

THE FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POST WARRANT, 1898.
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We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by the Post Office Acts, or any of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, order, direct and declare as follows :—

Rates of Postage.

1. (1.) There shall be charged and paid on every British letter the following rates, that is to say :—

British
Letters.

On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, one penny.

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight for every half ounce or fractional part of half an ounce, one penny.

(2.) A British letter means and includes—

(a) An outgoing letter posted in the United Kingdom for transmission to any country or place specified in the 2nd Schedule hereto, or to any of Her Majesty's ships of war, whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the United Kingdom.

(b) A letter sent from any of Her Majesty's ships of war, whether on the high seas or in any port or place outside the United Kingdom, to any place in the United Kingdom, or to any country or place specified in the 2nd Schedule hereto.

(c) A letter deposited in a letter box on board a British ship, or in the hands of the commander of such ship, when on the high seas or in a port in any country or place specified in the 2nd Schedule hereto, for transmission to the United Kingdom or to any country or place specified in the said 2nd Schedule.

(3.) The rates fixed by this clause in relation to letters to and from Her Majesty's ships of war shall apply only to letters transmitted in closed mails to or from such ships.

Other letters. 2. There shall be charged and paid on every outgoing letter other than a British letter the following rates of postage, that is to say :—

On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, twopence half-penny.

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight for every half ounce or fractional part of half an ounce, twopence half-penny.

Postcards and reply post-cards. 3. There shall be charged and paid—

(1.) On every outgoing postcard (other than a reply postcard) the rate of postage of one penny.

(2.) On every outgoing reply postcard the rate of postage of twopence.

Open packets. 4. There shall be charged and paid on every outgoing open packet the following rates of postage, that is to say :—

For every two ounces, or fractional part of two ounces, one halfpenny.

Provided that—

(a) the minimum rate of postage on a commercial packet shall be twopence halfpenny ; and

(b) the minimum rate of postage on a sample packet shall be one penny.

General Conditions.

Prohibitions. 5. There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any postal packet—

Obscene prints, &c. (1.) Consisting of or containing any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, lithograph, engraving, book, or card, or any indecent or obscene article, whether similar to the above or not, or

(2.) Having thereon or on the cover thereof any words, marks or designs of an indecent, obscene, or grossly offensive character, or

Explosives and dangerous or noxious articles. (3.) Consisting of or containing—

(a) any explosive substance,

(b) any dangerous substance,

(c) any filth,

(d) any noxious or deleterious substance,

(e) any sharp instrument not properly protected,

(f) except with the special permission of the Postmaster-General, any living creature,

(g) any article or thing whatsoever which is likely to injure other postal packets in course of conveyance or any receptacle in which the same are conveyed or an officer of the post office or other person who may deal with such packet, or

- (4.) Containing—
 - (a) any article liable to Customs duty,
 - (b) any article which by the laws of the country or place in which the packet is posted or to which the packet is addressed it is unlawful to send by post ; or
- (5.) Containing or bearing any fictitious postage stamp ; or
- (6.) Purporting to be prepaid with any stamp which has been previously used to prepay any other postal packet or any other Revenue duty or tax, or
- (7.) Having thereon or on the cover thereof any words, letters, or marks (used without due authority) which signify or imply, or may reasonably lead the recipient thereof to believe, that the postal packet is sent on Her Majesty's service ; or
- (8.) Having thereon or on the cover thereof any words, marks, or designs of a character, likely, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with the packet in the post, or
- (9.) Having anything written, printed, or otherwise impressed upon or attached to any part of that side of a postal packet which contains the address at which the packet is to be delivered which, either by tending to prevent the easy and quick reading of the address of the packet, or by inconvenient proximity to the stamp or stamps used in the payment of postage, or in any other way, is in itself, or in the manner in which it is written, printed, impressed, or attached, likely, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, to embarrass the officers of the Post Office in dealing with such postal packet, or
- (10.) Having anything written, printed, or otherwise impressed across the postage stamp thereon.

Contraband.

Fictitious or used stamps.

Unauthorised marks, designs, &c.

Any such postal packet if posted or tendered for conveyance by post may be detained and either returned or given up to the sender thereof or dealt with or disposed of in such other manner as may be authorised by the Postmaster-General.

6.—(1.) Every postal packet must be made up and secured in such manner as in the opinion of the Postmaster-General is calculated to prevent injury to other postal packets in course of conveyance, or to any receptacle in which the same are conveyed, or to an officer of the Post Office or other person who may deal with such packet, and where the Postmaster-General has made any special rules in relation to the packing of any particular packet or article, such rules shall be observed.

Packing.

(2.) If any postal packet be posted otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of this clause it shall be detained and returned or given up to the sender.

Packets not to contain others addressed to different persons at different addresses.

7.—(1.) There shall not be posted, or conveyed, or delivered by post any postal packet consisting of or containing two or more postal packets (of the same or of different descriptions) addressed to different persons at different addresses.

(2.) If any such postal packet be posted, or tendered for conveyance by post, each postal packet contained therein may be forwarded to the addressee thereof charged with a distinct rate of postage according to the prepaid rates fixed by this Warrant.

Maximum weight and dimensions.

8. Except with the special permission of the Postmaster-General no postal packet shall be forwarded or delivered by post which exceeds the following respective weights and dimensions, that is to say :—

(a.) In the case of a letter,

Two feet in length, or one foot in breadth or depth.

(b.) In the case of a commercial or printed packet,

(1) four pounds in weight,

(2) two feet in length, or one foot in breadth or depth, or if the packet be made up in the form of a roll, thirty inches in length or four inches in diameter.

(c.) In the case of a sample packet,

(1) twelve ounces in weight,

(2) twelve inches in length, eight inches in breadth, or four inches in depth, or, if the packet be made up in the form of a roll, twelve inches in length or six inches in diameter.

Commercial and printed packet.

Sample packet

Prepayment.

9. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant the postage payable on every postal packet must be prepaid.

Mode of prepayment.

10. (1) The postage payable on any postal packet may be prepaid by adhesive postage stamps or, except in the case of a postcard, by the use of a stamped envelope or cover.

(2.) Commemorative postage stamps of temporary validity in the United Kingdom shall not be used in payment of postage on an outgoing postal packet.

(3.) Any such stamp on an incoming postal packet shall not be accepted in payment of postage.

Position of stamp.

11. Where postage is prepaid either by adhesive postage stamps or by the use of a stamped envelope or cover such postage stamps and any embossed stamp upon such envelope or cover shall be in such position as the Postmaster-General may deem convenient, having regard to the obliteration of such stamp, and generally to the mode of dealing with such letter, book packet, newspaper or parcel in the post.

Letters not fully paid.

12. Any letter upon which no part, or a part only, of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall be charged with double the amount of the deficient postage, provided that such charge shall not exceed 2*d.* per half oz. in the case of incoming letters from the countries and places mentioned in the 2nd Schedule hereto, or 5*d.* per half oz. in the case of all other incoming letters.

Postcards and reply postcards partly paid.

13.—(1.) A postcard upon which no part or a part only of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall be charged with double the amount of the deficient postage, provided that such charge shall not exceed the sum of 2*d.* in the case of each single card or in the case of each half of a reply card.

(2.) Where a postcard is posted in a country other than that in which such postcard is issued, any impressed stamp upon such postcard shall not be accepted in payment or part payment of postage either in the country in which the postcard is posted or in that to which it is addressed.

Postcards not posted in country of issue.

Provided that this provision does not apply to the reply-half of a reply postcard re-transmitted to the country in which the card was originally posted.

14.—(1.) Any outgoing open packet upon which no part of the postage payable thereon is prepaid shall be detained and returned, or given up to the sender; but if a part of the postage payable on such packet be prepaid the packet shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage.

Outgoing open packets not paid.

(2.) Any incoming open packet upon which no part of the postage payable thereon is prepaid, shall be detained and returned to the country of origin; but, if a part of the postage payable on such packet be prepaid, the packet shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage; provided that in the case of a packet of commercial papers such charge shall not exceed 5*d.* up to a weight of 10 ozs., and 1*d.* for every 2 ozs. in excess of that weight; that in the case of a packet of printed papers such charge shall not exceed 1*d.* for every 2 ozs., and that in the case of a packet of samples such charge shall not exceed 2*d.* up to a weight of 4 ozs., and 1*d.* for every 2 ozs. in excess of that weight.

Incoming open packets not paid.

Special Conditions as to Postcards.

15.—(1.) No writing except the address and the sender's name and address, the words "Postcard" or "Carte Postale" and any postal directions recognised by the Postal Union Convention, and no printing except that of any of the matters aforesaid, and of engravings and advertisements shall appear on the side of a postcard which bears the impressed stamp.

Address only to be written on stamped side of card.

(2.) Nothing whatever shall be in any manner attached to a postcard except—

Nothing to be attached to card.

(a) a postage stamp or stamps in payment of any deficient postage or additional sum payable for registration or for acknowledgment of delivery or for express delivery; and on the side of the card which bears the impressed stamp.

(b) a gummed label, not exceeding two inches in length by three-quarters of an inch in breadth, and bearing the address at which the card is to be delivered.

(3.) For the purposes of a reply, the reply half of a reply postcard shall be severed from the other half, but subject to this provision no postcard shall be cut or folded or otherwise altered.

(4.) If any postcard is sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of this clause, it shall be dealt with and charged as a letter.

Disposal of cards not in conformity with Warrant.

Special Conditions as to Open Packets.

Conditions of
posting.

16.—(1.) Every open packet shall be subject to examination in the post, and no open packet shall contain anything sealed or otherwise closed against inspection.

(2.) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, no open packet shall contain or bear anything of the nature of an actual and personal correspondence.

Special Conditions as to Commercial and Printed Packets.

Mode of
posting and
contents.

17.—(1.) Every commercial or printed packet shall be posted either without a cover or in an unfastened envelope, or in a cover open at both ends, and in every case such band, envelope, or cover shall be easily removable for the purpose of examination, without breaking any seal or tearing any paper or separating any adhering surfaces.

(2.) No commercial or printed packet shall contain postage stamps whether obliterated or not, or any printed article constituting the sign of a monetary value.

(3.) No printed packet shall contain printed papers of which the text has been modified after printing, either by hand or by means of a mechanical process, or bears any marks whatever of such a kind as to constitute a conventional language ;

Provided that by way of exception to this regulation the following rules shall obtain, that is to say :—

- (a.) There may be indicated on the outside of the missive, the name, commercial standing, and address of the sender ;
- (b.) There may be added in manuscript, on printed visiting cards, the address of the sender, his title, and any expressions of good wishes, congratulations, thanks, condolences, or other formulas of courtesy expressed in not more than five words, or by means of conventional initials ;
- (c.) There may be added on Christmas and New Year's Cards the names of the sender and recipient, with words of goodwill.
- (d.) There may be indicated or altered in a printed paper, in manuscript or by a mechanical process, the date of despatch, the signature, and the commercial standing or profession, as well as the address of the sender ;
- (e.) In printer's proofs, alterations and additions, and instructions as to printing, may be made in writing ; and in case of want of space such additions may be made on separate sheets ;
- (f.) Errors in printing in printed documents other than proofs may be corrected ;
- (g.) Erasures of certain parts of a printed text may be made in order to render them illegible ;
- (h.) Passages of the text to which it is desired to draw attention may be made prominent by means of marks ;

- (i.) In prices current, tenders for advertisements, stock and share lists, prospectuses and trade circulars, insertions or corrections of figures, of the name of a traveller, and of the place and date of his visit, may be made in manuscript, or by a mechanical process ;
- (j.) In advices of the departures of ships, the dates of those departures may be indicated in manuscript ;
- (k.) In cards of invitation and notices of meetings the name of the person invited, the date, the object, and the place of the gathering may be indicated in manuscript ;
- (l.) In books or on sheets of music, newspapers, photographs, and engravings, a dedication may be added, and the invoice relating to any such work may be enclosed in the same packet ;
- (m.) In cuttings from newspapers and periodical publications, the title, date, number and address of the publication from which the article is extracted, may be added in manuscript or by a mechanical process.
- (n.) In requisitions sent to book shops (printed and open, and intended as orders for books, newspapers, engravings, or pieces of music) and in subscriptions to libraries there may be indicated on the back, in manuscript, the works required or offered, and the whole or part of the printed communications may be erased or underlined on the front ;
- (o.) Fashion plates, maps, and similar sheets may be painted.

(4.) Where printed packets contain reproductions of type-written documents produced by chromography, polygraphy, hectography, papyrography, velocigraphy, or any other similar process, such packets must be posted by being handed in at a post office prescribed by the Postmaster-General for the purpose, and such documents shall number at least 20 copies, all which copies must be precisely identical.

(5.) If any packet of commercial papers or printed papers be posted otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of this clause, it shall be detained and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

Special Conditions as to Sample Packets.

18.—(1.) No sample packet shall contain any article of any intrinsic value or of a saleable nature or having a value of its own apart from its use as a pattern or sample. Mode of posting and contents.

(2.) Patterns or samples shall, when practicable, be placed in covers open at both ends and so that the same may be easily removed for the purpose of examination. Nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, or other articles which cannot be placed in open covers, may be enclosed in boxes or in bags of linen or other material, fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened so as to enable the officers of the post office to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

(3.) There shall be no writing in or upon any sample packet, or in or upon the cover thereof, except the name, address, and trade or profession of the person for whom it is intended, the name of the sender or that of his firm, a manufacturer's or trade mark and numbers, prices, and particulars relative to the weight, size, and quantity of the article to be disposed of or necessary to determine its origin and nature.

(4.) If any sample packet be posted otherwise than in conformity with the provisions of this clause, it shall be detained and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

Re-direction.

Conditions of
Re-direction.

19.—(1.) Any postal packet may be re-directed from its original address, or any substituted address, to the same addressee at any other address.

(2.) Every postal packet, when re-directed, shall be chargeable with the postage which would have been payable upon the said packet, if originally addressed to the new destination.

(3.) Except where such packet was unpaid or insufficiently prepaid on its first transmission, credit shall be given on every subsequent transmission for the amount prepaid on the first transmission of such packet.

(4.) A packet shall only be considered to be re-directed under this Warrant, provided that it is re-directed on the day of its delivery at the address from which it is re-directed, or on the day next following; and in calculating the period within which a packet may be re-directed, the following days shall not be computed, that is to say:—

- (a) In England and Ireland, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, or Bank Holiday;
- (b) In Scotland, a Sunday, Bank Holiday, or Sacramental Fast Day of the Church of Scotland.

(5.) Where a postal packet cannot be delivered, and the sender's address is not situated in the same country as that in which the letter was posted, such letter, when returned to the sender, shall be treated as a re-directed packet.

Return of Undeliverable Halfpenny Packets.

Charge on
return of
outgoing
halfpenny
printed
packets.

20. With regard to any outgoing printed packet chargeable by law with a postage not exceeding one halfpenny, which is returned to a British post office by the post office of the country or place of address as being from whatever cause undeliverable, the following provisions shall apply (that is to say):—

(1.) Where a request for the return of such packet to the sender thereof, or some person designated by him, appears on the outside of such packet (which request is hereby authorised

notwithstanding anything in any other Warrant contained) such packet shall be charged with a new and distinct rate of postage equal in amount to the prepaid rate of postage originally chargeable upon the packet, and such rate of postage shall be payable by the sender of such packet, and the packet shall, upon payment of such rate of postage, and any other charges to which it has become liable, be returned to the sender thereof or to the person so designated by him as aforesaid.

(2.) Where no such request as aforesaid appears upon the packet, but where from any cause the Postmaster-General deems it expedient so to do, he may tender such packet to the sender thereof charged with a new and distinct rate of postage equal in amount to the prepaid rate of postage originally chargeable upon the packet and the packet shall, upon payment of such rate of postage and any other charges to which it has become liable, be returned to the sender thereof.

(3.) Where no such request as aforesaid appears upon the packet, or where upon the tender of the packet to the sender thereof he refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the packet has become liable by law, the packet may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may in his discretion direct or authorize.

Express Delivery.

21. Upon every outgoing postal packet marked with the words "Express delivery," or with such other words as may indicate the desire of the sender that the postal packet may be delivered by special messenger (which words are herein-after referred to as an "express marking,") there shall be charged and prepaid the fee of threepence.

Express delivery fee on outgoing packets.

22. Any incoming postal packet marked with an express marking shall, in the United Kingdom, be conveyed and delivered by special messenger, subject to the regulations and conditions for the time being in force with respect to the express delivery of inland postal packets in the United Kingdom.

Delivery of incoming packets by special messenger.

Registration.

23.—(1.) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant any outgoing postal packet may be registered.

Outgoing packets may be registered.

(2.) This regulation shall not apply to any packet addressed to initials or in pencil.

24. The following rules shall apply to the registration of postal packets :—

Rules as to registration.

(1.) The packet must be posted by—

(a) delivery for registration at a post office to an officer on duty at such office ; or

(b) delivery for registration to a rural post messenger when on duty on his outward or inward walk, or to some other officer of the post office authorised to receive packets for registration though not on duty at a post office.

(2.) All sums chargeable on the registration of the packet and all postage chargeable thereon must be prepaid at the time of posting.

(3.) On delivery of the packet for registration a certificate of posting, bearing thereon an acknowledgment that the registration fee has been paid, shall be obtained. This certificate must be filled up and signed by the officer of the post office receiving the packet.

Registration fees.

25. For the registration of outgoing postal packets there shall be charged and paid the following sums, that is to say :—

(1.) When the packet is registered by delivery to an officer of the post office authorised to receive the same, though not on duty at a post office, or when the packet is registered at a post office before the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such post office (without extra fee) of postal packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch therefrom, the sum of twopence (herein-after called the "ordinary registration fee").

(2) When the packet is registered at a post office after the expiration of the time appointed for the registration at such post office (without extra fee) of postal packets intended to be forwarded by the next despatch therefrom, but within such further time (if any) as the Postmaster-General may from time to time provide with reference to such office, such extra sum in addition to the ordinary registration fee as the Postmaster-General may prescribe. Provided that—

- (a) in the case of the chief or head post office in London, such sum shall not exceed one shilling, and
- (b) in the case of any other post office such sum shall not exceed fourpence.

Acknowledgment of delivery.

26. The sender of any outgoing registered postal packet may obtain an acknowledgment of the delivery thereof to the addressee by payment of a sum of twopence halfpenny, in addition to any postage or other sum chargeable or payable in respect thereof. Provided that this regulation shall not apply to a postal packet addressed to a country or place which does not for the time being undertake to obtain or give acknowledgments of delivery.

Compulsory Registration.

27.—(1.) Subject to the provisions of this Warrant every outgoing postal packet marked with the word "registered," or otherwise obviously intended to be registered, but not posted in the manner prescribed by this Warrant :—

- (a.) If the registration fee thereon has been prepaid, shall be registered before the same is forwarded, and may be detained for that purpose until the ordinary despatch of packets next after that by which such packet would otherwise be forwarded, and,
- (b.) If the registration fee has not been prepaid, shall be forwarded as an ordinary postal packet,

(2.) Every outgoing postal packet which contains coin, jewellery, or watches, and which is addressed to a country to which such articles are transmissible by post, shall be registered, and, if posted without registration, shall be returned to the sender.

(3.) Every incoming postal packet which contains coin, jewellery, or watches, and which is not registered, shall be treated in accordance with the rules for the time being in force with respect to a similar inland postal packet in the United Kingdom.

28. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant,—

(a) if any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet other than an insured letter, be lost whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person or persons who may in the opinion of the Postmaster-General establish a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances) such sum not exceeding 2*l.* as he may think just ;

(b) if any registered postal packet other than an insured letter be lost whilst in the post, the Postmaster-General may pay to the sender, or at his request, to the addressee, of such packet a sum not exceeding 2*l.* Provided that compensation shall not be payable in respect of the same packet under both clauses of this Article.

Compensation for loss.

Insurance.

29.—(1.) Any registered letter addressed to a country or place with which the Postmaster-General has for the time being an agreement for the exchange of insured registered letters may be insured—

(2.) If an insured letter or any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of an insured letter, be lost or damaged whilst in the course of conveyance by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person, or to the postal administration of any British possession or foreign country, if, in his opinion, such person or administration establishes a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard in the case of a lost or damaged article to the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances), such sum as he may think just :

Compensation for loss of insured letters.

Provided that—

(a.) In the case of an outgoing insured letter where, in addition to the postage payable in respect of such letter, a compensation fee (which fee shall be deemed to include a registration fee), of the amount specified in the first column of the Third Schedule hereto (and no more) is paid in respect of such letter, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum specified in the second column of the said Schedule.

(b.) In the case of an incoming insured letter the sum paid by way of compensation shall be such a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds, as having regard to the amount of the compensation fee in addition to the postage paid in respect of such letter, may be from time to time fixed by agreement between the Postmaster-General and the British possession or foreign country from which the letter is transmitted.

30. The following regulations shall apply to insured letters :—

- (1.) The letter shall be packed and sealed in such manner as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe, and shall not be addressed to initials or in pencil.
- (2.) The cover of the letter shall bear an entry of the sum for which it or its contents are to be insured, which sum must not exceed the real value of the letter or its contents.
- (3.) The letter shall not, without the express permission of the Postmaster-General, contain coin, any article made of gold or silver, precious stones, jewellery, or anything liable to Customs duty in the country to which the letter is addressed.
- (4.) The letter shall be posted by delivery at a post office to an officer on duty at such office.
- (5.) All postage chargeable on the letter must be prepaid at the time of posting, and a certificate of posting shall be obtained.
- (6.) If an insured letter is re-directed to or from a country or place out of the United Kingdom a fresh compensation fee is payable, provided that no insured letters shall be re-directed to a country or place with which the Postmaster-General has not for the time being an agreement for the exchange of insured letters.

Postal Packets on British Ships.

31. The following provisions shall apply to postal packets deposited in a letter box on board a British ship or in the hands of the commander of such ship (not being letters to which the first clause of this Warrant applies) that is to say :—

On high seas.

(1.) If such packet is deposited when the ship is on the high seas, such packet shall, with reference to the several rates of postage and to the other provisions of this Warrant (so far as such provisions are applicable), be treated as an outgoing postal packet of the same description.

In Port.

(2.) If such packet is deposited when the ship is in a foreign or colonial port, such packet shall, with reference to the several rates of postage and to the other provisions of this Warrant (so far as such provisions are applicable), be treated as an incoming postal packet of the same description.

Miscellaneous.

32. Where the despatch or delivery from a post office of letters would be delayed by the despatch or delivery therefrom at the same time of postal packets of any other description, such packets or any of them may be detained in the post office until the despatch or delivery next following that by which they would ordinarily be despatched or delivered.

Other postal packets not to interfere with letter post.

33. The Postmaster-General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss or damage of registered postal packets and of articles enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, but nothing contained in or done under or in pursuance of this Warrant shall render him liable either personally, or in his official capacity, to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of or in consequence of any such loss. And the decision of the Postmaster-General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss or damage of a registered postal packet or of any article enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet shall be final and conclusive.

Compensation may be paid out of aids provided by Parliament.

34. The Postmaster-General may in any case in which he may consider it just or reasonable so to do remit any postage or any sum made payable under this Warrant.

Remission of postage.

Supplementary.

35. In this Warrant—

(1.) The expression "letter" includes any communication in the nature of a letter.

Definitions.
"Letter."

(2.) The expression "postcard" means a card recognised as a postcard in accordance with the terms of the Postal Union Convention, and (except where otherwise expressed) includes a "reply postcard."

"Postcard."

(3.) The expression "reply postcard" means a postcard in two parts, one of which (herein-after called "the reply half") may without further payment be again transmitted through the post.

"Reply post-card."

(4.) The expression "commercial packet" means a packet of papers or documents (whether printed or written) not containing anything having the character of actual and personal correspondence except so far as may be expressly allowed by this Warrant, and includes anything which may be contained in a printed packet.

"Commercial packet."

(5.) The expression "printed packet" means a packet containing one or more of the following articles or documents, that is to say:—

"Printed packet."

(a.) Newspapers, printed books, periodicals, literary works, and pamphlets, either stitched or bound.

- (b.) Sheets of music, visiting cards, address cards, proofs of printing, either with or without the manuscript thereof, papers impressed with points in relief for the use of the blind.
- (c.) Prospectuses, announcements, and notices, whether printed, engraved, lithographed, or autographed.
- (d.) Pictures and drawings produced by means of a mechanical process.
- (e.) Engravings, photographs when not on glass or in frames containing glass, plans, maps, and catalogues; and
- (f.) In general all impressions or copies upon paper, parchment, or cardboard obtained by means of printing, lithography, autography, or any other mechanical process (except the copying press and the type writer) employed for the purpose of printing and easy to recognise.
- (g.) Anything, not being of glass, usually attached or appurtenant to any of the before-mentioned articles in the way of binding, mounting, covering or otherwise, and anything necessary or convenient for their safe transmission by post which shall be contained in the same packet.

“Sample packet.”

(6.) The expression “sample packet” means any packet consisting of trade patterns or samples of merchandise.

“Open packet.”

(7.) The expression “open packet” means and includes a commercial packet, a printed packet, and a sample packet.

“Postal packet.”

(8.) The expression “postal packet” means and includes (except where otherwise expressed) a letter, postcard, and open packet.

“Inland.”

(9.) The expression “inland,” when used in relation to any postal packet or any description thereof, means posted within and addressed to the same country or place.

“United Kingdom.”

(10.) The expression “United Kingdom” includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

“British Post Office abroad.”

(11.) The expression “British post office abroad” means a British post office which, though situated out of the United Kingdom, is directly under the management and control of the Postmaster-General.

“British Post Office.”

(12.) The expression “British post office” means and includes any post office in the United Kingdom, and any British post office abroad.

“Outgoing.”

(13.) The expression “outgoing” applied to a postal packet of any description means posted at a British post office for transmission to some country or place other than that in which such post office is situate.

“Incoming.”

(14.) The expression “incoming” applied to a postal packet of any description means received at a British post office through the post from some country or place other than that in which such post office is situate.

(15.) The expression "fictitious postage stamp" means any facsimile or imitation or representation of any stamp for denoting any rate or duty of postage, whether of the British Islands or of any of Her Majesty's colonies or possessions, or of any foreign country.

"Fictitious Postage Stamp."

36. The provisions of this Warrant shall, except where otherwise expressed, be deemed to apply exclusively to postal packets transmitted by post in either direction between a British post office and some country or place other than that in which such post office is situate.

Application of Warrant.

37. The Warrants made by the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General and mentioned in the first schedule to this Warrant shall be repealed, revoked, and annulled on and as from the day upon which this Warrant comes into operation.

Repeals.

Provided that—

(1.) Where any provision of any Warrant not comprised in the said schedule has been repealed by any Warrant hereby repealed, such repeal shall not be affected by the repeal effected by this Warrant.

(2.) The repeal by this Warrant of any Warrant shall not affect—

(a) anything done or suffered before this Warrant comes into operation; or

(b) any legal proceeding commenced before this Warrant comes into operation in pursuance of any Warrant hereby repealed. And any such legal proceeding may be carried on and completed as if this Warrant had not been made.

38. The schedules to this Warrant shall be deemed part of this Warrant.

39. This Warrant may be cited as "The Foreign and Colonial Post Warrant, 1898."

Short Title.

40. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Commencement of Warrant.

Dated this 27th day of December, 1898.

Date.

Stanley,

W. H. Fisher,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

Norfolk,

Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

WARRANTS REPEALED.

Short Title.	Date.
Foreign and Colonial Post Warrant, 1892	°1892, June 30.
Foreign and Colonial Post Warrant, 1892, Amendment Warrant (No. 1)	†1893, July 3.
Foreign and Colonial Post (Amendment No. 2) Warrant, 1895	‡1895, May 6.
Foreign and Colonial Post Amendment (No. 3) Warrant, 1898	§1898, December 22.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.§§

Aden.	Dominica.
Ascension.	Montserrat and the
Bahamas.	Virgin Islands.
Barbados.	Malay States (Federated) viz. :—
Bermuda.	Perak.
British Central Africa.	Selangor.
British East Africa.	Negri-Sembilan, and
British Guiana.	Pahang.
British Honduras.	Natal.
Canada.	Newfoundland.
Ceylon.	Niger Coast Protectorate.
Cyprus.	Niger Territory.
Falkland Islands.	St. Helena.
Fiji Islands.	Sarawak.
Gambia.	Seychelles.
Gibraltar.	Sierra Leone.
Gold Coast Colony.	Straits Settlements.
Hong Kong.	Trinidad and Tobago.
India (British).	Turk's and Caicos Islands.
Johore.	Uganda.
Lagos.	Windward Islands, viz. :—
Leeward Islands, viz. :—	Grenada.
Antigua.	St. Lucia and
St. Kitts'.	St. Vincent.
Nevis.	

THE THIRD SCHEDULE.

Compensation Fee.	Maximum Compensation.
<i>s. d.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
0 5	12 0 0
0 7½	24 0 0
0 10	36 0 0
1 0½	48 0 0
1 3	60 0 0
1 5½	72 0 0
1 8	84 0 0
1 10½	96 0 0
2 1	108 0 0
2 3½	120 0 0

* Printed in Statutory Rules and Orders, 1892, pp. 714 to 730.

† Printed in Statutory Rules and Orders, 1893, p. 471.

‡ Printed in Statutory Rules and Orders, 1895, p. 610.

§ Statutory Rules and Orders, 1898, No. 1113.

§§ By Statutory Rules and Orders, 1899, No. 17, Zanzibar was added to this Schedule, and by No. 176 Malta was similarly added.