

MISCELLANEOUS RULES, &c.

I. No information must be given respecting letters which pass through a Post Office, except to the persons to whom they are addressed, and in no other way must official information of a private character be made public.

Official information must not be made public.

II. By the pre-payment of a fee of six-pence any letter, book or other packet, paying full letter rate, may be registered. This will make its transmission more secure, by rendering it practicable to trace it, when inland, from its receipt to its delivery, at least to the Post of dispatch. The Post Office does not guarantee the safe delivery of the letter, &c., though the Officers are, of course, responsible to the Postmaster General, who will call to strict account any one neglecting his duty on this point.

Registered letters.

III. Letters for registration must be posted half an hour before the closing of the box for the mail by which it is to be dispatched.

Fine for posting.

IV. Besides the ordinary official stamp, every registered letter must be enclosed in the cover provided for that purpose, which must be stamped and addressed to the Postmaster who may have to forward or deliver it.

Enclosing and stamping registered letters.

V. A bill must always be sent in the bag, even when there are no letters. Every letter bill must be signed in full by the Officer who makes up or opens the bag containing the bill; and when such Officer is not the Postmaster, the words "for Postmaster," must be added.

Letter bill to be signed by Postmaster or officer making up mail.

VI. When, from the roads being blocked up with snow, or from any other cause, the mails cannot be forwarded regularly, and are detained

Irregularities in mails.