



# NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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By His Excellency's Command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR, Colonial Secretary.

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Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,  
18th October, 1855.

WITH reference to the notice and accompanying Proclamation published in the Government Gazette of the 18th July, instant, by which the Governor has been pleased to direct the re-publication of that notice with the following Proclamation issued at Wellington by His Excellency Sir George Grey, on the 18th December, 1852, which Proclamation has been, and is now, in force throughout the Colony.

By His Excellency's command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,  
13th July, 1855.

HIS Excellency the Officer administering the Government has been pleased to direct the republication of the following Proclamation, dated 18th December 1852, altering the rates of Postage payable in New Zealand for the transmission, receipt, or delivery of Letters.

His Excellency further directs it to be notified that the Postage Stamps referred to in the paragraph headed "Letters and Packets" of that Proclamation have been received, and are issuable by Post Masters to the Public at the respective fixed values of such Stamps, viz.:—one penny, two pence, and one shilling per stamp.

Post Masters are directed, on the receipt of stamped Letters or Packets in each Post Office to cancel the Stamps on such Letters or Packets previously to their despatch,

Persons are particularly requested to ascertain the exact weight of their Letters and Packets before posting them, in order to enable them (the senders) to affix the correct Stamps upon each Letter or Packet.

The Stamps to be affixed on the outside of all Letters or Packets above the address written on them.

By His Excellency's command  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

## PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir GEORGE GREY, a Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Islands of New Zealand, and Governor of the Provinces of New Ulster and New Munster, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

WHEREAS, by an Ordinance passed by the Governor-in-Chief of the Islands of New Zealand, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, intitled, "An Ordinance for regulating the Conveyance and Postage of Letters," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Chief, from time to time, by Proclamation to be published in the *Government Gazette*, to make and establish all such Rules and Regulations as to him may seem expedient, for promoting the safe and expeditious conveyance and delivery of all Mails, Letters, News-papers, and other papers,

And whereas, with a view to the establishment of uniform postal arrangements throughout the whole of the British Colonies and Possessions with respect to Printed Books, Magazines, Reviews, and Pamphlets; certain postage regulations for the said Islands of New Zealand were, by a Proclamation dated the 19th day of September, 1851, made and established:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the same with respect to certain particulars thereof:

Now, therefore, I, the Governor-in-Chief, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested by the said in part recited Ordinance, and under and by virtue of all other powers and authorities enabling me in that behalf, do hereby revoke the aforesaid Proclamation of the 19th day of September, 1851, except so much thereof as revokes a certain Proclamation therein recited, and bearing date the 31st day of December, 1850, and all regulations and rates established thereby.

And I do further proclaim and declare that, from and after the first day of January, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, the following Regulations in lieu thereof, for the conveyance and postage of letters, shall be in operation throughout the said Islands of New Zealand:—

#### LETTERS AND PACKETS.

A colonial rate of postage shall be charged and paid on all letters passing through any Post Office in the colony of New Zealand, or transmitted by post therein, by weight according to the following rate (that is to say):—

On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight—two pence.

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight—then the sum of two pence for every half ounce or fractional part of half an ounce, according to the weight of such letter.

The postage on all letters, packets, and papers, despatched from New Zealand to places beyond the seas, shall be paid in this colony.

All letters and papers having a postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, or enclosed in covers having a postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, of such form as may be prescribed by the local Government, which shall not have been used before, and which shall be of the value or amount of the postage to which such letters or papers would be respectively liable, according to the scale hereinbefore provided, shall pass by the post free of postage.

On all letters sent by post on being re-directed and again forwarded by the post, there shall be charged and paid a new and distinct rate of postage for the re-direction, in addition to all other rates of postage payable thereon, according to the scale and rate of postage hereinbefore mentioned.

No letter or packet exceeding sixteen ounces in weight shall be forwarded by the post, except letters to and from places beyond the seas, and letters to and from the Governor, letters on the public service, or to and from any of

the Government offices or departments, and except also printed books, magazines, reviews, and pamphlets.

#### PRINTED BOOKS.

Printed books, magazines, reviews, or pamphlets (whether British, Colonial, or Foreign) shall be permitted to be sent through the several Post offices to the United Kingdom at the following rates of postage—

For a single volume or packet, not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. in weight	0	0	6
For a single volume or packet exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. and not exceeding 1 lb. ....	0	1	0
For a single volume or packet, exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs. ....	0	2	0
For a single volume or packet, exceeding 2 lbs., and not exceeding 3 lbs. ....	0	3	0

And so on increasing 1s. for every additional pound or fraction of a pound.

The charge shall be the same whether the books, &c., be posted or delivered at the port, or whether they be posted or delivered at any place in the interior of the colony.

To prevent the inconvenience which might ensue from a large arrival of books, &c., by the same mail, the Colonial Postmasters are hereby authorised, in cases of necessity, to delay the despatch of such books to or from the interior, until the despatch of the mail next after that by which they would in the usual course be sent, or, at their option, for a period not exceeding one week.

No such book or packet shall be sent by any route which would entail an expense of transit postage on the department.

One-third of the total charge will be considered as paid for the British Inland Rate, one third for the Sea Rate, and the remaining third for the Colonial Inland Rate.

Printed Books, &c., sent through the Post, under the Regulations here proposed, shall be subject in all respects to the same restrictions as are hereinafter made with respect to Newspapers.

#### NEWSPAPERS.

Printed Newspapers shall be conveyed by the Post free of Postage, provided they be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the sides, and there be no writing thereon, or upon the cover of the same, except the name and address of the person to whom sent, and that no paper or thing be enclosed in or with any such paper. And every paper or packet which shall be contrary in any respect to the conditions hereby required to be observed, shall be charged with the duty of Postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

Printed Prices Current and Commercial Lists, not exceeding two ounces in weight, shall be forwarded through the Post under the same regulations and privileges as Newspapers.

## ARMY AND NAVY LETTERS.

Non-commissioned Officers, Captain's Stewards, Seamen, and Soldiers, may send and receive letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight by the Post, on their own private concerns only, while they are employed on Her Majesty's service, at the rate of one penny for each letter. And with respect to letters sent or received by any such privileged persons the following conditions shall be observed, that is to say,—the Postage of each letter (unless sent from parts beyond the seas) shall be paid on being put into the Post Office, and upon such letter shall be subscribed the name of the writer and his class or description in the vessel, regiment, corps, or detachment to which he belongs, and signed by the officer having at the time the command of the vessel, or of the regiment, corps, or detachment to which the privileged person belongs.

Whenever the letters sent or received by any such privileged person shall be sent from parts beyond the seas, without the said postage of one penny being pre-paid, every such letter shall be charged to the party receiving the same with a rate of two-pence, and any letters received by the Post, under this regulation, by any such privileged persons, which may have been re-directed, shall not be charged with any Postage for such re-direction.

This Proclamation shall take effect from and after the day of the date hereof.

Given under my hand and issued under the Public Seal of the Islands of New Zealand, at Government House at Wellington, in the Province of New Munster, in the Islands aforesaid, this eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

G. GREY,  
Governor-in-Chief.

By His Excellency's command,  
ALFRED DOMETT,  
Civil Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

NOTE.—It will be observed that the only amendments in the above Regulations are the exclusion of Deeds, Law Proceedings, and Law Papers, from the class of Documents passed through the Post Offices at reduced rates, and the reduction of the penalty on newspapers, papers, or packets, not fulfilling the con-

ditions required to be observed, from treble the rate they would have borne as letters, to a single such rate.

ALFRED DOMETT,  
Civil Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,  
18th October, 1855.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint.

Lieut. WILLIAM D. SHIPLEY,  
of H.M. 58th Regiment to be his Excellency's Aide-de-Camp.

This appointment to bear date from the 6th ultimo.

By His Excellency's command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,  
18th October, 1855.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct and appoint that at the ensuing Elections in this Province for the Superintendency, the House of Representatives, and the Provincial Council, there shall be an additional polling place for the undermentioned Districts, viz.—

PENSIONERS' SETTLEMENTS  
and

THE SOUTHERN DIVISION,

At the "Royal George Inn," at Newmarket.

By His Excellency's command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Auckland,  
18th October, 1855.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES CHRISTOPHER BOWEN, Esq.,  
to be principal Returning Officer in the Province of Canterbury and also to be Returning Officer for the undermentioned Electoral Districts.

The Town of Christchurch,  
The Christchurch Country District,  
The Town of Lyttelton,

instead of CHARLES BOWEN, Esq., as notified in the Government Gazette, No. 24, of the 29th ultimo, page 222.

By His Excellency's command,  
ANDREW SINCLAIR,  
Colonial Secretary.

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