

reasonable despatch, and I do hereby empower you, during the course and for the purposes of this Commission, to demand and obtain access at all times to all papers, records and documents relating to the subject matter of your enquiry in the custody and under the control of the Registrar of the Supreme Court or any of the public Departments within this Colony, and from time to time to call before you and examine all such Officers and other persons as aforesaid and all other persons in the public service that you may consider necessary, and I do hereby charge all persons in the public service to be aiding and assisting unto you herein.

Given under my Hand and under the Seal of the Colony of Hongkong, at Victoria, in this Colony, this sixth day of November, 1878.

By Command,

C. MAY,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

No. 214.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

The following Order by His Excellency the Governor in Council is published for general information.

By Command,

C. MAY,  
*Acting Colonial Secretary.*

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 7th November, 1878.

### ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG,  
the 6th day of November, 1878.

*Present:*

### HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

Whereas by "The Post Office Ordinance, 1876," it is provided, amongst other things, that the Governor in Council may, from time to time, by Order under his hand determine the Rates of Postage to be charged upon all correspondence sent by post from the General Post Office of the Colony, or received from places outside the Colony, and the Scale of Weights according to which such Rates are to be charged:

And whereas by an Order in Council bearing date the 17th day of September, 1877, the Governor in Council was pleased to order that the Rates of Postage and Scale of Weight should, until further notice, be according to the Table to the said Order annexed:

And whereas it has been necessary to revise the said Table and to substitute a new Table in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency JOHN POPE HENNESSY, C.M.G., in Council, by virtue of the powers in that behalf by the said Ordinance or otherwise in him vested, is pleased to order that the said Table annexed to the said Order of the 17th day of September, 1877, be revoked, and that the Rates of Postage and Scale of Weight shall, until further notice, be according to the Table hereunto annexed.

Approved in Council,

J. POPE HENNESSY,  
*Governor.*

H. E. WODEHOUSE,  
*Clerk of Councils.*

## RATES OF POSTAGE

### I.--TO COUNTRIES OF THE POSTAL UNION:

		LETTERS, PER ½ OZ.	REGISTRATION.	NEWSPAPERS AND PRICES CURRENT.	BOOKS AND PATTERNS, PER 2 OZ.
General Rates of Postage to or from the Countries of the Postal Union (see list below), .....	PAID	12 cents.	8 cents.	2 cents.	4 cents.
	UNPAID	18 ,, ¶	.....	Cannot be sent.	Letter Rate.
Exceptional Rates to or from the Countries marked (16) in the list below, <i>via Brindisi</i> only, .	PAID	16 cents.	8 cents.	4 cents.	6 cents.
	UNPAID	22 ,, ¶	.....	Cannot be sent.	Letter Rate.

¶ Less the value of the Stamps, if any.

THE COUNTRIES OF THE POSTAL UNION ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

Aden.	Ceylon.	India.	New Brunswick,.....(16)	Tahiti.
Africa, West Coast,...(16)	Chandernagore.	Italy.	New Caledonia.	Tangiers.
Algeria.	Denmark and Colonies.	Japan, ( <i>Local Rates</i> ).	Newfoundland, .....(16)	Tetuan.
Angola, .....(16)	Dutch Guiana, .....(16)	Karikal.	Norway.	Timor.
Annobon.	Egypt.	*Kashmir.	Nova Scotia,.....(16)	Tripoli.
Argentine Republic,.(16)	Falkland Islands,.....(16)	Labuan.	Persia.	Tunis.
Austria.	Farøe Islands.	Lagos,.....(16)	Peru, .....(16)	Turkey.
Azores Islands,.....(16)	Fernando Po, .....(16)	*Ladak.	Philippine Islands, ( <i>Local</i> ).	United Kingdom,.....(16)
*Bagdad.	Finland.	*Linga.	Pondicherry.	United States,.....(16)
Balearic Islands.	France and Colonies.	Low Islands.	Portugal and Colonies.	Vancouver's I.,.....(16)
Barbary.	French Guiana, .....(16)	Luxemburg.	Prince Edward's I.,.....(16)	WEST INDIES, viz. :—
*Bassora.	Gabon, .....(16)	Madagascar.	Réunion.	<i>Buen Ayre</i> ,.....(16)
Batavia.	Gambia, .....(16)	Mabé.	Roumania.	<i>Cuba</i> ,.....(16)
Belgium.	Germany.	Madeira, .....(16)	Russia.	<i>Curaçoa</i> ,.....(16)
Bermuda,.....(16)	Gibraltar.	Malta.	Saigon, ( <i>also see Local</i> ).	<i>Deirade</i> ,.....(16)
Brazil, .....(16)	Goa.	Manila, ( <i>Local Rates</i> ).	Senegal, .....(16)	<i>Guadeloupe</i> ,.....(16)
British Guiana,.....(16)	Gold Coast, .....(16)	*Mandalay.	Servia.	<i>Ile of Pines</i> ,.....(16)
Buenos Ayres,.....(16)	Greece.	Marian Islands.	Seychelles.	<i>Jamaica</i> ,.....(16)
*Bunder Abas.	Greenland, .....(16)	Marquesas Islands.	Sierra Leone,.....(16)	<i>Les Saintes</i> ,.....(16)
*Bushire.	*Gwadur.	Mauritius.	Spain and Colonies.	<i>Marie Galante</i> ,.....(16)
*Cabul.	Holland.	Mayotte.	St. Pierre et Miquelon.	<i>Martinique</i> ,.....(16)
Canada, .....(16)	Honduras, .....(16)	Mozambique.	Straits Settlements.	<i>Oruba</i> ,.....(16)
Canary Islands, .....(16)	Hongkong and Agencies.	*Muscat.	Surinam, .....(16)	<i>Porto Rico</i> ,.....(16)
Cape Verde Islands.	Hungary.	Netherlands and Colonies.	Sweden.	<i>Saba</i> ,.....(16)
Cayenne, .....(16)	Iceland.	Netherlands India.	Switzerland.	<i>St. Croix</i> ,.....(16)
				<i>St. Eustatius</i> ,.....(16)
				<i>St. John</i> ,.....(16)
				<i>St. Martin</i> ,.....(16)
				<i>St. Thomas</i> ,.....(16)
				<i>Trinidad</i> ,.....(16)
				Yanaon.
				*Zanzibar.

II.—TO NON-UNION COUNTRIES.

NON-UNION COUNTRIES.	PACKET.	SUPERSCRIP-TION.	LETTERS. PER ½ OZ.	REGIS-TRATION.	NEWS-PAPERS.	BOOKS & PAT-TERNS. PER ½ OZ.
		Via	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
*Aspinwall (N.R.), Bahamas, Guatemala (N.R.), Hayti (N.R.), Mexico (N.R.), Panama (N.R.), Salvador (N.R.), Venezuela (N.R.), .....	U.S.	San Francisco,	16	N.R.	4	6
	{Fr.	Naples, .....	34	12	4	8
	{Br.	Southampton, .....	38	12	6	10
*Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, St. Helena, Ascension,.....	C.	—	24	12	2	4
	Pr.	—	12	12	2	4
*Bolivia, Chili, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guayaquil, Havana, Mexico (N.R.), Nicaragua (N.R.), .....	U.S.	San Francisco,	30	12	6	14
	{Fr.	Naples, .....	34	N.R.	6	10
	{Br.	Southampton, .....	38	N.R.	8	12
*Hawaiian Kingdom, .....	U.S.	San Francisco, .	16	N.R.	4 †	8 †
	{Fr.	Naples, .....	16	N.R.	4	6
	{Br.	Southampton, .....	20	N.R.	6	8
*West Indies, (except those named under <i>Union Countries</i> , the <i>Bahamas</i> , and <i>Hayti</i> , which see) Paraguay, Uruguay, }	{Fr.	Naples, .....	34	N.R. §	4	8
	{Br.	Southampton, .....	38	N.R. §	6	10

§ Except to British W. Indies, 12 cents.

N.R. signifies No Registration; Br., Fr., or U.S. by British, French, or United States Packet respectively; C., by Contract Packet; Pr., by Private Steamer; (\*) Prepayment is compulsory; (†) A small extra charge is made on delivery.

III.—LOCAL POSTAGE.

LETTERS PER ½ OZ.	REGIS-TRATION.	NEWS-PAPERS.	BOOKS & PAT-TERNS. PER 2 OZ.	PARCELS PER LB. INCLUDING REGISTRY.
cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.	cents.
2	8	2	2	—
4	8	2	2	—
8	8	2	4	—
—	—	—	—	20

Within any Town or Settlement, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction, ..... \*

Between any other two of the following places (through a British Office), viz.: Hongkong, Macao, Ports of China, Bangkok, Cochin China, Tonquin, and the Philippines, by Private Ship, ... \*

Between Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama, in either direction, by British, French, or U. S. Mail Packet, ..... \*

Parcels; Between British Offices in China, Macao, Pakhoi, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca, ..... \*

General Post Office, Hongkong, 1st November, 1878.