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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, March 27th, 1857.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

CHARLES SHARP,
Tide Surveyor at Wellington, to be Landing Surveyor at that Port also.

By His Excellency's command,
E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, March 27th, 1857.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

THOMAS WING,
to be Pilot for the Port of Manukau.

By His Excellency's command,
E. W. STAFFORD.

NOTICE.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, March 27th, 1857.

POST OFFICE.

IN conformity with arrangements made with the Imperial Government, by authority of the General Assembly the following

charges will be made at the several General Government Post Offices in New Zealand after the receipt thereof respectively of a copy of the *Government Gazette* containing this notice, viz:—

On all Letters for the United Kingdom via Southampton, or by a long sea route,

	s.	d.
Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce in weight	0	6
Exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce, but not exceeding 1 ounce	1	0
Exceeding 1 ounce, but not exceeding 2 ounces	2	0

And 1s. additional for every ounce or fraction of an ounce.

On all Letters for the United Kingdom via Marseilles an *additional* rate will be charged, viz:—

	s.	d.
Under a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an ounce	0	3
Weighing a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an ounce, and under $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce	0	6
Weighing $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce, and under $\frac{3}{4}$ of an ounce	0	9
Weighing $\frac{3}{4}$ of an ounce, and under 1 ounce	1	0

And one additional rate of 3 pence for each $\frac{1}{4}$ of an ounce, or fraction of a quarter of an ounce.

On all Letters and Newspapers for the Continent of Europe, via Trieste, a rate in addition to any postage payable to the Colonial Government will be charged, viz.:—

	s.	d.
Letters not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce	1	0
“ exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce, and not exceeding 1 ounce	2	0
“ exceeding 1 ounce, and not exceeding 2 ounces	4	0
And an additional rate of 2s. for each ounce or fraction of an ounce.		
Newspapers	0	2

Rates of Postage on Letters and Newspapers forwarded via the United Kingdom to the Colonies and Foreign Countries are stated in the Tables published in this Gazette. *In addition* to those charges the letters are liable, according to the route by which they are sent, to the foregoing Rates of Postage on Correspondence for the United Kingdom.

Book Packets will be forwarded between the United Kingdom and New Zealand at the following rates of postage:

	s.	d.
For a Packet not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	0	8
Exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., but not exceeding 1 lb.	1	4
Exceeding 1 lb., but not exceeding 2 lbs.	2	8
Exceeding 2 lbs., but not exceeding 3 lbs.	4	0

NOTE.—On all Letters and Book Packets forwarded from New Zealand the several Rates of Postage set forth herein must be prepaid. Newspapers from New Zealand for the United Kingdom will be forwarded free.

All Letters, Newspapers, and Book Packets, received in Mails from the United Kingdom will be delivered free at all the Post Offices of the General Government of the Colony.

By his Excellency's command,

E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, March 27th, 1857.

THE attention of the several Postmasters in the Colony is directed to the following letters from the General Post Office, London, having reference to the conveyance of letters and papers by the European and Australian Royal Mail Company's steam vessels.

By His Excellency's command,

E. W. STAFFORD.

General Post Office,
October 18th, 1856.

SIR,—By a Treasury minute dated the 27th November, 1855, on “Postal Communication with the Australian Colonies,” a copy of which transmitted by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to the respective Governments of the Australian Colonies, including the Colonies of Tasmania and New Zealand, in a Despatch dated the 4th December 1855, it was proposed that, under the contemplated plan of sharing the cost of the Australian Packet Services between the Mother Country and the Australian Colonies, the postage upon all letters sent from one to the other (letters passing in transit through the United Kingdom excepted) should be paid in advance, and retained by the office collecting it, as its own proper share of the whole.

The time is drawing near for the commencement of the new Mail Service *via* Suez, for which Her Majesty's Government have accepted the Tender of the European and Australian Royal Mail Company, and the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury have informed the Postmaster-General, in reply to a communication made to them by His Grace, that on every account, as well for the greater practicability of the arrangement with the Australian Colonies, as for the better despatch of business, they are of opinion that the plan of compulsory prepayment must be strictly adhered to, and they have accordingly requested the Postmaster-General to take the necessary steps to give effect to that rule.

I am, therefore, directed to inform you that, on the commencement of the new Service, (which is expected to take effect from both sides in the early part of next year,) the postage of all letters posted in the United Kingdom, and addressed to the Australian Colonies, including the Colonies of Tasmania and New Zealand, whether conveyed *via* Southampton or *via* Marseilles, will be required to be prepaid: and I am to request that the same regulation of compulsory prepayment may be established as regards letters posted in New Zealand, addressed to the United Kingdom. It will of course be mutually understood that letters from the United Kingdom shall be delivered in any part of New Zealand for the payment made in this Country, and *vice versa*, that letters posted in New Zealand shall be delivered in any part of the United Kingdom without any additional charge beyond that made in the Colony.

By these means no accounts will be necessary between the Post-Office of New Zealand and this Department, as regards the bulk of the correspondence in question, viz. that transmitted *via* Southampton.

With respect, however, to letters transmitted in the Mails *via* Marseilles, an account will be necessary, in order to adjust the French transit

rate which will be levied in New Zealand, on behalf of this office, upon those letters posted in the Colony and forwarded to the United Kingdom *via* Marseilles.

The arrangement which I am to propose for adoption is that, your office shall enter on the Letter Bill accompanying each Mail from New Zealand *via* Marseilles, the weight, in bulk, of the letters so forwarded, and afterwards account to this Department for the French transit postage at the rate per ounce stipulated to be paid by this Country to France. That rate is at present 1s. 8d. per ounce, to cover which one fourth of that sum, viz. 5d. is now collected on each quarter ounce letter, in addition to the ordinary Packet postage. But, on the 1st January next, this rate of payment to France will be reduced to 10d. an ounce, the exact fourth of which is of course 2½d.; but it is presumed that the rate actually collected on both sides will be 3d. the quarter ounce.

The same system of prepayment and division of the postage will also obtain in the case of letters conveyed by the new line of Packets between Australia and India and other British Colonies *short of the United Kingdom*, the Australian Colonies retaining the postage on those letters despatched, and this office receiving the postage on letters transmitted in the opposite direction, and neither office making any charge on delivery.

The British Packet rate of postage on these letters has been reduced, since the 1st January last, to four pence the half-ounce, and it is presumed that this reduced rate, which will be charged by the Agents of this Office on letters sent to New Zealand from India, Hong Kong, Ceylon, Malta &c., will be equally applied to letters sent from New Zealand to those places.

Some special provision is necessary in respect to letters passing *through the United Kingdom* between New Zealand and other Colonies and Continental or other Foreign Countries; and I am to request that the following arrangements, which have received the approval of the Treasury, may be adopted:—

- 1st. That in the case of letters posted in New Zealand, addressed either to other Colonies or to Foreign Countries, and intended to pass through the United Kingdom, the total postage, both British and Foreign, shall invariably be collected in advance, for which purpose a list of the rates of postage will be furnished to your Office by the next mail. The Colony to retain, as its share of such postage, the entire rate of sixpence the half ounce, chargeable for conveyance between New Zealand and the United Kingdom, and to account to this Office for the postage chargeable for the transmission of the letters from this country to their destination.
- 2nd. That on letters in the reverse direction, the total postage, British and Foreign,

shall, in like manner, be collected in advance, in all practicable cases. Such letters will be delivered up to the New Zealand Office as paid to destination, and will be entitled to delivery in the Colony without further charge.

There are a few Foreign Countries, for instance Spain, Portugal, and Brazil, with the Post Offices of which this Department has no arrangements for the collection of postage on its behalf, and in these exceptional cases, in order to avoid the detention for postage of any letters which may reach England from those countries addressed to New Zealand, it will be necessary to forward the letters to New Zealand as unpaid, and for this Office to claim from the Colony the postage due to the Mother Country, including both the British and Foreign rates.

3rd. That on letters forwarded from New Zealand, *via* Trieste, to the Northern Countries of Europe, the British Packet Postage, the at rate of one shilling the half-ounce letter, shall be collected and retained by the Colony; and that, in the opposite direction, (this Department having no means of collecting the postage,) the British rate shall also be collected by the Colony on the delivery of the letters, but accounted for to this Office.

4th. There is another class of letters for which it is essential to make special arrangements, viz. those which are transmitted in the Mails sent directly to and from France without passing through the United Kingdom.

As regards these letters, I am to propose that the Australian Colonies shall collect and retain the British postage (6d. the half ounce) on those despatched in the Mails to France, and deliver free of charge those received in the Mails from France, leaving this Office to obtain for the latter, payment from France, under the terms of the Postal Convention between that Country and the United Kingdom.

As regards Newspapers the present arrangements will not be disturbed.

It only remains to settle the adjustment of postage on Books.

You are aware that one of the conditions laid down on the establishment of the Colonial Book Post was, that no Book should be sent by any route which would entail an additional expense of transit postage on the Department. As, however, the Mails are about to be conveyed *via* Suez, it is necessary to modify this regulation, and in consequence of the difficulty and expense attending the conveyance of Books across the Isthmus of Suez, it is proposed to raise the charge from sixpence to eightpence the single rate, increasing at the rate of 1s. 4d. per pound, instead of 1s. per pound as at

present; and a communication on this subject will be made by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Government of New Zealand. Such increased charge has been levied, for some time past, for the reason above stated, on Books sent *via* Suez between this Country and India, Hong Kong, Mauritius and Ceylon.

As in the case of Letters, the Book postage will be collected in advance on either side, and retained by the Office collecting it.

The same arrangements will be applicable to Mails transmitted between New Zealand and this Country by Private Ship.

I am, &c.,

ROWLAND HILL.

The Postmaster General,
&c., &c., &c.,
Auckland, New Zealand.

General Post Office,
November 11th, 1856.

SIR,—Under the new arrangements for the compulsory prepayment of the correspondence contained in the mails between the United Kingdom and the Australian Colonies, which, as explained in my letter of the 18th ultimo, will come into operation next year, on the commencement of the Packet Service *via* Suez, an amended form of Letter Bill will be required.

I have accordingly caused two forms of Letter Bill, adapted to the purpose, to be drawn up, one for the mails from New Zealand *via* Marseilles, and the other for the mails *via* Southampton, copies of which, and also of the necessary forms for acknowledging the mails received at New Zealand from England, I enclose; and I request that you will be good enough to give directions to your officers to use Letter Bills and acknowledgements of this pattern for the correspondence with this country.

As far as at present arranged, the first Packet under the contract with the Admiralty will be dispatched from Southampton on the 24th February next, and thenceforward the date of departure will be fixed for the 12th of each month. On the otherside, the first Packet will leave Sydney on the 23rd January, and the others will follow on the 11th of each month.

The arrangements for the compulsory prepayment of postage will be carried into effect in the United Kingdom immediately after the departure of the last Packet *via* the Cape of Good Hope, which is appointed to leave Southampton on the 12th January next, and I beg leave to suggest that the same date, if possible, or a date as near that period as may be convenient to your

office, should be fixed for the commencement of the same measure in New Zealand.

I am,

ROWLAND HILL.

The Postmaster General, &c.,
Auckland, New Zealand.

General Post Office,
11th November, 1856.

SIR,—Referring to that part of my letter of the 18th ultimo, in which I stated that, by the following mail, I would furnish you with a list of the rates of postage to be collected in New Zealand upon letters forwarded to the United Kingdom for transmission thence to other British Colonies, or to foreign countries, I enclose six copies of a Table which contains that information.

The rates set down in this Table are the sums to be accounted for to this office, and these sums will be the same whether the letters reach England *via* Marseilles, *via* Southampton, or by a private steamer or sailing vessel coming by the long sea route.

In addition to these rates, the letters will be liable to the postage chargeable for their conveyance from New Zealand to the United Kingdom, according to the route by which they are sent. That portion will belong to, and will be retained by the Colony in all cases except where the letters are despatched to this country *via* Marseilles. Upon all letters so forwarded, your office will, of course, have to account to this office for the French transit rate in the same manner that that rate is to be accounted for on the letters addressed to the United Kingdom itself, which are forwarded *via* Marseilles.

The necessary provision for this arrangement has been made in the pattern Letter Bill transmitted to you in another communication of this day's date.

I further enclose a Table shewing the rates to be accounted for to this office upon newspapers forwarded to the United Kingdom, for transmission thence to British Colonies or Foreign Countries.

In conclusion, I beg to remind you that these rates only apply to letters and newspapers sent through the United Kingdom.

Upon letters and newspapers addressed to any of the places mentioned in the Table, which you do not forward through the United Kingdom, but which you send in the mail made up at your office for France, or in the Mails for the Austrian Post Office at Alexandria, (that is letters marked "*via* Trieste,") no postage will be payable by your office to this department.

I am,

ROWLAND HILL.

The Postmaster General, &c.,
Auckland, New Zealand.

TABLE showing the RATES OF POSTAGE to be accounted for to the General Post Office, London, upon LETTERS posted in New Zealand, and forwarded, via the United Kingdom, to the undermentioned Colonies and Foreign Countries.

[The Postage upon these Letters must in all cases be paid in advance, and, in addition to the sums specified in this Table, the rate of postage for the conveyance of the Letters from New Zealand to the United Kingdom must be collected by the Colonial Post Office.]

COUNTRIES, &c.	Not	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Above	Every ounce after the First.
	exceed- ing ½ oz.	½ oz. and not exceed- ing 1 oz.	1 oz. and not exceed- ing 1 oz.	1 oz. and not exceed- ing 1 oz.	1 oz. and not exceed- ing 1½ oz.	1½ oz. and not exceed- ing 1½ oz.	1½ oz. and not exceed- ing 1½ oz.	1½ oz. and not exceed- ing 1½ oz.	1½ oz. and not exceed- ing 2 oz.	
ACCRA...	s. d. 0 6	s. d. 0 6	s. d. 1 0	s. d. 1 0	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 1 0
Aleppo	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 0	2 0
Ascension	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Austria (except Venetian Lombardy)	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Azores	1 7	1 7	3 2	3 2	6 4	6 4	6 4	6 4	6 4	3 2
BADAGRY	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Baden	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 0	2 0
Bavaria	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 0	2 0
Belgium	0 6	0 8	1 2	1 4	2 2	2 4	2 6	2 8	2 8	1 4
Bermuda	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
Bolivia...	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	4 0
Bonny	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Brazil	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Bremen	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Brunswick	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Buenos Ayres	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
CADIZ	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	4 4
California	1 2½	1 2½	2 5	2 5	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	2 5
Canada	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Canary Islands	1 8	1 8	3 4	3 4	6 8	6 8	6 8	6 8	6 8	3 4
Cape of Good Hope	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Cape de Verde Islands	1 8	1 8	3 4	3 4	6 8	6 8	6 8	6 8	6 8	3 4
Chili	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	4 0
Constantinople	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 0	2 0
Costa Rica	2 1	2 1	4 2	4 2	8 4	8 4	8 4	8 4	8 4	4 2
Cuba	2 1	2 1	4 2	4 2	8 4	8 4	8 4	8 4	8 4	4 2
DAÉDANELÈS	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	4 0	2 0
Denmark	0 10½	0 10½	1 9	1 9	3 6	3 6	3 6	3 6	3 6	1 9
ECUADOR	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	4 0
FARLAND ISLANDS	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Fernando Po	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
France...	0 4	0 8	1 0	1 4	1 8	2 0	2 4	2 8	2 8	1 4
Frankfort	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4

RATES of POSTAGE on LETTERS—*continued.*

COUNTRIES, &c.,	Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.	Above $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	Above $1\frac{1}{4}$ oz. and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding 2 oz.	Above 2 oz. and not exceeding 3 oz.	Every ounce after the First.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
GAMBIA	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Galatz	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	4 4	2 2
Gallipoli	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0
Gibraltar	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
Gold Coast	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
Goree	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Greece	0 11	1 10	2 9	3 8	4 7	5 6	6 5	7 4
Grey Town (St. Juan de Nicaragua)	2 1	2 1	4 2	4 2	8 4	8 4	8 4	4 2
Guatemala	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
HAMBURG	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Hanover	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Hayti (St. Domingo)	1 3	1 3	2 6	2 6	5 0	5 0	5 0	2 6
Heligoland	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
Hesse	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Holland .. ..	* ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Homburg-Hesse	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Honduras	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
IONIAN ISLANDS	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	1 0
JAFFA	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0
LAGOS	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Larnica	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	4 4	2 2
Lauenburg	0 10	0 10	1 8	1 8	3 4	3 4	3 4	1 8
Liberia	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Lippe Detmold	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Lubeck	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Luxemburg (Duchy of)	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
MADEIRA	1 8	1 8	3 4	3 4	6 8	6 8	6 8	3 4
Majorca	0 8	0 11	1 7	1 10	2 11	3 2	3 5	1 10
Malta	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
Mecklenburg-Strelitz	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Mecklenburg-Schwerin	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Metelin or Mytelene	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0
Mexico	2 1	2 1	4 2	4 2	8 4	8 4	8 4	4 2
Minorca	0 8	0 11	1 7	1 10	2 11	3 2	3 5	1 10
Modena	0 9	1 6	2 3	3 0	3 9	4 6	5 3	6 0
Monte Video	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0

* Note.—Upon letters for Holland the rate only for conveyance to the United Kingdom must be collected; the rate from the United Kingdom to Holland will be collected in Holland.

RATES OF POSTAGE ON LETTERS—*continued.*

COUNTRIES, &c.	Not exceeding $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	Above $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. and not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.	Above $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	About $1\frac{1}{4}$ oz. and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding $1\frac{3}{4}$ oz.	Above $1\frac{3}{4}$ oz. and not exceeding 2 oz.	Every ounce after the First.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
NAPLES	0 11	1 10	2 9	3 8	4 7	5 6	6 5	7 4	3 8
Nassau (Grand Duchy)	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Natal	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
New Brunswick	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
Newfoundland	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
New Granada	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Norway	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	5 4	5 4	5 4	5 4	2 8
Nova Scotia	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
OLDENBURG	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Old Calaba	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Oregon	1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 5	2 5	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	2 5
PAPAL STATES	0 11	1 10	2 9	3 8	4 7	5 6	6 5	7 4	3 8
Parma and Placentia	0 9	1 6	2 3	3 0	3 9	4 6	5 3	6 0	3 0
Peru	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	4 0
Poland	0 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 11	1 11	3 10	3 10	3 10	3 10	1 11
Portugal	1 7	1 7	3 2	3 2	6 4	6 4	6 4	6 4	3 2
Prince Edward Island	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
Prussia	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
REUSS	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Rhodes	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	2 0
Russia	0 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 11	1 11	3 10	3 10	3 10	3 10	1 11
St. CROIX	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
St. Eustatius	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
St. Helena	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
St. Martin's	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
St. Thomas	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
Salonica	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	2 2
Samsoun	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	2 2
Sandwich Islands	1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 5	2 5	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	2 5
Sardinia	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	2 0
Saxe-Altenburg	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Saxe-Coburg-Gotha	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Saxe-Meiningen	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Saxe-Weimar	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Saxony	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Schaumburg-Lippe	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4

RATES of POSTAGE on LETTERS—*continued.*

COUNTRIES, &c.	Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding 1 oz.	Above 1 oz. and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Above $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. and not exceeding 2 oz.	Every ounce after the First.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Schwartzburg-Sonderhausen ..	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Scutari	6 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Sicilies (Two)	0 11	1 10	2 9	3 8	4 7	5 6	6 5	7 4	3 8
Sierra Leone	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
Smyrna	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	2 0
Spain (Cadiz & Vigo, exc.) ..	0 8	0 11	1 7	1 10	2 11	3 2	3 5	3 8	1 10
Surinam	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
Sweden	1 2	1 2	2 4	2 4	4 8	4 8	4 8	4 8	2 4
Switzerland	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	2 0
Syria	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	2 0
THESSALY	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	2 2
Tenedos	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	2 2
Trebizond	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	2 2
Tripoli (in Syria)	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	2 0
Tulcha	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	2 2
Tunis	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	2 0
Turkey (except the places specified).	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
Tuscany	0 9	1 6	2 3	3 0	3 9	4 6	5 3	6 0	3 0
UNITED STATES	0 8	0 8	1 4	1 4	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	1 4
VARNA	1 1	1 1	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	4 4	4 4	2 2
Venetian Lombardy	0 9	1 6	2 3	3 0	3 9	4 6	5 3	6 0	3 0
Venezuela	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	4 0	2 0
Vigo, <i>via</i> Southampton	2 2	2 2	4 4	4 4	8 8	8 8	8 8	8 8	4 4
WEST INDIES (British)	0 6	0 6	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	1 0
West Indies (Foreign) (except Cuba, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. Martin's, and St. Eustatius).	1 3	1 3	2 6	2 6	5 0	5 0	5 0	5 0	2 6
Wurtemberg	0 6	1 0	1 6	2 0	2 6	3 0	3 6	4 0	2 0
Wydah	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	4 0	4 0	4 0		2 0

General Post Office,
London, 11th November, 1856.

TABLE showing the RATES of POSTAGE to be accounted for to the General Post Office, London, upon NEWSPAPERS posted in New Zealand, and forwarded via the United Kingdom, to the undermentioned Colonies and Foreign Countries.

[The postage upon these Newspapers must in all cases be paid in advance, and, in addition to the sums specified in this Table, the rate of postage for the conveyance of the Newspapers from New Zealand to the United Kingdom must be collected by the Colonial Post Office.]

C O U N T R I E S, & c.	When forwarded to the United Kingdom via Marseilles.		When forwarded to the United Kingdom by direct Ship or via Southampton.						
	For each Newspaper.	For each Newspaper.	For a Packet of Newspapers.						
			Not exceeding 2 oz. in weight.	Exceeding 2 oz. and not exceeding 4 oz.	Exceeding 4 oz. and not exceeding 8 oz.	Exceeding 8 oz. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Exceeding 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.	
	s. d.	s. d.	* s. d.	* s. d.	* s. d.	* s. d.	* s. d.	* s. d.	
ACCRES	0 3	0 1							
Aleppo .. .. .	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Ascension	0 3	0 1							
Austria (except Venetian Lombardy) ..	0 3	0 1							
Azores	0 3	0 1							
BADAGRY	0 3	0 1							
Baden .. .. .	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Bavaria .. .. .	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Belgium	0 3	0 1							
Bermuda	0 3	0 1							
Bolivia	0 5	0 3							
Bonny	0 3	0 1							
Brazil	0 3	0 1							
Bremen	0 3	0 1							
Brunswick	0 3	0 1							
Buenos Ayres	0 3	0 1							
CALIFORNIA	0 4	0 2							
Canada	0 4	0 2							
Canary Islands	0 3	0 1							
Cape of Good Hope	0 3	0 1							
Cape de Verde Islands	0 3	0 1							
Chili	0 5	0 3							
Constantinople .. .. .	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Costa Rica	0 3	0 1							
Cuba	0 3	0 1							
DARDANELLES .. .. .	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Denmark	0 3	0 1							
ECUADOR	0 5	0 3							

RATES of POSTAGE on NEWSPAPERS—*continued.*

COUNTRIES, &c.	When forwarded to the United Kingdom via Marseilles.		When forwarded to the United Kingdom by direct Ship or via Southampton.						
	For each Newspaper.	For each Newspaper.	For a Packet of Newspapers.						
			Not exceeding 2 oz. in weight.	Exceeding 2 oz. and not exceeding 4 oz.	Exceeding 4 oz. and not exceeding 8 oz.	Exceeding 8 oz. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Exceeding 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.	
	s. d.	s. d.	* s. d.	* s. d.	* s. d.	* s. d.	* s. d.	* s. d.	
FALKLAND ISLANDS	0 3	0 1							
Fernando Po	0 3	0 1							
France .. ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 3
Frankfort	0 3	0 1							
GAMBIA	0 3	0 1							
Gallipoli .. ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2
Gibraltar	0 3	0 1							
Gold Coast	0 3	0 1							
Goree	0 3	0 1							
Greece .. ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Grey Town (St. Juan de Nicaragua) ..	0 3	0 1							
Guatamala	0 3	0 1							
HAMBURGH	0 3	0 1							
Hanover	0 3	0 1							
Hayti (St. Domingo)	0 3	0 1							
Heligoland	0 3	0 1							
Hesse	0 3	0 1							
Holland	0 3	0 1							
Homburg-Hesse	0 3	0 1							
Honduras	0 3	0 1							
IONIAN ISLANDS	0 3	0 1							
JAFFA .. ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
LAGOS	0 3	0 1							
Lauenberg	0 3	0 1							
Liberia	0 3	0 1							
Lippe Detmold	0 3	0 1							
Lubeck	0 3	0 1							
Luxemburg (Duchy of)	0 3	0 1							
MADEIRA	0 3	0 1							
Majorca .. ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Malta .. ..	.....	0 1						
Mecklenburg-Strelitz	0 3	0 1							

RATES of POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS—continued.

COUNTRIES, &c.	When forwarded to the United Kingdom via Marseilles.		When forwarded to the United Kingdom by direct Ship or via Southampton.					
	For each Newspaper.	For each Newspaper.	For a Packet of Newspapers.					
			Not exceeding 2 oz. in weight.	Exceeding 2 oz. and not exceeding 4 oz.	Exceeding 4 oz. and not exceeding 8 oz.	Exceeding 8 oz. and not exceeding 1 lb.	Exceeding 1 lb. and not exceeding 1½ lb.	Exceeding 1½ lb. and not exceeding 2 lbs.
<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>
Mecklenburg-Schwerin ...	0 3	0 1						
Metelin or Mytelene ...	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Mexico ...	0 3	0 1						
Minorca ...	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Modena ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2
Monte Video ...	0 3	0 1						
NAPLES ...	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 3
Nassau (Grand Duchy) ...	0 3	0 1						
Natal ...	0 3	0 1						
New Brunswick ...	0 3	0 1						
Newfoundland ...	0 3	0 1						
New Granada ...	0 3	0 1						
Norway ...	0 3	0 1						
Nova Scotia ...	0 3	0 1						
OLDENBURG ...	0 3	0 1						
Old Calabar ...	0 3	0 1						
Oregon ..	0 4	0 2						
PAPAL STATES ...	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Parma and Placentia ...	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Peru ...	0 5	0 5						
Poland ...	0 3	0 1						
Portugal ...	0 3	0 1						
Prince Edward Island ...	0 3	0 1						
Prussia ...	0 3	0 1						
REUSS ...	0 3	0 1						
Rhodes ...	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8
Russia ..	0 3	0 1						
St. CROIX ...	0 3	0 1						
St. Eustatius ...	0 3	0 1						
St. Helena ...	0 3	0 1						
St. Martin's ...	0 3	0 1						

RATES of POSTAGE on NEWSPAPERS—continued.

COUNTRIES, &c.	When forwarded to the United Kingdom via Marseilles.	When forwarded to the United Kingdom by direct Ship or via Southampton								
	For each Newspaper.	For each Newspaper.	For a Packet of Newspapers.						Exceed- ing 2 1/2 lbs and not exceed- ing 2 lbs	Exceed- ing 3 lbs and not exceed- ing 2 1/2 lbs
			Not exceed- ing 2 oz. in weight.	Exceed- ing 2 oz. and not exceed- ing 4 oz.	Exceed- ing 4 oz. and not exceed- ing 8 oz.	Exceed- ing 8 oz. and not exceed- ing 1 lb.	Exceed- ing 1 lb. and not exceed- ing 1 1/2 lbs.	Exceed- ing 1 1/2 lbs. and not exceed- ing 2 lbs.		
<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	<i>s. d.</i>	
St. Thomas ...	0 3	0 1								
Sandwich Islands...	0 4	0 2								
Sardinia ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
Saxe-Altenburg ...	0 3	0 1								
Saxe-Coburg-Gotha ...	0 3	0 1								
Saxe-Meiningnen..	0 3	0 1								
Saxe-Weimar ..	0 3	0 1								
Saxony ...	0 3	0 1								
Schaumburg-Lippe ...	0 3	0 1								
Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt ...	0 3	0 1								
Schwartzburg-Sonderhausen ...	0 3	0 1								
Sicilies (Two) ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
Sierra Leone ..	0 3	0 1								
Smyrna ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
Spain ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
Surinam ..	0 3	0 1								
Sweden ...	0 3	0 1								
Switzerland ...	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
Syria ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
TRIPOLI (in Syria) ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
Tunis... ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
Turkey ..	0 3	0 1								
(except the places specified) ..										
Tuscany ...	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
UNITED STATES ..	0 3	0 1								
VENETIAN LOMBARDY ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
Venezuela ..	0 3	0 1								
WEST INDIES (British) ..	0 3	0 1								
West Indies (Foreign) ...	0 3	0 1								
(except Cuba, St. Thomas, St. Croix St. Martin's, and St. Eustatius).										
Wurtemberg ..	.....	.....	0 2	0 4	0 8	1 4	2 0	2 8	
Wydah ...	0 3	0 1								

At the rates set down in those columns marked with an *, not only Newspapers but also printed papers of every kind may be forwarded. In the cases where no rates are set down in these columns, printed papers other than Newspapers are chargeable as Letters.

General Post Office,
London, 11th November, 1856.

General Post Office,
19th November, 1856.

SIR,—In my letter of the 18th ultimo, paragraph 7) referring to the arrangements proposed to be adopted on the commencement of the New Australian Packet Service for the conveyance of letters between Australia and India and other British Colonies *short of* the United Kingdom, I stated that the Colonies and this office, respectively, would retain the postage on letters dispatched, and that neither office would be entitled to make any charge on delivery. I added that the British Packet rate of postage on these letters had been reduced, since the 1st January last, to four-pence the half-ounce, and that it was presumed that this reduced rate which would be charged by the Agents of this department on letters sent to New Zealand from India, Hong Kong, Ceylon, Malta, &c., would be equally applied to letters sent from New Zealand to those places.

The arrangement laid down in this paragraph properly referred only to letters transmitted between the Australian Colonies and those Colonies the posts of which are under the control of the Postmaster General, viz., Hong Kong, Malta, and Gibraltar, in which no inland Colonial rates are at present chargeable; but, through inadvertence, it was made applicable also to letters transmitted to and from the East Indies, Ceylon, and Mauritius, the posts of which are under the management of the respective Colonial Governments, and in which an inland Colonial rate is levied over and above the Packet rate of four-pence referred to.

I have now to inform you that in addition to the British Packet rate of four-pence, such letters are liable under the terms of the Treasury warrant to *any inland Colonial rates that may be payable thereon*, and that under these circumstances your office will be at liberty to charge upon letters addressed to, or received from India and other British Colonies, the correspondence of which does not pass through the United Kingdom, not only the British Packet rate, but also any inland Colonial rate that may be payable on those letters.

I have, &c.,

F. HILL.

The Postmaster General,
Auckland, New Zealand.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, March 27th, 1857.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that the following enclosure to a Despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the mode of dealing with unpaid, or insufficiently prepaid letters to and from Australia, should be published for general information.

By his Excellency's command,
E. W. STAFFORD.

To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.
MY LORDS,—With reference to Mr. Arbuth-

not's letter of the 15th instant, informing me in reply to the enquiry which I addressed to your Lordships on the 3rd instant, that you were of opinion that on every account as well for the greater practicability of the arrangement proposed to be made with the Australian Colonies, as for the better despatch of business it was desirable that a system of compulsory prepayment of postage on either side should be established when the new contract for the service of the Australian Mails comes into operation, and requesting me to take the necessary steps for giving effect to that rule, I have the honor to state that I will lose no time in communicating with the Australian Post Officers on the subject, for the purpose of arranging the details of this measure.

Upon the commencement of the new Mail Service prepayment of Postage will be strictly enforced in respect of all letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Australia.

Numerous instances will, however, arise in which the amount of postage paid in the United Kingdom upon letters for Australia, as well as in the Australian Colonies upon letters for the United Kingdom, will be less than that for which the letters are liable, and it will be desirable to come to some arrangement with the Colonies with regard to the treatment of such letters.

The simplest mode that can be adopted will be to treat such letters precisely as packets sent under the regulations of the Colonial Book Post, when insufficiently prepaid are treated, that is to retain the letters and send them to the Returned Letter Office if less than a single rate of postage be prepaid, but in all cases where at least a single rate of Postage has been so prepaid to send the letters forward charged with an amount of postage equal to the deficiency together with an entire additional British rate of sixpence as a fine. Such a regulation need not involve the necessity for any accounts, as each office may be allowed to retain the amount collected upon insufficiently paid letters sent to it for delivery; and in that case I would recommend that each office should in like manner retain hereafter the whole amount collected upon the delivery of insufficiently paid books, so as to render the accounts to which such packets now give rise no longer necessary.

As the proposed course, however, will be at variance with the agreement made with the Australian Colonies on the establishment of the sixpenny rate, it will be necessary that it receive the assent of the several Colonial Governments before being adopted, and I would suggest, therefore, that if my proposal meets with your Lordships' concurrence you should request Mr. Secretary Labouchere to communicate accordingly with the Governments concerned.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ARGYLE.

General Post Office,
23rd September, 1856

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Auckland, March 27th, 1857.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that the following "Notice to Masters of Vessels" received from the Government of New South Wales, respecting a store of provisions at Booby Island, Torres' Straits, for shipwrecked seamen,— should be published for general information.

By his Excellency's command,
E. W. STAFFORD.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 11th December, 1856.

**NOTICE TO MASTERS OF VESSELS
INTENDING TO PASS THROUGH
TORRES' STRAITS.**

THE following Notice, dated the 2nd of April, 1846, respecting the store of bread, fresh water, meat, and spirits, established on Booby Island, for the use of shipwrecked Seamen, is re-published, for general information, together with a statement recently received from Lieut. Chimmo, R.N., of the Provisions on the Island, on the 17th July, 1856. Towards keeping up the Stock of Provisions, a further supply of the above-mentioned articles is forwarded to Booby Island annually, by this Government.

H. WATSON PARKER.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1846.

**NOTICE TO MASTERS OF VESSELS
INTENDING TO PASS THROUGH
TORRES' STRAITS.**

HIS Excellency the Governor of New South Wales desires to make it known to all Masters of Vessels proceeding from Sydney to Torres' Straits, that it is intended to forward, by the "Enchantress," for the

purpose of being placed on Booby Island, a further quantity of bread, fresh water, meat, and spirits, as a provision for Shipwrecked Seamen who may seek a refuge on that Island; and His Excellency earnestly invites Masters who may visit Booby Island, after having successfully passed the Straits, to make, from time to time, such additions to the Store, which was originally established by Captain Blackwood, of the Royal Navy, as may suffice to keep up a constant supply of provisions on the Island.

Directions for finding the Provisions will be left at the place called "The Post Office," on Booby Island.

By his Excellency's command,
E. DEAS THOMSON.

*Remains of Provisions found in Booby
Island Cave, by the "Torch," on the
17th July, 1856:—*

- 2 barrels of beef.
- 2 barrels of pork.
- 1 keg of rum.
- 3 bags of bread.
- 1 cask of bread.
- 8 hds. of water.
- 20 tins of preserved meats.
- 2 bottles of rum.

Besides many smaller articles, such as tea, cigars, onions, &c., &c.

The Provisions sent by the Colonial Government in the "Washington Irving," 1856, were in good order, and landed safely.

(Signed) WILLIAM CHIMMO,
Lieut. R.N.

I have just learnt from the Commanding Officer of the "Durcc," French War Steamer, that they passed Booby Island in great distress, and did not know that there were any provisions on it. Notice should be given to this effect to all Nations.

(Signed) W. C.

2nd October, 1856.