905 stated that if the date is before the month, it was for the second dispatch.



Liverpool Lime Street Station Box. Cds.

In use at the Foreign Branch 21 Nov 1900.

Used on 19 Nov 1914.

Rarity H.

Price £200.

A circular rubber cancellation with **Liverpool Stn. Box Lime St.** in the cds has been seen used on 12 Sep 1929. With ½d. late fee paid, on a cover to Switzerland.

Manchester Station Hooded Late. Box.

Manchester Sta. In arc around the top.

Only seen used on Foreign mail, with the late fee paid.

The late fee rate was ½d. for Foreign mail.

Sent 14 Jun 1883.

Code A:

Used from 2 Jan 1886 to 4 Mar 1898.

Code blank:

Used on 4 Feb 1885 to 2 Jun 1886

Time in full, always 2.15 PM.

Used from 11 Mar 1902 to 12 Dec 1904.

Rarity E.

Price £100.



A Manchester Station Hooded Late Box cancellation with “Manchester Stn” in the arc around the top, has been reported, but cannot be traced.

Manchester London Rd. Station Box. Cds.

With solid bars at each side.

In use at the Foreign Branch 21 Nov 1900.

Used from 31 Dec 1898 to 9 Feb 1912.

Time 2.45 PM and 12.15 PM.

Rarity F.

Price £150 on cover £20 on loose stamp.



Manchester London Rd. Station Box. EC. Cds.

With EC at either side.

Sent 6 Feb 1901.

Discontinued 1 Nov 1907.

Recorded in use from 10 Apr 1901 to 7 Mar 1902.

Time 12.15 PM.

Rarity F.

Price £150 on cover £20 on loose stamp.



HOODED CANCELLATIONS INSCRIBED LONDON, DATE IN ONE LINE.

These were entered in the Proof Book on 10 Dec 1895, numbered 1 to 10. Numbers 7 to 10 were annotated "machine dies".

They were all used in the Chief Office, some being reserved for particular sources and collections of mail from other offices. Number 3 might have been actually used in Cannon Street as there is an ambiguous note in the Mount Pleasant Impression book.

With very few exceptions the cancellation code and the collection time are code L1^D = 7 PM, code L2^D = 7.15 or 7.30 PM and code L3^D = 7.30PM.

A much weaker correlation exists between the late fee rate paid for each code:

code L. occurs on covers with late fee paid of 1d.

code L1^D. occurs on covers with late fee paid of ½d, 1d and 3d.

code L2^D. occurs on covers with late fee paid of 1d, 2d and 3d.

code L3^D. occurs on covers with late fee paid of 1d.

The prices listed for the following hooded cancellations, when used on Inland mail without a late fee, should be about half the quoted price.



London Hooded Number 1.

Sent 10 Dec 1895.

Used from 22 Mar 1893 to 10 Nov 1922.

Most (85%) Foreign mail.

Most (80%) paid late fee.

Codes with times, rarity in brackets:

L with blank or 7.45 PM. (G).

L1^D with 7. PM (D).

L2^D with 7.15 PM (H).

L3^D with 7.30 or 8.0 PM (F).

Price £25.



London Hooded Number 2.

Sent 10 Dec 1895.

Used from 15 Sep 1896 to 10 Mar 1927.

Only Foreign mail.

Most (85%) paid late fee.

Codes with times, rarity in brackets:

L with 8.PM. (H).

L1^D with 7. PM (G).

L2^D with 7.10 or 7.15 or 7.30 PM (D).

L3^D with 7.30 PM (H).

Price £25.



London Hooded Number 3.

Sent 10 Dec 1895.

Used from 4 May 1900 to 5 Sep 1927.

Only Foreign mail.

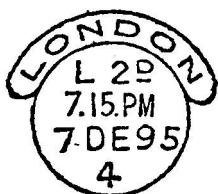
Most (75%) paid late fee.

Comment dated 14 Jun 1906, used at Cannon Street and then "not required".

Codes with times, rarity in brackets:

L1^D with 7. or 7.15 PM (G).

Price £25.



London Hooded Number 4.

Sent 10 Dec 1895.

Used from 1 Oct 1901 to 13 Jan 1913.

Only Foreign mail. All late fee paid.

Comment dated 8 Sep 1905, *used on foreign late fees from the larger Branch Offices 7.0 collections and For late fee packets reverse date and month.*

Codes with times, rarity in brackets:

L1^D with 7. PM or 12.45 PM or 2.30 PM (F).

L2^D with 7.15 PM or 7.45 PM (H).

Price £25.



London Hooded Number 5.

Sent 10 Dec 1895.

Used from 10 Sep 1897 to 25 May 1928.

Only Foreign mail. A third have late fee paid.

Comment dated 8 Sep 1905, *used on foreign late fees from the larger Branch Offices 7.0 collections and. For late fee packets reverse date and month.*

Codes with times, rarity in brackets:

L with blank (H).

L1^D with 6. PM (date month reversed) 7.0 PM (F).

L2^D with 7.15 PM (H).

L3^D with 7.30 (G).

Price £25.



London Hooded Number 6.

Sent 10 Dec 1895.

Used from 24 Sep 1907 to 3 Dec 1913.

Only Foreign mail, with late fee paid.

Codes with times, rarity in brackets:

L1^D with 7. PM (H).

L3^D with 7.30. PM (H).

Price £25.



London Hooded Number 7.

Sent 10 Dec 1895 annotated "*A machine die*".

Used from 20 May 1896 to 4 May 1900.

Only Foreign mail. Most (70%) paid late fee.

Codes with times, rarity in brackets:

L1^D with 7. PM (F).

Price £25.



London Hooded Number 8.

Sent 10 Dec 1895 annotated "*A machine die*".

Used from 4 Aug 1896 to 17 Aug 1905

Only Foreign mail.

Most (60%) paid late fee.

Codes with times, rarity in brackets:

L2^D with 7.15 PM (H).

L3^D with 7.30 PM (G) or 7.15PM (H)

Price £25.



London Hooded Number 9.

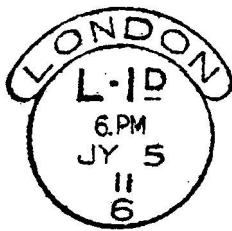
Sent 10 Dec 1895 annotated "*A machine die*".
Used from 19 Mar 1896 to 8 Sep 1921.
Only Foreign mail.
None have late fee paid.
Codes with times, rarity in brackets.
L with 7. PM. (F).
L1^D with 7. PM (H).
Price £15.



London Hooded Number 10.

Sent 10 Dec 1895 annotated "*A machine die*".
Used from 8 Mar 1896 to 6 Jun 1900.
Only Foreign mail.
Most (80%) paid late fee.
Codes/Times/ (Rarity):
L1^D with blank or 7. PM (G).
Price £25.

HOODED CANCELLATIONS INSCRIBED LONDON, DATE IN TWO LINES.



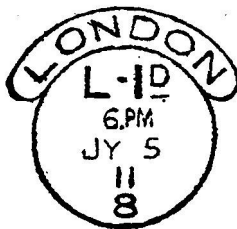
London Hooded Number 6, date in two lines.

Sent on 1 Jul 1911.
Used from 25 Jul 1913 to 8 Jan 1915.
Foreign mail, late fee paid.
Code L1^D with 7. PM.
Rarity H.
Price £25.



London Hooded Number 7, date in two lines.

Sent on 1 Jul 1911.
Used on 20 Nov 1911.
Late fee paid
Code L1d 7PM.
Rarity H.
Price £25.



London Hooded Number 8, date in two lines.

Sent on 1 Jul 1911.
Used on 4 Jul 1913.
Late fee paid
Code L1d 7PM.
Rarity H.
Price £25.



London Hooded Number 9, date in two lines.

Sent on 1 Jul 1911.
Used from 1920's to 2 Feb 1933.
Foreign mail, late fee paid.
Codes/Times/ (Rarity):
L with 7. PM. (G).
L1^D with 7. PM (H).
Rarity H.
Price £25.

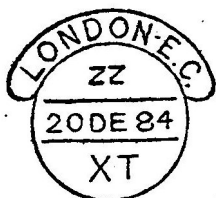
HOODED DATE STAMPS EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

A series of hooded date stamps exist, with London EC in the hood, bars above and below the date and a wide ranging series of code letters at the base. Some were used for late fee cancellation.

The following is a list of the basal code letters that have been associated with late fee use either in actual use, or as a Proof Book entry, or as a copy in a stamp impression book:

BA, BC, D, I, N, NO, O, U, V, W, X, XO, XP, XR, XS, XT, Y.

In the stamp impression books some of these code letters are associated with use in one or more of the East Central Branch Offices:- I and X = Lombard Street. X = Leadenhall Street. BA = Cannon Street.



The first entry in the Proof Books was on 22 Dec 1884.

Used from 30 Jun 1883 to 13 Jun 1924.

Used for Inland, Foreign and Colonial mail.

Late fee can either be paid or unpaid. The latter may be identified by the use of a Too Late hand stamp.

Rarity C.

Price £5 to £20 (late fee use).

47 Cannon St. B.O Hooded.

Sent on 21 Feb 1899.

Used from 26 Apr 1900 to 6 Jan 1915.

Only used on foreign mail.

Most (80%) late fee paid.

Code / Time:

L1^D with 7. PM.

Rarity E.

Price £40.



Eastcheap. E.C Hooded.

Sent on 15 Feb 1900.

Used from 25 Oct 1900 to 19 Apr 1907.

Only used on foreign mail.

Most (75%) late fee unpaid.

Code / Time:

L1^D with 7. PM.

Date and time can be transposed, which might indicate letter versus packet mail.

Rarity E.

Price £35.



Eastcheap. B.O.E.C Hooded.

Sent on 17 Sep 1907.

Used from 30 Dec 1907 to 18 Mar 1914.

Only used on foreign mail.

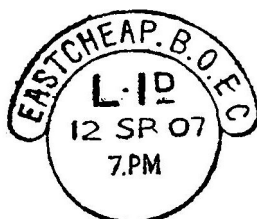
All have late fee unpaid.

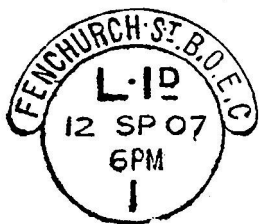
Code / Time:

L1^D with 7. PM.

Rarity F.

Price £35.





Fenchurch St. B.O.E.C. Hooded Number 1.

Sent on 17 Sep 1907.

Used from 11 Dec 1907 to 28 Apr 1913.

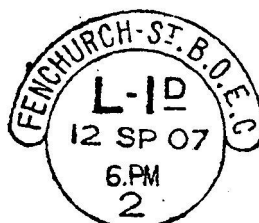
Only used on foreign mail, half have late fee paid.

Code / Time:

L1^D with 6.45 PM or 7PM

Rarity G.

Price £45.



Fenchurch St. B.O.E.C. Hooded Number 2.

Sent on 17 Sep 1907.

Used from 15 Aug 1910 to 17 Mar 1911.

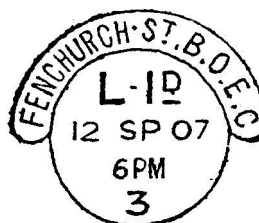
Use unknown.

Code / Time:

L1^D with 7. PM.

Rarity H.

Price £45.



Fenchurch St. B.O.E.C. Hooded Number 3.

Sent on 17 Sep 1907.

Used from 6 Jul 1911 to 2 Jun 1915.

Only used on foreign mail, half have late fee paid.

Code / Time:

L1^D with 7. PM.

Rarity G.

Price £45.

London Hooded Foreign Section, A.

(A = Fenchurch Street.)

Hand stamp is in brass.

Sent on 13 Oct 1925.

Reportedly in use at the East Central Office up to 18 Apr 1928 and then later at Fenchurch Street.

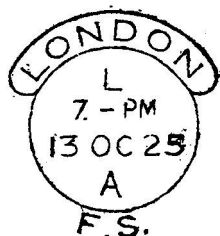
Used from 28 Oct 1925 to 19 Apr 1934.

Code / Time:

L with 7. PM.

Rarity G.

Price £30.



London Hooded Foreign Section, A.

(A = Fenchurch Street.)

For Foreign Late Fee Packets.

Hand stamp is in rubber.

Sent on 15 Jun 1926 and then several slightly different ones later.

Used from 22 May 1929 to 18 Jul 1936.

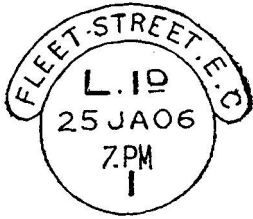
All foreign mail with late fee paid.

Code L with 7. PM.

Rarity H.

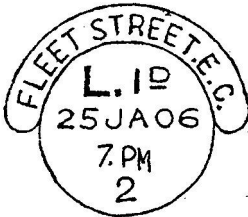
Price £30.





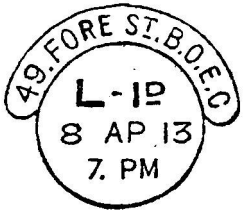
Fleet Street. E.C Hooded Number 1.

Sent on 30 Jan 1906.
Used from 7 May 1921 to 10 Feb 1925.
Only used on Inland mail with late fee paid.
Codes / Times:
L½^D with 7. PM.
L1^D with 7.45 PM.
Rarity H.
Price £40.



Fleet Street. E.C. Hooded Number 2.

Sent on 30 Jan 1906.
Used from 10 Apr 1906 to 10 Feb 1925.
Only used on inland mail with late fee paid.
Codes / Times: Either both blank or:-
L½^D with 7. PM.
L1^D with 7.45 PM.
Rarity F.
Price £35.



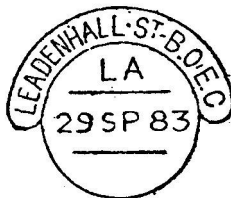
49 Fore St. B.O.E.C. Hooded

Sent 10 Apr 1913.
Used from 9 May 1913 to 24 Apr 1914.
Only used on foreign mail with late fee paid.
Code L1^D with 7. PM.
Rarity H.
Price £60.



Gracechurch St. E.C Hooded

Sent on 21 Jan 1900.
Used from 3 Apr 1908 to 16 Dec 1914.
Only used on foreign mail, (50%) late fee paid.
Code L1^D with 7. PM.
Rarity G.
Price £40.



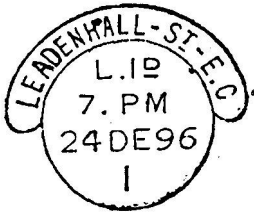
Leadenhall St. B.O.E.C Hooded Code LA.

Sent on 1 Oct 1883.
Used from 2 Sep 1884 to 22 Apr 1892.
Both Inland and foreign mail, all late fee paid.
No other code besides LA.
Rarity F.
Price £35.



Leadenhall St. B.O.E.C. Hooded Code LB.

Sent on 1 Oct 1883.
Used from 30 May 1884 to 10 Mar 1892.
Only used on foreign mail, (50%) late fee paid.
No other code besides LB.
Rarity D.
Price £35.



Leadenhall St. E.C Hooded Number 1.

Sent on 29 Dec 1896.
Used from 25 Jul 1897 to 4 Jan 1915.
Only used on foreign mail, (70%) late fee unpaid.
Code L1^D with 7. PM.
Rarity D.
Price £35.



Another example with no dashes between name was sent on 10 Nov 1899. The size of the figure one can be much larger.

London Hooded Foreign Section, B.

(B = Lombard Street.)

Hand stamp is in brass.

Sent on 13 Oct 1925.

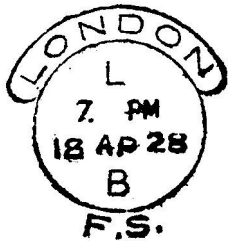
Reportedly in use at the East Central Office up to 18 Apr 1928 and then at Lombard Street later.

Used from 10 Jul 1929 to 17 Jun 1935.

Code / Time: L with 7. PM.

Rarity G.

Price £30.



London Hooded Foreign Section, B.

(B = Lombard Street.)

Hand stamp is in rubber.

For Foreign Late Fee Packets.

Sent on 15 Jun 1926. and then several slightly different ones later.

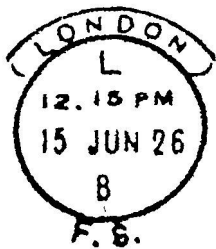
Used on 18 Jul 1929.

Foreign mail with late fee paid.

Code / Time: L with 7. PM.

Rarity H.

Price £30.



Ludgate Circus. E.C Hooded Inland ½d rate.

Sent on 17 Dec 1903.

Used from 16 May 1904 to 30 Nov 1926.

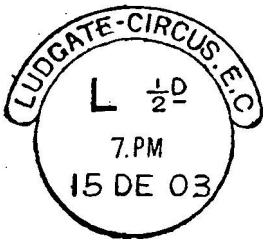
Used on inland mail with late fee paid.

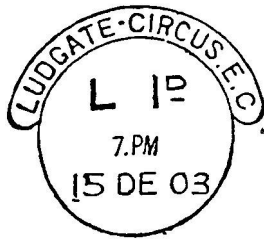
Code / Time (Rarity):

L½^D with 7. PM. (G).

Blank with 7.45 PM. (G).

Price £45.





Ludgate Circus. E.C Hooded Foreign 1d rate.

Sent 17 Dec 1903.

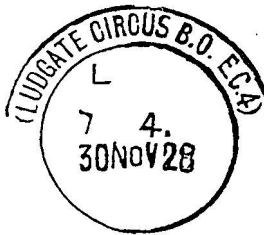
Used from 12 Mar 1904 to 19 Apr 1909.

Only used on foreign mail with late fee paid.

Code / Time: L1^D with 7. PM.

Rarity G.

Price £45.



Ludgate Circus B.O.E.C.4. Hooded

Hand stamp is in rubber. Sent on 20 Jun 1922. several slightly different ones later. FS = Foreign Section

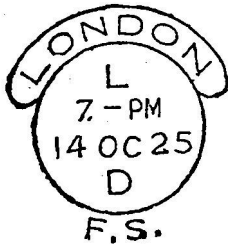
Used from 14 Aug 1926 to 22 Jan 1937.

Only used on inland mail with late fee paid.

Code / Time: L with 7.45. PM.

Rarity G

Price £45.



London Hooded Foreign Section, D.

(D = Ludgate Circus)

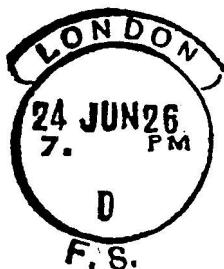
Hand stamp is in brass.

Sent on 13 Oct 1925.

In use at the East Central Office up to the 18 Apr 1928 and subsequently at Ludgate Circus later.

Not recorded in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



London Hooded Foreign Section, D.

(D = Ludgate Circus)

Hand stamp is in rubber.

For Foreign Late Fee Packets.

Sent on 15 Jun 1926. and then several slightly different ones later.

Used on 20 Dec 1932.

Use unknown.

Code / Time: L with 7. PM.

Rarity H.

Price £30.



Mark Lane. E.C Hooded Number 3.

Sent on 15 Feb 1900.

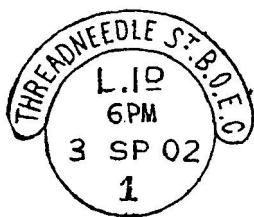
Used from 13 Mar 1900 to 5 Mar 1913.

Only used on foreign mail with (85%) late fee paid.

Code / Times: L1^D with 6.45 PM or 7. PM.

Rarity D.

Price £35.



Threadneedle St. B.O.E.C Hooded Number 1.

Sent on 6 Aug 1902.

Used from 25 May 1903 to 23 Nov 1923.

Mostly foreign (85%) mail, all with late fee paid.

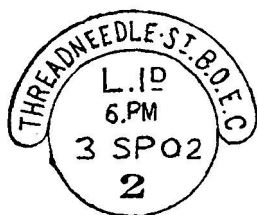
Code / Time: L½^D with 7. PM = Inland rate.

L:1^D with 7. PM = Foreign rate. Also 12PM on stamp only

Date and time can be transposed, this indicates letter versus packet mail.

Rarity E.

Price £35.



Threadneedle St. B.O.E.C Hooded Number 2.

Sent on 6 Aug 1902.

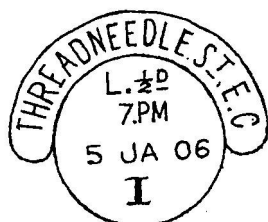
Used from 10 Jul 1903 to 27 Mar 1923.

Only used on foreign mail with late fee paid.

Code / Time: L1^D with 7. PM or 7.45 PM.

Rarity E.

Price £35.



Threadneedle St. E.C Hooded Number 1.

Sent on 3 Jan 1905.

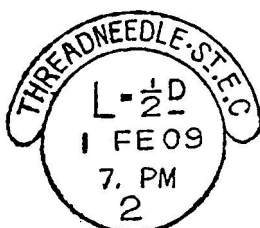
Used from 29 Nov 1905 to 5 May 1909.

Only used on inland mail with late fee paid.

Code / Time: L½^D with 7. PM.

Rarity G.

Price £ 35.



Threadneedle St. EC Hooded Number 2.

Sent on 3 Feb 1909.

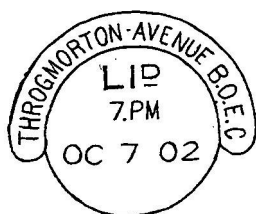
Used 16 Nov 1909 to 23 Jun 1916.

Only used on inland mail with late fee paid.

Code / Time: L½^D with 7. PM or none.

Rarity H.

Price £35.



Throgmorton Avenue B.O.E.C Hooded

Sent 2 Oct 1902.

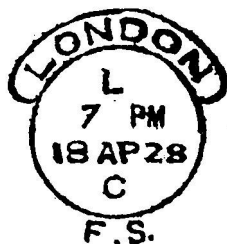
Used from 30 Oct 1902 to 2 Jun 1915.

Only used on foreign mail with mostly (65%) late fee paid.

Code / Times: L:1^D with 6. PM or 7. PM.

Rarity D.

Price £35.



London Hooded Foreign Section, C.

C = Throgmorton Avenue

Hand stamp is in brass.

Sent on 13 Oct 1925.

In use at the East Central Office up to 18 Apr 1928 and then at Throgmorton Avenue.

Used from 26 Mar 1926 to 27 Nov 1931.

Only used on foreign mail with late fee paid.

Code / Time: L with 7. PM.

Rarity G. Price £25.



London Hooded Foreign Section, C

C = Throgmorton Avenue. L at top

Hand stamp is in rubber.

For Foreign Late Fee Packets.

Sent on 15 Jun 1926. and then several slightly different ones later.

Recorded in use from 14 Aug 1931 to 31 Dec 1936

Rarity G

Price £25



London A cds

A = Throgmorton Avenue

Hand stamp is in rubber.

Sent on 24 Jun 1926

Seen on loose stamp.

Code L3^D.

Rarity H*



London Foreign Section cds

FS = Foreign Section.

Hand stamp is in rubber. This means that each example can vary, often only the date and time are visible

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used 12 May 1914 to after 1930.

Codes L1^D with 7. PM.

L with 7.15 PM. or 8.15PM.

Rarity F.

Price £25.

Has been reported in a hooded format

Two cancellations have been recorded with the letters W.L.O. in them. They both occur on covers that show the 2d late fee rate to the Cape and West Indies from Waterloo Station. The W.L.O. could perhaps stand for Waterloo Letter Office. Any further information on these would be most welcome.

London, Hooded Foreign Section, W.L.O

Hand stamp is in brass.

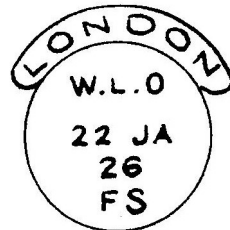
Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used 24 Nov 1900 to 22 Jan 1926.

Often seen on 2/6 & 5/- stamps.

Rarity H.

Price £50.



London, Hooded Foreign Section W L O

Hand stamp is in rubber.

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used on 25 Jun 1902.

Rarity H.

Price £50.



SQUARED CIRCLE LATE FEE CANCELLATIONS

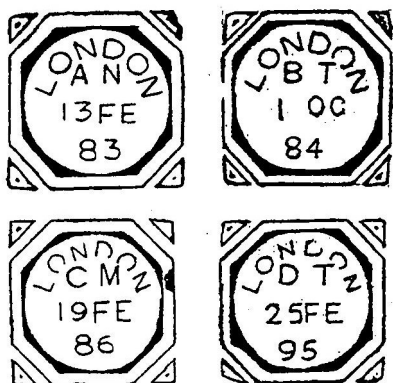
These are strictly termed Fancy Geometric Postmarks and are dealt with in considerable detail in Maurice Barette's excellent "*London Fancy Geometric Postmarks*" London Postal History Group Handbook number 15, 1994.

A small number of his type II C cancellations were allocated a late fee or too late role. Type II C is characterised by a solid filled combination octagon and circle. In the Mount Pleasant Stamp Impression Book (Post 55 number 186), there is the following entry, dated 11 Feb 1882:



"The new combined Stamps (as illustrated on the left) are to be used on "Late Fee" and Stop letters with the exception of those at present in use for the Foreign Late Fee which are to be retained for that purpose. (these are the hexagonal date stamp duplexes in use at the Chief Office and Branch Offices in the early 1880's) Present arrangement: Window late fees A,B,C,D. Branch Office Late Fees E,F,G,H,I,J. Lombard Street Too Late K. Gracechurch Street Too Late L. Ludgate Circus Too Late M, Window (ie Chief Office) Too Late N&O.

These letters are the left hand part of the two part letter code, they identify the hand stamp.



Chief Office, Late Fee.

Handstamps A B C and D.

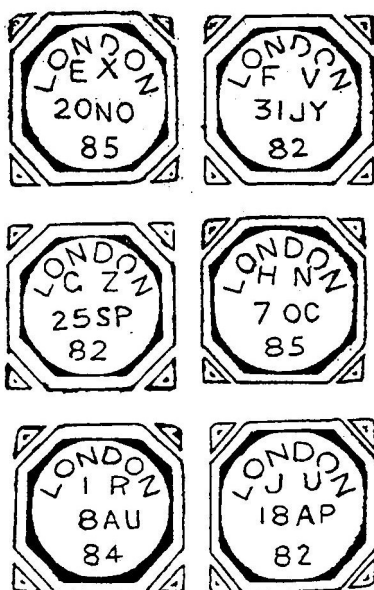
Sent 27 Jan 1882.

Late fee use, seen from 23 Feb 1882 to 5 Jun 1895.

Only used on inland mail, mostly (95%) late fee paid.

Rarity C.

Price £10 - £25.



Branch Office, Late Fee.

Handstamps E F G H I and J.

These may very well have been used in the Chief Office on mail from the Branch Offices, rather than in the Branch Offices themselves.

E has not been seen used on late fee mail.

J has only been recorded once.

Foreign mail does not have late fee paid.

Inland mail: all but one cover have late fee paid.

Late fee use, seen from 31 Jan 1882 to 1 Oct 1895.

Rarity E.

Price £15 - £30.

MISCELLANEOUS CANCELLATIONS

A variety of cancellations are mentioned in the Impression books as having a specific late fee use. This could be for a day or longer. It is rarely defined as to how long the late fee duty was to last. Most have not been recorded used as late fee cancellations.



21 Dubus type 6. Chief Office Impression Book, 28 Apr 1880. "*for Window Late Fees without second index letter*"

22 Dubus type 6. EC Impression Book, 6 Jan 1880 "*for Window Late Fees*" also without second index letter.

Neither have been recorded on late fee covers.

Both are Rarity G.P.O.



20 and 21 Dubus type 24. Chief Office Impression Book, 19 May 1880.

"*Two new flexible handle stamps for use on late fee posting*"

Not recorded in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



Milled cds. with A as handstamp identification letter Chief Office Impression Book, about 1 Feb 1883. "*The Sub Controller has directed that stamps of the pattern of the impression given in the margin should be used on Late Fee Letters posted between 12.30 and 12.50 pm for the new Midday North Western mail*"

Not recorded in late fee use.



Ludgate Circus, Single ring cds. Chief Office Impression Book, 20 Sep 1905 "*Perhaps you can lend a 1/2d late fee stamp, bearing a distinctive number or sign to Ludgate Circus B.O. for say 3 weeks*". Number 27 stamp lent and returned 21 Nov 1905.

Not recorded in use.

London, Large diameter double ring cds's.

The smaller one of the two is recorded in the East Central Impression Book as having been "*brought into use for stamping correspondence properly posted (with code e) or posted out of course (with code f) for despatch by the Sunday Night Mails*"

Late fee facilities were available via special Sunday Posting Boxes, where late fee mail with an extra stamp, could be posted on late Saturday night or on Sunday, for a Sunday collection.

Both are recorded as being withdrawn from use on about 18 Dec 1907 in an excerpt from an Impression Book reproduced in the London Postal History Group Notebook, Volume 62 page 16. In this they are described as being used on late fee 7. pm collections from Branch offices and Town Sub Offices and 7.30 pm collection from G.P.O. EC. They are recorded later, so must have been reissued.



Very Large (33mm diameter) double ring cds.

In the Impression Book they are shown with hand stamp identification numbers 5 and 6. The following have been seen in use: 2, 5, S and 6

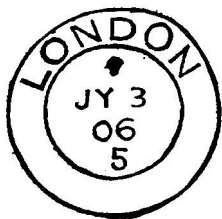
Recorded in use from 14 Sep 1893 to 2 May 1927.

Codes seen g, 7.45 PM, 8, L2^D with 7.30 PM.

Mostly used on mail with the late fee paid, equal numbers Inland & Foreign mail.

Rarity E.

Price £10.



Large (28mm diameter) double ring cds.

Entered in the EC Impression Book on 29 May 1892 for use in special Sunday Posting Boxes.

Recorded in use from 20 Apr 1891 to 8 Jul 1906.

Hand stamp identification number 5, S or B.

Mostly used on mail with the late fee paid, equal numbers Inland & Foreign mail.

Code d, e and f.

Rarity F.

Price £10.

In the Impression Books there are a series of double ring cds's – the Dulwich Type - that are listed as being allocated for late fee use. They have a number at the base of the date stamp which indicates its use:

1-6 = For late fee Sunday Collections.

13-15 = For late fee Sunday Collections.

92-98 = For late fee collections Branch offices and Town Sub Offices and 7.30pm collection from G.P.O. East.

110-111 = For late fee at Throgmorton Avenue.

155-156 = Chief Office Country late fees.

157 = For late fee at Throgmorton Avenue.

160 = For late fee at Throgmorton Avenue.

167 = For late fee in Country Collections.

178-181 = For late fee Sunday Collections.

In the Dec 1907 Impression book all the cds's are identical but numbers, 1-17, 104-212 are termed "Handstamps". Numbers, 18-97 are termed "Pearson Hill Dies" and 98-103 are termed "Malin Dies".



Handstamps



Pearson Hill Dies



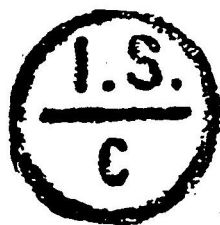
Malin Dies

Most of the numbers actually encountered on late fee covers – 18,56,178,184,195 and 261 are different to the above lists. These dies also occur with FS1, FS2 and FS14 at the base of the cds, and were used on late fee mail at the Foreign Section.

In the same Impression Book, there are also a series of rubber cancellations for use in the Inland Section.



Too Late.
Midnight mails and
General Postings
Letters A to Y.



Too Late.
Chief Office.
Letters A to H



Late Fee Postings":
Letters A to Z



Late Fee for Sunday Collections at 6 pm.

HANDSTAMPS ASSOCIATED WITH LATE FEE USE.

Square handstamps with or without indented corners, have been described as being used for late fee paid mail. There is very little evidence to support this. Few covers show any sign of the late fee having been paid.

The strongest evidence in favour is the 15 Sep 1845 Proof Book entry, which says “*Inland Office, new stamp for sixpenny letters*” Also Hendy suggested that the indented date stamp was used on late fee letters posted in the evening between 7 and 7.30pm but does not quote a source for this.

Less than 10% of the covers seen, show evidence of late fee having been paid. None of the other 90% show any of the three “too late” handstamps that were current at the time. So either the hand stamp itself meant “too late” or the 90% are just ordinary mails.

Square Date Stamp



First entered in the Proof Books on 15 Sep 1845, with the comment “*Inland Office, new stamp for sixpenny letters*”

Used from 23 Apr 1844 to 12 Mar 1858.

Similar date stamps with serifed letters and figures were used prior to 1840.

One cover recorded with “6d fee paid” in manuscript.

All the others show no evidence of late fee having been paid.

Rarity E.

Price £12.

Indented Corner Date Stamp



Sent on 20 Oct 1858.

Used from 23 Mar 1859 to 19 Nov 1868.

Less than 10% of the covers have late fee paid.

Prior to 1860 Inland mail, after 1860 Foreign mail.

All covers are date stamped at the Chief Office.

Rarity A. No premium.

16mm Blue cds



Not entered in the Proof Books

Seen on a page of impressions from the Circulation Office dated 23 Sep 1857, listed as a “*wood dated stamp*”

Used from 21 Jan 1858 to 5 May 1868.

Used as a backstamp on evening mail cancelled at the Chief Office with single (i.e. undated) cancellations.

There is a very good correlation between late fee paid mail and the use of this backstamp, but it was not reserved exclusively for late fee mail.

Rarity A. No premium.

BOXED L's

In the past these handstamps have been described as late fee paid marks. The high proportion (24%) with no late fee paid and the frequent additional use of too late handstamps, suggests that the numbers indicated the late fee period in which the mail was received rather than that the late fee had been paid.

Prior to the widespread use of the hexagonal date stamp duplex cancellations of Dubus type 15 in August 1876, there were no specific cancellations used to designate mail posted during the late fee periods. Foreign mail posted at the late fee window from 1869 had a boxed L with numbers 1, 2 and 4, to indicate late posting. The numbers show the 1d, 2d and 4d late fee periods.

The proportion of each recorded is L1 = 70%, L2 = 29%, L4 = 1%. The abundance of L2 is due to the 2d rate extending for a full $\frac{3}{4}$ hour. The rarity of L4 is because the 4d late fee rate was changed to 2d in Aug 1869, shortly after L4 had come into use.

Many of these are only illustrated by a single example. They are very variable as if made of soft material and the weight of application can cause the appearance to vary.

Only those handstamps that give a premium to a cover are priced.

Hand struck postage due marks on foreign and colonial mail prior to the UPU, could be confused with indications that the late fee had been paid in cash but these are either: postage credited to another office i.e. to a colony for postage e.g. Hong Kong, or postage paid for by the recipient for local postage e.g. China.

L handstamps of the Chief Office are in red



Chief Office L.

Sent to the Chief Office on 11 Jul 1878

Only recorded in use in the East Central District.

Chief Office L1's were used only on foreign mail, 90% had late fee paid, 4% had 2d late fee paid, 6% had no late fee paid.



Chief Office L1 serifed, large box.

No dated entry in the Proof Books.

Used from 16 Feb 1869 to 18 Nov 1875.

Rarity A.



Chief Office L1, no serif, letter and figure the same size.

Sent on 25 Nov 1875.

Used from 16 Dec 1875 to 20 Jun 1876.

Rarity D.

Chief Office L2's were also used only on foreign mail, but a higher proportion do not show 2d late fee paid. 70% have 2d late fee paid, 10% have 1d late fee paid and 20% have no late fee paid. Only half the latter have in addition a too late mark. I believe that the boxed L's were applied to all mail posted during the late fee period.



Chief Office L2, large box.

No dated entry in the Proof Books.

Used from 1 Dec 1868 to 16 Sep 1875.

Rarity C



Chief Office L2, letter and figure the same size.

Sent on 25 Nov 1875.
Used from 2 Dec 1875 to 6 Sep 1876.
Rarity E

Chief Office L4

Undated cut out entry in the Proof Books, the dates on the Proof Book page that it is stuck on vary from Jun 1866 to Dec 1868.



The 4d late fee rate existed from Jan 1865 to Aug 1869.
Used from 2 Mar 1869 to 29 Apr 1869.
All in red, all but one cover have late fee paid, all foreign mail.,
Rarity H.
Price £1,000.

East Central District L.

First entered in the Proof Books (Inland Branch) on 11 Jul 1878, a second smaller example was sent to the East Central District on 3 Feb 1880.



Used from 15 Aug 1879 to 20 May 1885.



All in red, all foreign mail, 50% late fee paid.
Rarity F.

East Central District Boxed L1.

Not entered in the Proof Books.



Used from 16 Mar 1869 to 20 May 1885.

All in red, all foreign mail, 30% late fee paid, 70% unpaid, most of these with too late handstamps.

Rarity D.

DISTRICT OFFICES:-

From 1865 to 1880 all the other Head District Offices offered both a 1d and 2d late fee rate. L2 handstamps were presumably sent to all of them, but only one very ambiguous example has been recorded. L2's were sent to the North Western and Western Districts in 1869. All of these are rare and add a premium of between £10 and £20 to a cover.

Eastern District L's are in black

Eastern District Small Boxed L1.



First entered in the Proof Books on 26 May 1870

Used from 14 Jul 1869 to 6 Oct 1871.

All in black, all foreign mail, 50% late fee paid.

Rarity G.

Eastern District Boxed (Square) L1, No serif on the 1.



Sent on 31 Mar 1873.

Used from 24 Sep 1873 to 29 Jul 1878.

Rarity H

Eastern District Boxed (Rectangular) L1, No serif on the 1.



Sent on 26 Apr 1876.

Not recorded in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



North Western District Boxed L1.

Sent on 17 Feb 1869.

Used from 6 Aug 1869 to 22 Sep 1879.

All in black, all foreign mail, all late fee unpaid except one cover.

Rarity G.



South Eastern District Boxed L1.

Sent on 26 Apr 1876.

Used from 6 Dec 1876 to 27 Sep 1877.

All in black, foreign and colonial mail, all late fee paid.

Rarity G.

One L1 in red recorded used on 16 Jan 1871, which might well have been applied in the Inland Branch. The South Eastern District used black ink.



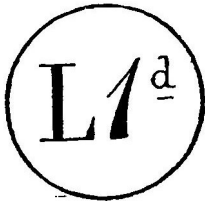
South Western District Boxed L1. Serifed 1.

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used from 8 Apr 1873 to 21 Apr 1877.

All in red, all foreign mail, all late fee paid.

Rarity E.



South Western District 1d in a Circle

Sent on 23 Jul 1880.

Used from 16 Sep 1880 to 28 Sep 1880.

In red, foreign mail, late fee paid.

Rarity H.

Price £300.



South Western District Boxed L1. Small with no serif.

Sent on 27 Jul 1887.

Used from 3 Nov 1899 to 15 Mar 1907.

In red, foreign mail, late fee paid.

Rarity H.



Western District L1.

Sent in Feb 1869.

Used from 20 Nov 1869 to 29 Dec 1879.

All in black, all foreign mail and 50% have no late fee paid.

Rarity D.



West Central District L1. also used at Charing Cross

First entered in the Proof Books on 25 Jan 1870.

Used from 22 Jul 1869 to 22 Nov 1890.

All in red, all foreign mail, 60% late fee paid.

Rarity D



West Central Branch Office, Charing Cross Boxed L1.

First entered in the Proof Books on 26 Apr 1876.

Used from 26 Jan 1874 to 22 Jul 1878

All in red, all foreign mail, 50% late fee paid.

Rarity G.



West Central Branch Office, Charing Cross Boxed L2.

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used on 4 Aug 1869.

In red on foreign mail.

Rarity H.



West Central Branch Office, St. Martins Place, Boxed L1.

Sent on 23 May 1876.

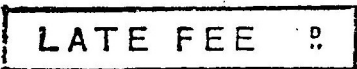

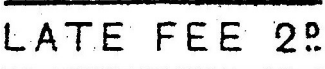




Not recorded in use. Rarity G.P.O.

REGISTERED RUBBER LATE FEE HANDSTAMPS

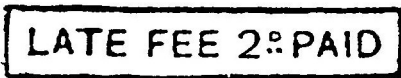
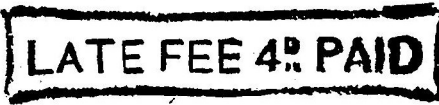
There is a large group of official handstamps, with and without the word paid. They are all in the same overall format and are only found on registered mail. Handstamps with the words Late Fee Paid and no figure showing the amount of late fee paid, in a wide variety of styles, are I believe privately made.

These official handstamps appear to have been widely distributed to Head District Offices and the Central Branch Offices, despite the paucity of entries in the Proof Books.

From 1896 to 1921, the late fee rates were 2d, 4d, 6d, & 1/-.

A similar series occurs with the addition of the word PAID.

	
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LATE FEE 6 ^d PAID	LATE FEE 1/- PAID
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From 1921 to after 1930 the rates were 3d, 6d, 9d & 1/6. These can also have the word PAID.

LATE FEE 3 ^d	LATE FEE 6 ^d
LATE FEE 9 ^d	LATE FEE 1/6

RUBBER LATE FEE HANDSTAMPS

Two other official handstamps:


LATE FEE	LATE FEE PAID
	Sent to Lombard Street 30 Mar 1925.

LATE FEE PAID.

I believe most were privately produced, as they have no indication of the amount of late fee paid. It was in the interest of the sender to indicate that the fee had been paid, rather like the current private "1st class post" handstamps. Only one exists in the Proof Books – sent to Lombard Street on 30 Mar 1925 – see above. Others were used in East Central District Branch Offices. "Late Post" and "Paid Late" have also been recorded.

They occur on both Registered and ordinary mail.

<u>LATE FEE.</u>	LATE FEE PAID.
LATE FEE.	LATE FEE PAID.
LATE FEE.	LATE FEE PAID.
LATE FEE.	LATE FEE PAID.
LATE FEE	LATE FEE PAID.

LATE FEE	LATE FEE PAID	
LATE FEE	LATE FEE PAID	
LATE FEE	<p>EXTRA FOR</p>  <p>LATE POST</p>	LATE FEE PAID

POSTED SINCE 7 PM OR 7.30 PM HANDSTAMPS.

These were in use from the early 1840's to the mid 1860's. Their use was to signify too late, I have only recorded one cover with a Posted After 7.PM handstamp that had late fee paid. Over 90% of the covers recorded are Inland mail.



Posted After 7 PM with crown.

Sent on 11 Nov 1845.

Used from 29 Apr 1847 to 28 Dec 1855.

In red or black, on either the front or back of the cover.

One cover recorded with a 1d late fee paid.

Prior to Apr 1865, there was no 3d rate, so an Inland mail cover with 3 x 1d stamps on it, was at a double rate with an additional 1d late fee paid.

Rarity D.

Price £10.



Posted Since 7 Last Night with Crown

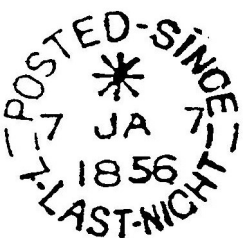
Sent on 5 Jan 1856.

Used from 1 Jun 1857 to 21 Nov 1857.

In red, normally on reverse.

Rarity G.

Price £20



Posted Since 7 Last Night with Asterisk

First entered on 5 Jan 1856. The entry has the annotation "*First used on the 11 Jan 1855*". It was in use before this.

Used from 5 Mar 1853 to 15 Jun 1858.

In red, normally on reverse.

Rarity G.

Price £25



Posted Since 7 Last Night.

Sent on 17 Nov 1857.

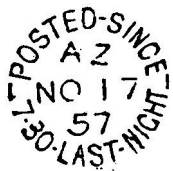
Used from 12 Jan 1859 to 21 Mar 1859.

In red, usually on the reverse.

Handstamp identification letter B, the second letter is the day code.

Rarity H.

Price £25



Posted Since 7.30 Last Night

Sent on 17 Nov 1857

Used from 14 Feb 1858 to 21 Jun 1859.

In black, rarely red, usually on the reverse.

Handstamp identification letter A, the second letter is the day code.

Rarity G.

Price £25.



Posted Since 7 Last Night, cds.

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used from 12 Jan 1858 to 23 May 1864.

In red normally on the reverse.

Handstamp identification letter B, the second letter is the day code.

Rarity D.

Price £25.



Posted Since 7.30 Last Night, cds.

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used from 23 Dec 1858 to 28 Mar 1865.

In black or red, on front or back.

Handstamp identification letter A, the second letter is the day code.

Rarity D.

Price £25.

TOO LATE DUPLEX

The first range of Too Late duplexes used in the Inland Office and Inland Branch are relatively common. Later there was a wide range of duplex cancellations distributed to all the Districts and a few Branch Offices. These are all either scarce or not seen used. One possible explanation for this rarity is that if these cancellations were restricted to mail posted in Late Boxes that were situated next to open windows accepting mail, then the normal response would be to post mail in the open window.



76A Too Late, Inland Office Duplex

Sent on 17 Nov 1857 (with hyphen).

Handstamp identification letter A, the second letter is the day code.

Another 76A without a hyphen was sent on 10 Mar 1859.

Used from 23 Jun 1858 to 9 Mar 1861.

All Inland mail except one foreign cover.

Handstamp identification letter A, the second letter is the day code.

Rarity D.

Price £12.





77A Too Late, Inland Office Duplex

Sent on 17th Nov 1857 (with hyphen).
Handstamp identification letter B, the second letter is the day code.
Another 77A without a hyphen was sent on 10 Mar 1859.
Used from 6 Jan 1858 to 11 Dec 1858.

All Inland mail.

Rarity F.
Price £15.



78A Too Late, Inland Office Duplex

Sent on 17 Nov 1857 (with hyphen).
Handstamp identification letter C, the second letter is the day code.
Another 78A also with a hyphen was sent on 10 Mar 1859.
Used from 8 Dec 1857 to 10 Apr 1867.

All Inland mail.

Rarity D.
Price £12.



78 Dubus Type 3, Inland Branch.

Sent on 21 Jan 1862, with a small tilted hyphen. Another with a larger flatter hyphen was sent on 1 Mar 1865. These were used concurrently.
C was the hand stamp identification letter. This was changed to A when 79 Dubus Type 3 was in use (see below).

Only used on Inland mail.

Handstamp C:-

Used from 22 Jan 1862 to 26 Feb 1868.

Rarity A. Price £8.

Handstamp A:-

Used from 13 Apr 1868 to 5 Feb 1869.

Rarity F. Price £15.



Handstamp A

79 Dubus Type 3, Inland Branch.

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Handstamp identification letter C, only in use whilst 78 had A. Many poor strikes of the 78 look like 79, but the use of C as a handstamp identification letter and the date, means that they can be distinguished.

Used from 13 Jun 1868 to 8 Apr 1869.

Rarity G.

Price £30.



DISTRICT AND BRANCH OFFICE TOO LATE DUPLEXES

Eastern District, Number 22 Dubus Type 7

Sent on 30 Sep 1867.

Used from 14 Oct 1867 to 25 Jul 1872.

All Inland mail.

Rarity G.
Price £35.





Eastern District, Number 23 Dubus Type 7

Sent on 30 Sep 1867.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



East Central District, EC Dubus Type 12

Sent on 10 Oct 1864.
Used from 5 Nov 1864 to Jan 1867.
Handstamp identification letter A, the second letter is the day code.
On both inland and foreign mail.
Rarity G. Price £100.



East Central District, Number 96 Dubus Type 16

Sent on 28 Sep 1867.
Used from Oct 1867 to 10 Jun 1872
Only on inland mail.
Rarity C.
Price £15.



East Central District, Number 97 Dubus Type 16

Sent on 28 Sep 1867.
Used from 30 Dec 1867 to Dec 1869.
Rarity G.
Price £30.



East Central District, Number 89 Dubus Type 21

Sent on 17 Jun 1872.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



East Central District, Number 90 Dubus Type 21

Sent on 17 Jun 1872.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



East Central District, Number 91 Dubus Type 21

Sent on 17 Jun 1872.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



East Central District, Number 92 Dubus Type 21

Sent on 17 Jun 1872.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



Northern District, Number 22 Dubus Type 5

Sent on 2 Oct 1867
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



Northern District, Number 23 Dubus Type 5

Sent on 2 Oct 1867.
Used on 26 Sep 1870.
Rarity H.
Price £50.



North Western District, Number 17 Dubus Type 8

Sent on 30 Sep 1867.
Used on 1 Oct 1870.
Rarity H.
Price £50.



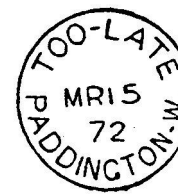
North Western District, Number 18 Dubus Type 8

Sent on 30 Sep 1867.
Used from Apr 1868 to 27 Jul 1871.
Rarity G.
Price £35.



Paddington Branch Office of the Western District, Number 11 Dubus Type 6

Sent on 15 Mar 1872.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



Paddington Branch Office of the Western District, Number 12 Dubus Type 6

Sent on 15 Mar 1872.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



Southern District, Number 24 Dubus Type 5

Sent on 2 Oct 1867.
Used on 12 Nov 1867.
Rarity H.
Price £50.



Southern District, Number 25 Dubus Type 5

Sent on 2 Oct 1867.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



South Eastern District, Number 19 Dubus Type 9

Sent on 2 Oct 1867.
Used from Nov 1868 to 12 Jul 1872.
Rarity G.
Price £35.



South Eastern District, Number 20 Dubus Type 9

Sent on 2 Oct 1867.
Used from 6 Jun 1868 to 6 Aug 1872.
Rarity F.
Price £30.



South Western District, Number 40 Dubus Type 7

Sent on 30 Sep 1867.
Used from 26 Feb 1868 to 7 May 1872.
Rarity D.
Price £30.



South Western District, Number 41 Dubus Type 7

Sent on 30 Sep 1867.
Used from 27 Apr 1868 to 8 Mar 1872.
Rarity H.
Price £50.



Western District, Number 42 Dubus Type 8

Sent on 28 Sep 1867.
Used from 11 Feb 1868 to 23 Dec 1871.
Rarity G.
Price £35.



Western District, Number 43 Dubus Type 8

Sent on 28 Sep 1867.
Used from 18 Dec 1867 to 8 Aug 1872.
Rarity D.
Price £25.



Western District, Number 44 Dubus Type 8

Sent on 2 Nov 1868.
Used on 18 Dec 1868.
Rarity H.
Price £50.



Western District, Number 45 Dubus Type 8

Sent on 2 Nov 1868.
Used on 24 May 1870.
Rarity H.
Price £50.



Western District, Number 46 Dubus Type 10

Sent on 8 Nov 1871.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



Western District, Number 47 Dubus Type 10

Sent on 8 Nov 1871.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



Western District, Number 48 Dubus Type 10

Sent on 8 Nov 1871.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



Western District, Number 49 Dubus Type 10

Sent on 8 Nov 1871.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



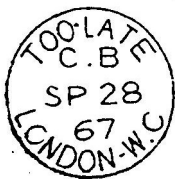
Western District, Number 50 Dubus Type 10

Sent on 8 Nov 1871.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



West Central District, Number 36 Dubus Type 10

Sent on 28 Sep 1867.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.



West Central District, Number 37 Dubus Type 10

Sent on 28 Sep 1867.
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.

FANCY GEOMETRIC POSTMARKS USED FOR TOO LATE MAIL

These are dealt with in considerable detail in Maurice Barrette's excellent "*London Fancy Geometric Postmarks*" London Postal History Group Handbook number 15, 1994

A small number of his type II C cancellations were allocated a too late role. Type II C is characterised by a solid filled combination octagon and circle. In the Mount Pleasant Stamp Impression Book (Post 55 number 186), there is an entry, dated 11th Feb 1882: That "*Stop*" letters should be cancelled at Lombard Street with handstamp K, at Gracechurch Street with handstamp L, at Ludgate Circus with the hand stamp letter M and at the Chief Office Window with the handstamps N&O. There is no other evidence on the covers with these cancellations that they were too late. The dates of use and rarity, are for all recorded examples, most of which might not have been used for too late mail.



Chief Office Too Late.

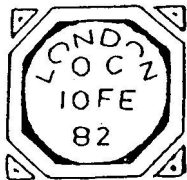
Handstamps N and O.

Sent 27 Jan 1882.

Recorded in use from 15 Mar 1882 to 6 Jun 1895.

Rarity B.

Price £20 (for covers with late fee paid).



Gracechurch Street Too Late.

Handstamp L

Sent 27 Jan 1882.

Recorded in use from 1 Jun 1883 to 26 Jun 1895.

Rarity B.

Price £20 (for covers with late fee paid).



Lombard Street Too Late.

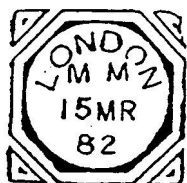
Handstamp K.

Sent 27th Jan 1882.

Recorded in use from 2 Mar 1882 to 2 Jul 1895.

Rarity B.

Price £20 (for covers with late fee paid).



Ludgate Circus Too Late.

Handstamp M.

Sent 27 Jan 1882.

Recorded in use from 15 Mar 1882 to 6 Jun 1895.

Rarity A.

Price £20 (for covers with late fee paid).

TOO LATE HANDSTAMPS

These were applied to covers that were either posted or received from outlying Offices too late for a particular despatch, usually the evening one. Most are clearly for informing the public the reason for the delay, some are for internal purposes only

There is a very clear change in 1869, as before this almost all the covers with these handstamps (90%) are Inland mail. After 1869 almost all (99%) are foreign mail. Why there is this change is unknown.

By 1869 at St.Martins le Grand the last collection for Inland mail was 10pm and the first the next morning was 5am, so there was hardly any break in the 24 hours for there to be a "too late" phase for Inland mail.

Very few covers have both too late handstamps and the late fee clearly having been paid. These could be covers that were miss-sorts, or late fee paid covers where the late fee paid was for an earlier late fee period.

Circular too late handstamps.



Too Late GPO

First issue, tall elegant letters.

First entered in the Proof Books in May 1843.

Used from 27 Sep 1841 to 31 Mar 1848.

Used only on Inland mail.

Rarity C.

Price £3-£5.



Too Late + GPO +

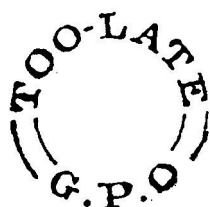
Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used from 2 Jan 1848 to 3 Mar 1851 (a very few later dates recorded to 3 Aug 1875).

Mostly (90%) on Inland mail.

Rarity B.

Price £3-£5



Second issue, of the first type short squat letters.

Sent to the Inland Office on 2 Apr 1851.

Used from 13 Oct 1851 to 23 Jul 1859.

Used mainly (90%) on Inland mail.

Rarity A.

Price £3-£5



Too Late GPO

In the Proof Books as an undated cut-out.

Used on Inland mail from 7 May 1859 to 11 Mar 1869.

Used on Foreign mail from 4 Aug 1869 to 21 Feb 1890.

The Foreign use is associated with the boxed L's, then with the hexagonal duplexes.

Rarity A.

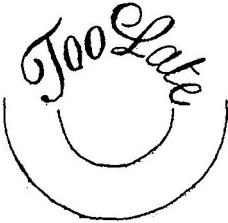
Price £3-£5

Too Late FBGPO



Sent to the Foreign Branch on 2 Nov 1888.
 Used from 21 Mar 1890 to 17 Jun 1905.
 Only used on Foreign mail.
 No overlap with the previous type.
 Rarity A.
 Price £3-£5

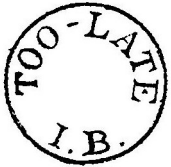
There are several much rarer circular too late handstamps:-



Too Late
 Sent to Cavendish Street on 19 Nov 1842.
 Not recorded in use.
 Rarity G.P.O.



Too Late Paddington W
 Sent to Paddington on 20 Feb 1872.
 Not recorded in use.
 Rarity G.P.O.



Too Late IB
 Sent to the Inland Branch on 12 Sep 1892.
 Used on 27 Jan 1897.
 Rarity H.
 Price £30.



There were also cds's that were used for indicating too late, for Post Office staff only.

In the Mount Pleasant Proof Book, there is an entry for 10th Mar 1884 "*The two stamps hitherto used for the purpose of stamping 'too late' letters received from the District Offices are to be placed in reserve as an experiment.*"

STRAIGHT LINE TOO LATE HANDSTAMPS:



Posted After 7 o'clock at Night.
 Not in the Proof Books.
 Used from before 1840 to 10 Feb 1846
 All Inland mail.
 Rarity D.(post 1840)
 Price £20.



Too Late
 A large number of undated cut-outs in the Proof Books
 Used from 4 Mar 1840 to 30 Jan 1847.
 All Inland mail.
 Rarity C.
 Price £3-£5.

TOO LATE
CHARING CROSS

Too Late Charing Cross

Undated cut out in the Proof Book entered in the mid 1860's
Used from 8 Feb 1868 to 28 Oct 1872.
All Inland mail.
Rarity E.
Price £75.

POSTED TOO LATE

Posted Too Late

Sent to the Circulation Office on 27 Apr 1895.
Used from 24 Aug 1895 to 3 Jul 1896.
All Foreign mail.
Rarity E.
Price £25.

NEWSPAPER BRANCH TOO LATE HANDSTAMPS

STRAND.180
Too Late

Strand 180 Too Late.

Entered in the Proof Book on 21 Oct 1845 with the comment "*Too late stamp for the newspapers (Strand Receiving House).*"
Not recorded in use.
Rarity G.P.O.

TOO LATE
FOR
EVNG DISP^H
A
G.P.O.

TOO LATE
FOR
EVNG DISP^H
B
G.P.O.

Too Late For Evening Dispatch cds.

Entered in the Proof Book on 20 Jul 1867.
with no indication of destination or use.
Assumed to be for newspapers because of the words "evening dispatch".
Seen on undated pieces only.
Rarity H*
Price £3 on undated piece.

TOO LATE
FOR
EVNG DISP^H
C
G.P.O.

TOO LATE
FOR
EVNG DISP^H
D
G.P.O.

*TOO-LATE for
Evening Dispatch*

Straight Line Too Late for Evening Dispatch

Only Proof Book entries are in Jun 1869 and on 20 Oct 1870, sent to the EC District Office.
Used on 23 Oct 1862 and several undated pieces.
The recorded items are used in the SW, W and WC Districts, not in the EC.
Occurs with and without an outer box.
Rarity H, on dated wrapper.
Price £30 on dated wrapper, £10 undated wrapper.

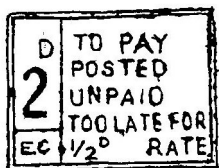
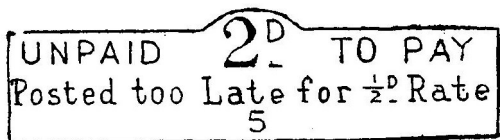
TOO LATE for
Evening Dispatch EC

Straight Line Too Late for Evening Dispatch. Boxed. With District Initials.

Sent to all Districts Head Offices on 30 Apr 1863. Several more were sent in the period up to Apr 1872.
Used from 3 Dec 1863 to 14 Jun 1872.
Rarity F for the EC, SW and WC Districts.
G for the S and W Districts
G.P.O. for the E, N, NE, NW and SE Districts.
Price on dated wrapper £30 on undated wrapper £10.

TOO-LATE for
Evening Dispatch SE

TOO LATE FOR EVENING
DISPATCH PADDINGTON.W.



Surcharge mark, Too late for the 1/2d rate.

On the 29 May 1922 the Printed Matter rate was changed so that in London printed matter could be posted up to 4.30pm at 1/2d for the first oz. If posted after this it was too late. It was surcharged at double the subsequent 1d rate, hence the 2d.

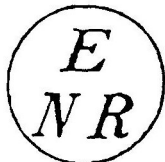
Sent in May 1924.

Recorded in use from 1 Oct 1925 to after 1930.

Rarity F. Price £15

RAILWAY TOO LATE

There are a series of too late handstamps used in the Sorting Offices to indicate mail that had arrived too late for the direct provincial bags and had to be sent directly to the TPO to be dealt with. They have been seen on covers with late fee paid. These are illustrated in Harold Wilson's "The Travelling Post Offices of Great Britain & Ireland. Their History and Postmarks" Railway Philatelic Group, 1996.



TOO LATE METER MARK

In the Post Office Archives there is a correspondence between Neopost and the GPO, with an example of this meter mark. There is no evidence that it was ever put into use. Examples exist on specimen covers dated 22 Sep 1925.



1840	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid by cash or stamps (unpaid double)	From 10 Jan late fee of 1d or 6d paid in money at St Martins le Grand. Letter Carriers ringing bells accept mail after 5pm for an extra 1d.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i>	From 10 Jan. late fee of 1d or 6d paid in cash at St Martins le Grand
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free Prices current 1d	½d in cash at the late window at St Martins le Grand or 1d to Letter Carriers ringing bells.	Complex very many differing rates	No late fee service
1841	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid by cash or stamps (unpaid double)	Late fee of 1d or 6d paid in money at St Martins le Grand. Letter Carriers ringing bells accept mail after 4pm for an extra 1d.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i>	Late fee of 1d or 6d paid in cash at St Martins le Grand
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free. Prices current 1d	½d in cash at the late window at St Martins le Grand or 1d to Letter Carriers ringing bells.	Complex very many differing rates	No late fee service
1842 to 1844	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid by cash or stamps (unpaid double)	From 10 March 1842 Branch Offices as well accept Late Fee mail. Fee is 1d, both fee and postage must be prepaid in stamps affixed to the letter. Offices were Charing Cross, Old Cavendish St, Borough and from Dec 1843 Lombard St. At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d must be prepaid either in stamps or money the 6d Late Fee rate paid in money. Letter Carriers ringing bells accept mail after 4pm for an extra 1d.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i>	At both St Martins le Grand (Late Fee 1d or 6d) and the Branch Offices (Late Fee 1d) both the Late Fee and postage paid in cash or stamps. A P.O. notice dated 23 Dec.1843 repeats the point that (unlike Inland mail) Foreign and Colonial mail could have both postage and Late Fee prepaid in cash or stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free. Prices current 1d	½d in cash at the late window at St.Martins le Grand or 1d to Letter Carriers ringing bells.	Complex very many differing rates	No late fee service

1d, 2d, 4d, 6d = postage rate increments by weight

1d or 2d or 4d i.e. if separated by the word or = Late fees or three alternative rates of postage starting at 1d or 2d or 4d

1845	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid by cash or stamps (unpaid double)	At Branch Offices the fee is 1d both fee and postage must be prepaid in stamps affixed to the letter. Offices were Charing Cross, Old Cavendish St, Borough, and Lombard St. At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d must be prepaid either in stamps or money the 6d Late Fee rate paid in money. Letter Carriers ringing bells accept mail after 4pm for an extra 1d.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i>	At both St Martins le Grand (Late Fee 1d or 6d) and the Branch Offices (Late Fee 1d) both the Late Fee and postage paid in cash or stamps
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free Prices current 1d	½d in cash at the late window at St Martins le Grand or 1d to Letter Carriers ringing bells.	Complex very many differing rates	No late fee service

1846	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid by cash or stamps (unpaid double)	As 1845 In November 1846 a PO notice prohibits postmen at Receiving Houses from pocketing a 1d for taking late mail. This notice refers to all General Post late mail as having to have both postage and Late Fee prepaid in stamps.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i>	As 1845. In November 1846 a PO notice prohibits postmen at Receiving Houses from pocketing a 1d for taking late mail. This notice refers to all General Post late mail as having to have both postage and Late Fee prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	½d in cash at the late window at St Martins le Grand or 1d to Letter Carriers ringing bells.	Complex very many differing rates	No late fee service
1847	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid by cash or stamps (unpaid double)	At Branch Offices and from May 1847 Receiving Houses where the fee is 1d both fee and postage must be prepaid in stamps affixed to the letter. At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d must be prepaid either in stamps or money the 6d Late Fee rate paid in money.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i>	At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d or 6d prepaid in either cash or stamps. At Branch offices a 1d fee probably prepaid in stamps only. Receiving Houses (as from May 1847) prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	½d in cash at the late window at St Martins le Grand.	Complex very many differing rates.	No late fee service
1848	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid by cash or stamps (unpaid double)	At Branch Offices and Receiving Houses where the fee is 1d both fee and postage must be prepaid in stamps affixed to the letter. At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d must be prepaid either in stamps or money the 6d Late Fee rate paid in money.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i>	At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d or 6d prepaid in either cash or stamps. At Branch offices a 1d fee probably prepaid in stamps only. Receiving Houses prepaid in stamps.
RAILWAY LATE FEE	In January 1848 a bag was suspended at the North West Railway Station Euston Square for taking Late Fee letters and newspapers for the morning mails. The fee was 6d both fee and postage had to be prepaid in stamps. The Post Office announcement gives a list of towns to be served —there are no indications of any foreign and colonial destinations.			
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	½d in cash at the late window at St Martins le Grand. NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d in stamps	Complex very many differing rates	No late fee service
1849	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid by cash or stamps (unpaid double)	At Branch Offices and Receiving Houses where the fee is 1d both fee and postage must be prepaid in stamps affixed to the letter. At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d must be prepaid either in stamps or money the 6d Late Fee rate paid in money.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i>	At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d or 6d prepaid in either cash or stamps. At Branch offices a 1d fee probably prepaid in stamps only. Receiving Houses prepaid in stamps.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d fee and postage to be prepaid in stamps. For both morning and evening mail		NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d via Liverpool for transatlantic mail
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	½d in cash at the late window at St Martins le Grand. NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d in stamps	Complex very many differing rates	No late fee service

1850 to 1854	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid by cash or stamps (unpaid double)	At Branch Offices and Receiving Houses where the fee is 1d both fee and postage must be prepaid in stamps affixed to the letter. At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d must be prepaid either in stamps or money the 6d Late Fee rate paid in money	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i>	At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d or 6d prepaid in either cash or stamps. At Branch offices a 1d fee probably prepaid in stamps only. Receiving Houses prepaid in stamps.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d fee and postage to be prepaid in stamps. For both morning and evening mail.		NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d via Liverpool for transatlantic mail
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	½d in cash at the late window at St Martins le Grand. NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d in stamps	Complex very many differing rates	No late fee service
1855	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid only by means stamps	At Branch Offices and Receiving Houses where the fee is 1d both fee and postage must be prepaid in stamps affixed to the envelope. At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d must be prepaid either in stamps or money the 6d Late Fee rate paid in money.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	At St Martins le Grand the Late Fee of 1d in stamps, or 6d prepaid in either cash or stamps. At Branch offices a 1d fee probably prepaid in stamps only. Receiving Houses 1d prepaid in stamps.
RAILWAY LATE FEE	A 3HOS #049 was sent to Paddington Station on 2 Oct 1855. There are no details of an office being established there until 1860	NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d fee and postage to be prepaid in stamps. For both morning and evening mail.		NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d via Liverpool for transatlantic mail
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	½d in cash at the late window at St.Martins le Grand. NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d in stamps.	Complex very many differing rates.	No late fee service
1856	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid only by means stamps	All late mail whether posted at St.Martins le Grand, Branch Office, Receiving House or a Letter Box, both the postage and the Late Fee of 1d had to be prepaid in stamps stuck on the envelope. Only for the very late 6d rate which was only available at St Martins le Grand did prepayment in cash remain an option.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	All late mail whether posted at St Martins le Grand, Branch Office, Receiving House or a Letter Box, both the postage and the Late Fee of 1d had to be prepaid in stamps stuck on the letter. Only at St Martins le Grand could the postage and Late Fee (with the 6d rate) be prepaid in cash or stamps.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d fee and postage to be prepaid in stamps. For both morning and evening mail.		NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d via Liverpool for transatlantic mail
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. N W Railway at Euston Square Station 6d in stamps.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand

1d, 2d, 4d, 6d = postage rate increments by weight

1d or 2d or 4d i.e. separated by the word or = Late fees or three alternative rates of postage starting at 1d or 2d or 4d

1857	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid only by means stamps	All late mail whether posted at St Martins le Grand, Branch Office, Receiving House or a Letter Box, both the postage and the Late Fee of 1d had to be prepaid in stamps stuck on the envelope. Only for the very late 6d rate, which was only available at St Martins le Grand, did prepayment in cash remain an option.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	All late mail whether posted at St Martins le Grand, Head District Office, Branch Office, Receiving House or a Letter Box, both the postage and the Late Fee of 1d had to be prepaid in stamps stuck on the letter. Only at St Martins le Grand could the postage and Late Fee (with the 6d rate) be prepaid in cash or stamps.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d fee and postage to be prepaid in stamps. For both morning and evening mail.		NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d via Liverpool for transatlantic mail
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d in stamps.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand

If postage and fee was prepaid in stamps, foreign and colonial mail could be posted 10 minutes later at Lombard St than if they were prepaid in cash.
1857 a series of special pillar letter boxes were established for Late Fee mail, the postage and Late Fee to be prepaid in stamps

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1858	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid only by means stamps	All late mail whether posted at St Martins le Grand, Branch Office, Receiving House or a Letter Box, both the postage and the Late Fee of 1d had to be prepaid in stamps stuck on the envelope. Only for the very late 6d rate which was only available at St Martins le Grand did prepayment in cash remain an option.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	All late mail whether posted at St Martins le Grand, Head District Office, Branch Office, Receiving House or a Letter Box, both the postage and the Late Fee of 1d had to be prepaid in stamps stuck on the letter. Only at Lombard St (1d) and St Martins le Grand (1d* or 6d) could the postage and Late Fee be prepaid in cash or stamps.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		NW Railway at Euston Square 6d prepaid in stamps.		NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d via Liverpool for transatlantic mail
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. NW Railway at Euston Square Station 6d in stamps.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand.

-- If postage and fee was prepaid in stamps, foreign and colonial mail could be posted 10 minutes later at Lombard St than if they were prepaid in cash.

-- Prior to 1858 the London District Post had no system of Late Fee. In the 1858 Post Office Guide each of the newly created districts had a penny late fee (prepaid in stamps) for all mail, including that for London and the suburbs.

Started to have Late Fee service for morning mails at St.Martins le Grand, this was to catch certain train services leaving London.

1d, 2d, 4d, 6d = postage rate increments by weight.

1d or 2d or 4d i.e. separated by the word or = Late fees or three alternative rates of postage starting at 1d or 2d or 4d.

1859	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid only by means stamps	All offices had a 1d rate except at St Martins le Grand where there was also a late 6d rate. In all cases the fee had to be paid in stamps affixed to the envelope.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	All offices had a 1d rate except at St Martins le Grand where there was also a late 6d rate. In all cases the fee had to be paid in stamps affixed to the envelope. Except Lombard St. 1d rate and St Martins 6d rate where cash was still an option.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		NW Railway at Euston Square 6d prepaid in stamps.		NW Railway at Euston Square 6d prepaid in stamps, via Liverpool for transatlantic mail
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand NW Railway at Euston Square either 1d or 6d prepaid in stamps.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. N.W.Railway at Euston Square either 1d.or 6d prepaid in stamps.

-- G.P.O. Instruction # 46 Nov 1858 – All late fees must be prepaid by stamps – if any officer accepts money “will render himself liable to dismission(sic)”

1860	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid only by means stamps	All offices had a 1d rate except at St Martins le Grand where there was also a late 6d rate. In all cases the fee had to be paid in stamps affixed to the envelope.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	All offices had a 1d rate except at St Martins le Grand where there was also a late 6d rate. In all cases the fee had to be paid in stamps affixed to the envelope. Except postage at the 6d rate where cash was still an option.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		6d rate (prepaid in stamps) now applied to: Euston Square and Paddington		6d rate (prepaid in stamps) now applied to: Euston Square, via Liverpool for transatlantic mail and Paddington.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).

1861	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid only by means stamps	All offices had a 1d rate except at St.Martins le Grand where there was also a late 6d rate. In all cases the fee had to be paid in stamps affixed to the envelope.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	All offices had a 1d rate except at St Martins le Grand where there was also a late 6d rate. In all cases the fee had to be paid in stamps affixed to the envelope. Except postage at the 6d rate where cash was still an option.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		The 6d rate (prepaid in stamps) now applied to Euston Square and Paddington.		6d rate (prepaid in stamps) now applied to: Euston Square, via Liverpool for transatlantic mail and Paddington.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate. (with exceptions)

1862	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid only by means stamps	All offices had a 1d rate except at St.Martins le Grand where there was also a late 6d rate. In all cases the fee had to be paid in stamps affixed to the envelope.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	All offices had a 1d rate except at St Martins le Grand where there was also a late 6d rate. In all cases the fee had to be paid in stamps affixed to the envelope. Except postage at the 6d rate where cash was still an option.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		The 6d rate (prepaid in stamps) now only applied to Euston Square and Paddington.		6d rate (prepaid in stamps) now applied to: Euston Square, via Liverpool for transatlantic mail and Paddington.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 6d – changed on 1 Aug 1862 to 4d – registration fee, late fee and postage had to be prepaid in stamps	1 Aug 1862 a late fee for registered mail introduced of 4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Variable see <i>Moubray</i>	1 Aug 1862 a late fee for registered mail introduced of 4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate. (with exceptions)

- Started to have Late Fee service for morning mails at St Martins le Grand, this was to catch certain train services leaving London

1863 / 1864	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 8d etc prepaid only by means stamps	All offices had a 1d rate except at St Martins le Grand where there was also a late 6d rate. In all cases the fee had to be paid in stamps affixed to the envelope.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	All offices had a 1d rate except at St Martins le Grand where there was also a late 6d rate. In all cases the fee had to be paid in stamps affixed to the envelope. Except St Martins where postage could be in cash.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		The 6d rate (prepaid in stamps) now applied to: Euston Square, London Bridge, Paddington, Shoreditch and Waterloo.		The 6d rate (prepaid in stamps) now only applied to: Euston Square via Liverpool for transatlantic mail and Paddington.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 4d and postage prepaid in stamps	1 Aug 1862 a late fee for registered mail introduced of 4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Variable– see <i>Moubray</i>	1 Aug 1862 a late fee for registered mail introduced of 4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).

1865	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	On 1 April 1865 a change in rates to 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d	On 2 Jan the fees changed to; 1d rate in Pillar Letter Boxes & Receiving Houses. 1d or 2d rate at Head District Offices and the EC Branch Office at Lombard St. 1d or 2d or 4d rate at St Martins le Grand.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	On 2 Jan the fees changed to; 1d rate in Pillar Letter Boxes & Receiving Houses. 1d or 2d rate at Head District Offices and the EC Branch Office at Lombard St. 1d or 2d or 4d rate at St Martins le Grand.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		On 2 Jan 1865 the fee for receiving Late Fee mail at the Railway Stations reduced from 6d to 4d applied to: Euston Square, London Bridge, Paddington, Shoreditch and Waterloo.		The 4d late posting service was generally for Inland mail only, one exception was Euston Square Station where "Late letters for American mails dispatched by British and Canadian packets from Galway, Londonderry and Queenstown may be posted in the box at Euston Square on the nights when these supplementary mails are made up in London".
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 4d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Variable— see <i>Moubray</i>	4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).

1866	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d	1d rate in Pillar Letter Boxes & Receiving Houses. 1d or 2d rate at Head District Offices and the EC Branch Office at Lombard St. 1d or 2d or 4d rate at St Martins le Grand.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	1d rate in Pillar Letter Boxes & Receiving Houses. 1d or 2d rate at Head District Offices and the EC Branch Office at Lombard St. 1d or 2d or 4d rate at St Martins le Grand For the 1d rate at St Martins and Lombard St, had the option of paying the late fee and postage in cash.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		The 4d rate changed to 2d on 1 July 1866 (prepaid in stamps) at: Euston Square, Paddington, Waterloo, London Bridge and Shoreditch.		The 4d rate changed to 2d on 1 July 1866 (prepaid in stamps) otherwise as 1865 but Galway omitted.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 4d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Variable— see <i>Moubray</i>	4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).
1867 to 1869	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d	1d rate in Pillar Letter Boxes, Receiving Houses and most HDO's. 1d or 2d rate at WC and W Head District Offices and the EC BO's at Lombard St. & Charing X. 1d or 2d or 4d rate at St Martins le Grand (4d rate to Aug 1869 only)	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	1d.rate in Pillar Letter Boxes, Receiving Houses and most HDO's 1d or 2d rate at WC and W Head District Offices and the EC BO's at Lombard St & Charing X. 1d or 2d or 4d rate at St Martins le Grand For the 1d rate at St.Martins and Lombard St, had the option of paying the late fee and postage in cash
RAILWAY LATE FEE		The new 2d rate in special letterboxes at: Euston Square, Paddington, Waterloo, Cannon Street and Shoreditch.		A 2d Late Fee rate at Euston Square Station for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 4d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Variable— see <i>Moubray</i>	4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).

-- In 1868 the Houses of Parliament Post Office, SW District started a 1d.rate Late Fee service.

1870	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d	1d or 2d at St.Martins le Grand, its Branch Office Lombard Street and WC HDO. 1d at other Offices and Letter Boxes.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	1d or 2d at St Martins le Grand, its Branch Office Lombard Street and WC. HDO. 1d at other Offices and Letter Boxes. For the 1d rate at St Martins and Lombard St had the option of paying the late fee and postage in cash
POSTCARDS	½d Postcards introduced on 1 Oct 1870 these were government issued cards only		No service	
RAILWAY LATE FEE		2d rate in special letterboxes at: Euston Square, Paddington, Waterloo, Cannon Street and Shoreditch.		A 2d Late Fee rate at Euston Square Station for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 4d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Variable– see <i>Moubray</i>	4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	Stamp duty paid printed matter free, this includes Prices Current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).
1871 to 1874	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	5 Oct 1871 – changed to 1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	1d or 2d at St.Martins le Grand, its Branch Office Lombard Street and WC HDO. 1d at other Offices and Letter Boxes.	Very complex see <i>Moubray</i> . See pages 21 and 22 for rates in:- Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland, USA.	1d or 2d at St Martins le Grand, its Branch Office Lombard Street and WC HDO. 1d at other Offices and Letter Boxes. For the 1d rate at St Martins and Lombard St had the option of paying the late fee and postage in cash
POST CARDS	½d Postcards introduced, these were government issued cards only	Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee.	No service	No service
RAILWAY LATE FEE		The 2d rate in special letter boxes at: Euston Square, Paddington, Waterloo, Cannon Street and Shoreditch.		A 2d Late Fee rate at Euston Square Station for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 4d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Most European countries and all the British Colonies the registration fee was 4d France 3d	4d in the Chief, Head District and Branch offices. Late fee to be prepaid in stamps. 1874 onwards 1/- late fee at the Chief Office.
NEWSPAPERS	½d per newspaper or prices current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d. or ½d. or 1d. in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).

1875	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	1d or 2d or 1/- rates at St.Martins le Grand. 1/- rate Inland mail only. 1d or 2d rate at WC, HDO. 1d rate at all other offices and letterboxes.	July 1875 General Postal Union much of Europe 2½d, 5d, 7½d. France Jan 1876. Compulsory prepayment by stamps on foreign and colonial mail from Nov 1875	1d or 2d at St Martins le Grand, and the WC, HDO. 1d. at other Offices and Letter Boxes. For the 1d rate at St Martins and Lombard St had the option of paying the late fee and postage in cash, to Jul 1875.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards only	Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee.	From July 1875. 1½d rate to countries in the GPU. This is half the letter rate	Post Cards treated as letters.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		The 2d rate in special letter boxes at: Euston Square, Paddington, Waterloo, Cannon Street.		A 2d Late Fee rate at Euston Square Station for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 4d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- or 2/6 in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Most European countries and all the British Colonies the registration fee was 4d France 3d	4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d per newspaper or prices current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	Complex very many differing rates	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).

From Nov 1875; compulsory prepayment of Postage & Late Fee & Registration Fee by stamps affixed to the letter on all foreign and colonial mail. HDO = Head District Office

1876	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	1d or 2d or 1/- rates at St Martins le Grand. 1/- rate Inland mail only. 1d or 2d rate at WC HDO. 1d rate at all other offices and letterboxes.	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For a list of countries in the GPU as of 1 st Jan 1876 see page 20 For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.	1d or 2d at St Martins le Grand and the WC HDO. 1d at other Offices and Letter Boxes
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)	Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	1½d rate for postcards within the General Postal Union. This is half the letter rate. Only other destination allowed was Near East – Beyrout, Larnaca, Syria, Tripoli etc.	Post Cards treated as letters.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		The 2d rate in special letter boxes at: Euston Square, Paddington, Waterloo, Cannon Street.		A 2d Late Fee rate at Euston Square Station for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 4d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- or 2/6 in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Most European countries and all the British Colonies the registration fee was 4d France 3d	4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- or 2/6 in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d per newspaper or prices current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	GPU rate 1d. Others 1d or 2d or 3d or 4d	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).

1877	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	1d or 2d or 6d or 1/- rates at St Martins le Grand, 6d and 1/- rate Inland mail only. 1d or 2d at some HDO's. 1d rate at all other offices and letterboxes.	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For a list of countries in the GPU as of 1 st Jan 1876 see page 21 For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.	1d or 2d at St Martins le Grand 1d at other Offices and Letter Boxes
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)	Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	1½d rate for postcards to members of the General Postal Union and Near East. 3d rate to some French Colonies. 4d rate to French India and New Caledonia via Brindisi.	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		The 2d rate in special letter boxes at: Euston Square, Paddington, Waterloo and Cannon Street.		A 2d Late Fee rate at Euston Square Station for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 4d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- or 2/6 in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Most European countries and all the British Colonies the registration fee was 4d France 3d	4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- or 2/6 in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d per newspaper or prices current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	GPU rate 1d. Others 1d or 2d or 3d or 4d	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).
1878	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	1d or 2d or 6d or 1/- rates at St Martins le Grand, 6d and 1/- rate Inland mail only. 1d or 2d at some HDO's. 1d rate at all other offices and letterboxes.	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU	1d or 2d at St Martins le Grand and its Branch Office Lombard Street. 1d at other Offices and Letter Boxes.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)	Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	1½d rate to majority of countries within the General Postal Union with the exception of British India. Several other countries had higher rates of 3d category B. Category B(B) 4d (the latter via Brindisi)	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		The 2d rate in special letter boxes at: Euston Square, Paddington, Waterloo and Cannon Street.		A 2d Late Fee rate at Euston Square Station for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- or 2/6 in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- or 2/6 in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d per newspaper or prices current	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	GPU rate 1d. Others 1d or 1½d or 2d or 3d or 4d	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).

1879	INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		1d or 2d or 6d or 1/- rates at St Martins le Grand, 1/- rate Inland mail only. 1d or 2d at some HDO's. 1d rate at all other offices and letterboxes.	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.	1d or 2d or 6d at St Martins le Grand. 1d at other Offices and Letter Boxes.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)		Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Rates to April as 1878. From 1 st April 1879 Rates; 1d to A countries. 1½d to B countries 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi 2½d to O countries via Brindisi – Hong Kong, British India, Japan, Java & New Caledonia	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE			The 2d rate in special letterboxes at: Euston Square, Paddington, Waterloo and Cannon Street.		A 2d Late Fee rate at Euston Square Station for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- or 2/6 in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	4d in the Head District and Branch offices. 4d or 1/- or 2/6 in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d per newspaper or prices current		¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate.	GPU rate 1d. Others 1d or 1½d or 2d or 3d or 4d	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash at the late newspaper window at St Martins le Grand. Could be posted at Railway Stations at their special late fee rate (with exceptions).
1880	INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		From Apr 1880 ½d at all offices for Inland Mail -- <i>Report to PMG 1880</i> : "The late fee charged for posting Inland letters after the time which the boxes are closed for the despatch of a Mail is reduced to a uniform rate of halfpenny, including those posted in Railway Sorting Carriages and at Railway Stations, as well as on board the Holyhead and Kingstown Mail Packets. This reduction does not apply to Registered Letters".	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)		Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Postcards only sent to UPU countries. Rates; 1d to A countries 1½d to B countries 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE			½d Late Fee rate boxes at the following Railway Stations: Cannon St. Euston, Paddington and Waterloo.		Special boxes just for Continental Night Mail Late Fee opened at Charing Cross and Cannon Street – fee 6d prepaid in stamps. A 2d Late Fee rate at Euston Square Station for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d per newspaper or prices current		¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.	UPU rate 1d (2d via Brindisi).	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at some Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.

-- Newspapers were not totally excluded from the higher rate late fee boxes at railway stations

1881	INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)		Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Postcards only sent to UPU countries. Rates; 1d to A countries 1½d to B countries 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE			½d Late Fee rate boxes at the following Railway Stations: Cannon St, Euston, Paddington and Waterloo.		Special boxes just for Continental Night Mail Late Fee opened at Charing Cross and Cannon Street – fee 6d prepaid in stamps. A 2d Late Fee rate at Euston Square Station for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)		¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.	UPU rate ½d or 1d (1½d via Brindisi or on a French packet)	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St.Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at some Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.
1882	INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)		Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Postcards only sent to UPU countries. Rates; 1d to A countries 1½d to B countries 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d Late Fee rate boxes at the following Railway Stations: Cannon St, Euston, Paddington and Waterloo. In Nov 1882 late letter boxes were fitted to all Mail trains – fee ½d prepaid in stamps.		6d Charing Cross and Cannon St for Continental Night Mail. 2d Euston Sq. for Canada and USA via Queenstown and Londonderry. 2d Paddington for Cape of Good Hope via Dartmouth. In 1883 these could be on the TPO's. A ½d Late Fee for Continental Night Newspaper Mail at Cannon St.	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d. Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)		¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.	UPU rate ½d or 1d (1½d via Brindisi or on a French packet)	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at some Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.

1883		INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE	
LETTERS		1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail		Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU		1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand. 1d. at all other Offices and Letter Boxes.	
POST CARDS		½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)		Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.		Postcards only sent to UPU countries. Rates; 1d to A countries 1½d to B countries 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi		Post Cards treated as letters	
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d Late Fee rate boxes at the following Railway Stations: Cannon St, Euston, Paddington and Waterloo. In Nov 1882 late letter boxes were fitted to all Mail trains – fee ½d prepaid in stamps.				6d Charing Cross and Cannon St for Continental Night Mail. 2d Euston Sq. for Canada and USA via Queenstown and Londonderry. 2d Paddington for Cape of Good Hope via Dartmouth. In 1883 these could be on the TPO's. A ½d Late Fee for Continental Night Newspaper Mail at Cannon St.			
REGISTERED		Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.		Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	
NEWSPAPERS		½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)		¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.		UPU rate ½d or 1d (1½d via Brindisi or on a French packet).		¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at some Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.	
1884 to 1885		INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE	
LETTERS		1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail		Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.		1d or 2d or 3d rates at St.Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes.	
POST CARDS		½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)		Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.		Postcards only sent to UPU countries. Rates; 1d to A countries. 1½d to B countries. 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi.		Post Cards treated as letters	
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d Late Fee rate boxes at Cannon St, Euston, Paddington and Waterloo. In 1884 were added Liverpool St, London Bridge and St Pancras, in 1885 Charing Cross. Late letterboxes were fitted to all Mail trains – fee ½d prepaid in stamps.				6d Charing Cross and Cannon St for Continental Night Mail. 2d Euston Sq. for Canada and USA via Queenstown and Londonderry. 2d Paddington for Cape of Good Hope via Dartmouth. These could be on the TPO's. A ½d Late Fee for Continental Night Newspaper Mail at Cannon St.			
REGISTERED		Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.		Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	
NEWSPAPERS		½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)		¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.		UPU rate ½d.or 1d. (1½d. via Brindisi or on a French packet).		¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at some Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.	

1886		INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)		Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Postcards only sent to UPU countries. Rates; 1d to A countries. 1½d to B countries. 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi.	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d Late Fee rate boxes at Cannon St, Euston, Paddington and Waterloo. In 1884 were added Liverpool St, London Bridge and St Pancras, in 1885 Charing Cross. Late letter boxes were fitted to all Mail trains – fee ½d prepaid in stamps.		4d Charing Cross and Cannon St for Continental Night Mail. 4d Holborn and Victoria for Holland. 2d Euston Sq for Canada and USA via Queenstown and Londonderry. 2d Paddington for Cape of Good Hope via Dartmouth. These could be on the TPO's. ½d Late Fee for Continental Night Newspaper Mail at Cannon St.	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Registration fee of 2d. and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)		¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.	UPU rate ½d or 1d (1½d via Brindisi or on a French packet).	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at some Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.
1887 to 1888		INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)		Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Postcards only sent to UPU countries. Rates; 1d to A countries. 1½d to B countries. 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi.	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d Late Fee rate boxes at Cannon St, Euston, Paddington and Waterloo. In 1884 were added Liverpool St, London Bridge and St Pancras, in 1885 Charing Cross. Late letterboxes were fitted to all Mail trains – fee ½d prepaid in stamps.		4d Charing Cross and Cannon St for Continental Night Mail. 4d Holborn and Victoria for Holland. 2d Euston Sq for Canada and USA via Queenstown and Londonderry. 2d Paddington for Cape of Good Hope via Dartmouth. These could be on the TPO's. ½d Late Fee for Continental Night Newspaper Mail at Cannon St.	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)		¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.	UPU rate ½d or 1d (1½d via Brindisi or on a French packet).	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at some Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.

1889	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)	Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Rates; 1d to A countries. 1½d to B countries. 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi. From 1 Sept 1889 postcards to Australia and New Zealand via the overland route were 3d via the all sea route they were 2d.	Post Cards treated as letters.
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at the 1884 list of Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail.		4d Charing Cross and Cannon St. for Continental Night Mail. 4d Holborn and Victoria for Holland. 2d Euston Sq. for Canada and USA via Queenstown and Londonderry. 2d Paddington for Cape of Good Hope via Dartmouth. These could be on the TPO's. ½d Late Fee for Continental Night Newspaper Mail at Cannon St.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.	Registration fee of 2d. and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Postage and Late fee to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.	UPU rate ½d or 1d (1½d via Brindisi or on a French packet).	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at some Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.

1890	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d. For rates to Brazil, Cape, Chile, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Japan, NSW, NZ, Trinidad see pages 21 to 23. For others see <i>Moubray</i> , although the title of <i>Moubray</i> is "1840 to 1875" it does cover the period from 1875 to when each country joined the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St.Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp at the office of the Inland Revenue (adhesives not allowed)	Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Rates; 1d to A countries. 1½d to B countries. 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi. From 1 Sept 1889 postcards to Australia and New Zealand via the overland route were 3d via the all sea route they were 2d.	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at the 1884 list of Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail.	4d Charing Cross and Cannon St for Continental Night Mail. 4d Holborn and Victoria for North Europe via Flushing. 2d Euston Sq for Canada and USA via Queenstown and Londonderry. 2d Paddington for Cape of Good Hope via Dartmouth. These could be on the TPO's. ½d Late Fee for Continental Night Newspaper Mail at Cannon St.	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.	UPU rate ½d or 1d (1½d via Brindisi or on a French packet).	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St.Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.
1891	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail	Rate for countries in the GPU: 2½d, 5d, 7½d, From 1 Oct 1891 there was agreement that these rates should be worldwide.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St.Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp at the office of the Inland Revenue (adhesives not allowed)	Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Postcards only sent to UPU countries. Rates; 1d to A countries. 1½d to B countries. 2d to B(B) countries via Brindisi.	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at the 1884 list of Station offices (plus Kings X) of and TPO's for Inland Mail		½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St. 2d Cape mail at Waterloo. 2d USA and Canada at Euston. 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.	UPU rate ½d or 1d (1d or 1½d via Brindisi or on a French packet).	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at some Railway Stations and at the WC District Office.

-- Post Office Circular Aug 1891: "Letters posted...without prepayment of late fee on Travelling Post Offices....in future such letters will be stamped "Posted without Late Fee" and will be surcharged one penny in the Travelling Post Office. They should no longer be held over at the Office receiving them from the Travelling Office"

1892	INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	A uniform rate for all mail for abroad 2½d, 5d, 7½d. Even for those countries not members of the UPU.		1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown or Londonderry.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp, (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)		Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Changed to a uniform rate for all post cards for abroad of 1d.		Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at the 1884 list of Station offices (plus Kings X, Holborn and Victoria in 1892) and TPO's for Inland Mail.			½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St. 1d rate at most stations for Sunday posting. 2d Cape mail at Waterloo. 2d USA and Canada at Euston. 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria.	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.		2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	½d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St.Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the NW W & WC District Offices.		Changed to a uniform rate of ½d. for the UPU.		½d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and Head District Offices. 1d at the NW W & WC District Offices for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
1893	INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	A uniform rate for all mail for abroad 2½d, 5d, 7½d. Even for those countries not members of the UPU.		1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown or Londonderry.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp (adhesives not allowed to pay postage)		Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1894 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	Changed to a uniform rate for all post cards for abroad of 1d.		Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at the 1884 list of Station offices (plus Kings X, Holborn and Victoria in 1892) and TPO's for Inland Mail.			½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St. 1d rate at most stations for Sunday posting. 2d Cape mail at Waterloo. 2d USA and Canada at Euston. 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria. 4d to France at London Bridge	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.		2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	½d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the NW W & WC District Offices.		Changed to a uniform rate of ½d for the UPU.		½d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and Head District Offices. 1d at the NW W & WC District Offices for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.

1894	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	A uniform rate for all mail for abroad 2½d, 5d, 7½d. Even for those countries not members of the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown or Londonderry.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp. Picture postcards introduced in September 1894	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	Uniform rate for all post cards for abroad of 1d.	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at the 1884 list of Station offices (plus Kings X, Holborn and Victoria) this makes eleven stations. Also ½d on TPO's for Inland Mail.		½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St. 1d rate at most stations for Sunday posting. 2d Cape mail at Waterloo. 2d USA and Canada at Euston. 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the NW W & WC District Offices.	Changed to a uniform rate of ½d for the UPU.	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and Head District Offices. 1d at the NW W & WC District Offices for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.

1895	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	A uniform rate for all mail for abroad 2½d, 5d, 7½d. Even for those countries not members of the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown or Londonderry.
POST CARDS	½d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	All UPU members 1d.	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail.		½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St. 1d rate at most stations for Sunday posting. 2d Cape mail at Waterloo. 2d USA and Canada at Euston. 4d Near and Far East at Cannon St and Charing X. 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d. at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the NW W & WC District Offices.	Changed to a uniform rate of ½d for the UPU.	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and Head District Offices. 1d at the NW W & WC District Offices for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.
1896	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	A uniform rate for all mail for abroad 2½d, 5d, 7½d. Even for those countries not members of the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand. 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown or Londonderry.
POST CARDS	½d rate for government issued postcards and privately printed cards with an impressed stamp	Extra stamps were not allowed to pay postage on inland postcards until 1895 – this did not apply to a stamp to pay late fee. Postcards treated as letters.	All UPU members 1d.	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail.		½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St. 1d rate at most stations for Sunday posting. 2d Cape mail at Waterloo. 2d USA and Canada at Euston. 4d Near and Far East at Cannon St and Charing X. 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and at the NW W & WC District Offices.	Changed to a uniform rate of ½d for the UPU.	¼d or ½d or 1d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at Railway Stations and Head District Offices. 1d at the NW W & WC District Offices for mail to USA and Canada via Queenstown and Londonderry.

1897	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	A uniform rate for all mail for abroad 2½d, 5d, 7½d. Even for those countries not members of the UPU.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown or Londonderry.
POST CARDS	½d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	All UPU members 1d.	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail.		½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St. 1d rate at Cannon St, Charing X and Holborn 2d Cape mail at Waterloo. USA and Canada at Euston. 4d Near and Far East at Cannon St and Charing X. 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria. 2d
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d at the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d at Lombard St. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices – (NW W WC).	Changed to a uniform rate of ½d for the UPU.	¼d or ½d or 1d. in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St.Martins le Grand, ½d or 1d. in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW.W.WC). 1d. is the rate for Canada and the USA.
1898	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	A uniform rate for all mail for abroad 2½d, 5d, 7½d. Even for those countries not members of the UPU. From 25 Dec 1989 Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d.	1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown.
POST CARDS	½d	½d at all offices for Inland Mail.	All UPU members 1d.	Post Cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices (less Charing X) and TPO's for Inland Mail. See registered below.		½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St. 1d rate at Cannon St, Charing X and Holborn 2d Cape, West Indies and Pacific mail at Waterloo. 2d USA and Canada at Euston. 4d Near and Far East at Cannon St, and Charing X. 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria. See registered below.
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps	2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Registered letters accepted on Sorting Carriages with a 1/- Late Fee in addition to the registration fee and postage, all to be prepaid in stamps.	Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.	2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Registered letters accepted on Sorting Carriages with a 1/- Late Fee in addition to the registration fee and postage, all to be prepaid in stamps.
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices – (NW W WC).	Changed to a uniform rate of ½d for the UPU.	¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St.Martins le Grand, (2d is the rate for Cape mail) ½d or 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC). 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA.

1899		INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE	
LETTERS		1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail.		Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d. Rest of the World 2½d, 5d, 7½d.		1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown.	
POST CARDS		½d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail.		All UPU members 1d.		Post Cards treated as letters	
RAILWAY LATE FEE				½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail. See registered below.				½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St. 1d rate at Cannon St, Charing X and Holborn. 2d Cape, West Indies and Pacific mail at Waterloo. 2d USA and Canada at Euston 4d Near and Far East at Cannon St and Charing X. 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St. Charing X. Holborn and Victoria. See registered below	
REGISTERED		Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Registered letters accepted on Sorting Carriages with a 1/- Late Fee in addition to the registration fee and postage, all to be prepaid in stamps.		Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Registered letters accepted on Sorting Carriages with a 1/- Late Fee in addition to the registration fee and postage, all to be prepaid in stamps.	
NEWSPAPERS		½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)		½d or ¼d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices – (NW W WC).		Changed to a uniform rate of ½d for the UPU.		¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand, (2d is the rate for Cape mail) ½d or 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC). 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA.	
1900		INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE	
LETTERS		1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail.		Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d. Rest of the World 2½d, 5d, 7½d.		1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown.	
POST CARDS		½d		½d at all offices for Inland Mail.		All UPU members 1d.		Post Cards treated as letters	
RAILWAY LATE FEE				½d at all eleven Station offices TPO's for Inland Mail. See registered below.				½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St. 1d rate at Cannon St, Charing X and Holborn. 2d Cape, West Indies and Pacific mail at Waterloo. 2d USA and Canada at Euston. 4d Near and Far East at Cannon St and Charing X. 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria. See registered below	
REGISTERED		Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Registered letters accepted on Sorting Carriages with a 1/- Late Fee in addition to the registration fee and postage, all to be prepaid in stamps.		Registration fee of 2d and postage prepaid in stamps.		2d in the Head District and Branch offices. 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- in Chief Office only. Registered letters accepted on Sorting Carriages with a 1/- Late Fee in addition to the registration fee and postage, all to be prepaid in stamps.	
NEWSPAPERS		½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)		¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices – (NW SE SW W WC).		Changed to a uniform rate of ½d for the UPU.		¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St.Martins le Grand, (2d is the rate for Cape mail) ½d or 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW SE SW W WC), 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA.	

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF POSTAGE RATES AND LATE FEES

1901 to 1904	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d Rest of the World 2½d, 5d, 7½d		1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown
POST CARDS	½d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d		Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below			½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St 1d rate at Cannon St, Charing X and Holborn 2d Cape, West Indies and Pacific mail at Waterloo 2d USA and Canada at Euston 4d Near and Far East at Cannon St and Charing X 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria. See registered below
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (4d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	As 1900 but 1/- Late Fee for Registered mail now available on TPO's	Registration fee of 2d (4d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps		As 1900 but 1/- Late Fee for Registered mail now available on TPO's
NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	½d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW SE? SW? W WC)	Changed to a uniform rate of ½d for the UPU		¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand (2d is the rate for Cape mail). ½d or 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW SE? SW? W WC) 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA
1905	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE		FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d Rest of the World 2½d, 5d, 7½d		1d or 2d or 3d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown
POST CARDS	½d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d		Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below			½d Continental Newspaper Mail at Cannon St 1d rate at most stations for Sunday posting 2d Cape, West Indies and Pacific mail at Waterloo 2d USA and Canada at Euston 4d Near and Far East at Cannon St and Charing X 4d Continental Night Mail at Cannon St, Charing X, Holborn and Victoria See registered below
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (4d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	Registration fee of 2d (4d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps		St Martins le Grand 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-

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NEWSPAPERS	½d Newspapers, prices current and book post (first 2oz)	¼d or ½d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC)	Changed to a uniform rate of ½d for the UPU	¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand (2d is the rate for Cape mail). ½d or 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC) 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA
1906	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as for as the frontier with India. Rest of the World 2½d, 5d, 7½d	1d or 2d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown
POST CARDS	½d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below	½d rate Continental newspapers at Cannon St. 1d at most Stations for Sunday postings, and in a letter box at Victoria on weekdays. 2d rate for Europe via Flushing at Holborn and Victoria. 2d rate for Europe, Near East, Middle East, Far East at Cannon St. and Charing Cross. 2d rate for USA and Canada at Euston. 2d and 4d rates for the Cape at Waterloo.	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (4d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	Registration fee of 2d (4d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate	No separate Late Fee system for newspapers	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand (2d is the rate for Cape mail). 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC) 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA
1907	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as for as the frontier with India. Rest of the World 2½d, 5d, 7½d	1d or 2d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown
POST CARDS	½d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below	½d rate Continental newspapers at Cannon St. 1d at most Stations for Sunday postings, and in a letter box at Victoria on weekdays. 2d rate for Europe via Flushing at Holborn and Victoria. 2d rate for Europe, Near East, Middle East, Far East at Cannon St. and Charing Cross. 2d rate for USA and Canada at Euston. 2d and 4d rates for the Cape at Waterloo.	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps.	St Martins le Grand 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	Registration fee of 2d (3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- Euston 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-

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NEWSPAPERS	½d rate	No separate Late Fee system for newspapers	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand (2d is the rate for Cape mail). 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC) 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA
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1908	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as for as the frontier with India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d	1d or 2d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown
POST CARDS	½d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below	½d rate Continental newspapers at Cannon St. 1d at most Stations for Sunday postings. 1d in a letter box at Victoria on weekdays. 2d rate for Europe via Flushing at Holborn and Victoria. 2d rate for Europe, Near East, Middle East, Far East at Cannon St. and Charing Cross. 2d rate for USA and Canada at Euston. 2d and 4d rates for the Cape at Waterloo.	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	Registration fee of 2d (3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand, Charing Cross and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate	No separate Late Fee system for newspapers	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand (2d is the rate for Cape mail). 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC) 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA

1909	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as for as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d	1d or 2d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown
POST CARDS	½d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below	½d rate Continental newspapers at Cannon St. 1d at most Stations for Sunday postings. 1d in a letter box at Victoria on weekdays. 2d rate for Europe via Flushing at Holborn and Victoria. 2d rate for Europe, Near East, Middle East, Far East at Cannon St. and Charing Cross. 2d rate for USA and Canada at Euston. 2d and 4d rates for the Cape at Waterloo.	

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REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	Registration fee of 2d (3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Charing Cross 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- Euston 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate	No separate Late Fee system for newspapers	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand (2d is the rate for Cape mail). 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC) 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA
1910	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as for as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d	1d or 2d rates at St Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown
POST CARDS	½d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at ten (less London Bridge) Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below	½d rate Continental newspapers at Cannon St. 1d at most Stations for Sunday postings. 1d in a letter box at Victoria on weekdays. 2d rate for Europe via Flushing at Holborn and Victoria. 2d rate for Europe, Near East, Middle East, Far East at Cannon St. and Charing Cross. 2d rate for USA and Canada at Euston. 2d and 4d rates for the Cape at Waterloo.	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	Registration fee of 2d (3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand, Charing Cross and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate	No separate Late Fee system for newspapers	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand (2d is the rate for Cape mail). 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC) 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA

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1911 to 1914	INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d		½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as for as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d	1d or 2d rates at St.Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes, except at the Head Office of the NW W and WC Districts where a special 3d (2d from 1912 to 1914) rate existed for mail to the USA and Canada via Queenstown
POST CARDS	½d rate		Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE			½d at ten Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below	½d rate Continental newspapers at Cannon St. 1d at most Stations for Sunday postings. 1d in a letter box at Victoria on weekdays. 2d rate for Europe via Flushing at Holborn and Victoria. 2d rate for Europe, Near East, Middle East, Far East at Cannon St. and Charing Cross. 2d rate for USA and Canada at Euston. 2d and 4d rates for the Cape at Waterloo.	
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-		Registration fee of 2d (3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand, Charing Cross and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate		No separate Late Fee system for newspapers	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand (2d.is the rate for Cape mail). 1d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC) 1d is the rate for Canada and the USA

Early in the war, there was a special 2/6d fee instituted for getting foreign and colonial mail given straight to the Censor, instead of being delayed, as was the case with the rest of the mail. The 2/6d stamp was placed on the front of the envelope for outgoing mail and on the first page of the enclosure on incoming mail.

1915	INLAND POSTAGE		INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d from 1 Nov1915		½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as for as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d	1d or 2d rates at St.Martins le Grand 1d at all other Offices and Letter Boxes. Notice in the Post Office Circular dated 20 July 1915 saying that late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
POST CARDS	½d rate		Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued

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RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at ten Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below		Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (2½d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	Registration fee of 2d(3d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate	No separate Late Fee system for newspapers	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	¼d or ½d or 1d or 2d in cash or stamps if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand (2d is the rate for Cape mail)
1916	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2½d, 4d, 5½d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d	Notice in the Post Office Circular dated 20 July 1915 saying that late fee posting for Europe has discontinued
POST CARDS	½d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at ten Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below		Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (2½d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	Registration fee of 2d fee and postage prepaid in stamps	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate	¼d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC)	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
1917	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1d, 2½d, 4d, 5½d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d. 4d, 5½d	Notice in the Post Office Circular dated 20 July 1915 saying that late fee posting for Europe has discontinued
POST CARDS	½d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at ten Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below		Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued

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REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (2½d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	No information	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate	¼d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC)	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
1918	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d from 3 Jun 1918	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1½d, 2½d, 3½d, from 3 Jun 1918. This category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d	Notice in the Post Office Circular dated 20 July 1915 saying that Late Fee posting for Europe has discontinued
POST CARDS	June rate changed to 1d	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at ten Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below		Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (2½d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	No information	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate	¼d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC)	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
1919	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1½d, 2½d, 3½d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d	Limited service to France and Italy at 1d rate
POST CARDS	1d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at nine (less St Pancras) Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below		Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued

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REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (2½d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC BO's 2d or 4d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	No information	Late fee posting for Europe has been discontinued
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate	¼d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St.Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC)	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	No separate late fee service
1920	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	2d, 2½d, 3d, 3½d from 1 Jun 1920	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail increased to 2d, 3d, 4d on 1 Jun 1920 this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d	St Martins le Grand only: 1d rate to Europe 3d or 6d rate to Middle/Far East & Africa Lombard St 1d to Holland
POST CARDS	1d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		No information		No information
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 2d (2½d on Sundays) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 2d or 4d or 6d or 1/- EC Branch Offices 2d or 4d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d Other Offices 2d TPO's 1/-	No information, one cover known with a 2d rate to Europe	No information.
NEWSPAPERS	½d rate for printed matter, From 1 Jun 1920 newspapers at 1d	¼d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St.Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC)	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	No separate late fee service
1921	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	2d, 2½d, 3d, 3½d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 2d, 3½d, 5d, from 13 Jun 1921 this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 3d, 4½d, 6d.as from 13 th Jun 1921	St Martins le Grand only: 1d rate to Europe 3d or 6d rate to Middle/Far East & Africa
POST CARDS	1½d rate, as from 13 th June 1921	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1½d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d rate at Cannon St, Euston, Kings X, Liverpool St, Paddington and Waterloo. Registered letters 1/6d rate on TPO's		No information

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REGISTERED	Fee increased to 3d in June 1921	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 3d or 6d or 9d or 1/6 EC Branch Offices 3d or 6d or 9d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 3d or 6d Other Offices 3d TPO's 1/6	Fee increased to 3d in June 1921	No information
NEWSPAPERS	From 13 Jun 1921 both newspapers and printed matter 1d	¼d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC)	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	No separate late fee service

1922	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d from 25 May 1922	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1½d, 3d, 4½d from 29 May 1922 this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 3d, 4½d, 6d	St Martins le Grand only: 1d rate to Europe (3d on Sunday) 3d or 6d rate to Far East, USA & Canada 6d rate to Africa Some HDO's 1d to Europe
POST CARDS	1½d rate to May 1922, then 1d	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1½d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d rate at Cannon St, Euston, Kings X, Liverpool St, Paddington and Waterloo. Registered letters 1/6d rate on TPO's		No information
REGISTERED	Fee 3d	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 3d or 6d or 9d or 1/6 EC Branch Offices 3d or 6d or 9d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 3d or 6d Other Offices 3d TPO's 1/6	Registration fee of 3d and postage prepaid in stamps	No information
NEWSPAPERS	From 29 May 1922 1d for newspapers and ½d rate for printed matter posted before 4.30pm	¼d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St.Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC)	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	No separate late fee service

1923	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1½d, 3d, 4½d from 14 May 1923 1½d, 2½d, 3½d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 3d, 4½d, 6d, from 14 May 1923 2½d, 4d, 5½d includes Mesopotamia.	St Martins le Grand and some HDO's: 1d rate to Europe (3d on Sunday) 3d or 6d rate to Far East, USA & Canada 6d rate to Africa Four EC Branch Offices: 1d or 2d for Europe and the Far East
POST CARDS	1d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1½d	Post cards treated as letters

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RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d rate at Cannon St, Euston, Kings X, Liverpool St, Paddington and Waterloo. Registered letters 1/6d rate on TPO's		2d rate to Southern Europe and North Africa at Holborn and Victoria 6d rate (1/6 if registered) to Southern Europe and North Africa on Sundays at Victoria 1/- rate to USA etc via Southampton at Waterloo 1/- rate to USA etc via Liverpool at Euston
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 3d (3½d on Sunday) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 3d or 6d or 9d or 1/6 EC Branch Offices 3d or 6d or 9d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 3d or 6d Other Offices 3d TPO's 1/6	Registration fee of 3d and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand 3d or 4d or 6d or 9d the 4½d rate to Middle & Far East Telegraph Office Bath St 3d TPO's at Victoria and Holborn 1/6
NEWSPAPERS	1d for newspapers and ½d rate for printed matter posted before 4.30pm	½d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand. ½d in stamps at other Head District Offices (NW W WC)	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	No separate late fee service

1924	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1½d, 2½d, 3½d this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d, includes Mesopotamia	St Martins le Grand and some HDO's: 1d rate to Europe 3d or 6d rate to Far East, USA & Canada 6d rate to Africa Four EC Branch Offices: 3d or 6d for Europe and the Far East
POST CARDS	1d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1½d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d. at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below		2d rate to Europe and North Africa at Holborn and Victoria 6d rate (1/6 if registered) to Southern Europe and North Africa on Sundays at Victoria 1/- rate to USA etc, NZ, S.Africa & S.America via Southampton at Waterloo 1/- rate to USA etc via Liverpool at Euston
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 3d (3½d on Sunday) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 3d or 6d or 9d or 1/6 Head District Offices and Branch Offices 3d or 6d or 9d TPO's 1/6	Registration fee of 3d and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand 3d or 4d or 6d or 9d the 4½d rate to Middle & Far East Head District Offices 3d or 6d Telegraph Office Bath St 3d TPO's at Victoria and Holborn 1/6
NEWSPAPERS	1d for newspapers and ½d rate for printed matter posted before 4.30pm	½d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	No separate late fee service
1925	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE

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LETTERS	1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1½d, 2½d, 3½d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d, includes Mesopotamia	St.Martins le Grand:- Europe 1d (2d on Sundays) Middle and Far East 2d or 4d Rest of the World 2d Head District and Branch Offices:- Europe 1d Rest of the World 2d
POST CARDS	1d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1½d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below		2d rate to Europe and North Africa at Holborn and Victoria. Most stations have 2d on Sundays to Europe 6d rate to Southern Europe and North Africa on Sundays at Victoria 6d rate to USA etc NZ, S.Africa & S.America via Southampton at Waterloo 6d rate to USA etc via Liverpool at Euston
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 3d (3½d on Sunday) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 3d or 6d or 9d or 1/6 Head District Offices and Branch Offices 3d or 6d or 9d TPO's 1/6	Registration fee of 3d and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand 2d or 4d or 8d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d TPO's at Victoria and Holborn 1/6
NEWSPAPERS	1d for newspapers and ½d rate for printed matter posted before 4.30pm	½d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand.	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	No separate late fee service

1926 to 1929	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1½d, 2½d, 3½d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d, includes Mesopotamia	St.Martins le Grand:- Europe 1d (2d on Sundays) Middle and Far East 2d or 4d Rest of the World 2d Head District and Branch Offices:- Europe 1d Rest of the World 2d
POST CARDS	1d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1½d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below		2d rate to Europe and North Africa at Holborn (1926 and 1927 only) Liverpool St and Victoria. Most stations have 2d on Sundays to Europe 6d rate to Southern Europe and North Africa on Sundays at Victoria 6d rate to USA etc, NZ, S.Africa & S.America via Southampton at Waterloo 6d rate to USA etc via Liverpool at Euston
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 3d(3½d on Sunday) fee and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 3d or 6d or 9d or 1/6. Head District Offices and Branch Offices 3d or 6d or 9d TPO's 1/6	Registration fee of 3d and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand 2d or 4d or 8d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d TPO's at Victoria and Holborn 1/6
NEWSPAPERS	1d for newspapers and ½d rate for printed matter posted before 4.30pm	½d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand.	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	No separate late fee service

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1930	INLAND POSTAGE	INLAND LATE FEE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL POSTAGE	FOREIGN & COLONIAL LATE FEE
LETTERS	1½d, 2d, 2½d, 3d	½d at all offices for Inland mail	Colonial mail 1½d, 2½d, 3½d, this category also includes British Agencies in China, Morocco and Indian Agencies in Tibet. Also Afghanistan – as far as the frontier with India. Hawaii and the USA. French India. Rest of the World 2½d, 4d, 5½d, includes Mesopotamia.	St Martins le Grand:- Europe 1d (2d on Sundays) Middle and Far East 2d or 4d Rest of the World 2d Head District and Branch Offices:- Europe 1d Rest of the World 2d
POST CARDS	1d rate	Post cards treated as letters	All UPU members 1½d	Post cards treated as letters
RAILWAY LATE FEE		½d at all eleven Station offices and TPO's for Inland Mail See registered below		2d rate to Europe and North Africa at Holborn, Liverpool St and Victoria. Most stations have 2d on Sundays to Europe 6d rate to Southern Europe and North Africa on Sundays at Victoria 6d rate New Zealand, South Africa, USA & S.America via Southampton at Waterloo
REGISTERED	Registration fee of 3d and postage prepaid in stamps.	St Martins le Grand and Euston Station 3d or 6d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 3d	Registration fee of 3d and postage prepaid in stamps	St Martins le Grand 2d or 4d or 8d Head District Offices and Branch Offices 2d or 4d TPO's at Victoria and Holborn 1/6
NEWSPAPERS	1d for newspapers and ½d rate for printed matter posted before 4.30pm	½d or ½d in cash if handed in over the counter at St Martins le Grand.	½d or 1d or 1½d or 2d for the first weight increment	No separate late fee service