

APPENDIX, No. 36.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Made and ordered by His Honor the Administrator, and Her Majesty's Council, in conformity with an Act of the General Assembly of Newfoundland, passed in the Fourteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled "An Act for the Establishment and Regulation of Inland Posts in this Colony."

1.—That the Post Master or Deputy Post Masters appointed, or to be appointed, under the said Act, shall carry into effect the provisions of the same agreeably to the General Instructions (so far as the same can be made applicable to this Colony) heretofore issued by Her Majesty's Post Master General, at London, and now in force for the government of the Inland Postal Department in the other British North American Provinces.

2.—That the said Post Master shall transmit to the respective Deputy Post Masters, for their guidance, copies of such of the said General Instructions as shall be approved of by the Governor and Council.

3.—That the General Post Office at St. John's shall be kept open daily (Sundays excepted) from 9 o'clock, A.M. until 4 o'clock, P.M.; and when the mails shall not have previously arrived, the office shall be kept open until a later hour, for the purpose of complying with the 17th following rule—the unpaid letter box remaining open at all times—and the office shall also be kept open later when necessary for the purpose of receiving letters by ships arriving.

4.—Letters when once put into an official Receiving Box become the property of the person to whom addressed; on no application however urgent, and on no authority whatever, must letters be returned to the writers.

5.—Provided always, that the Governor, or Officer Administering the Government, shall be permitted to withdraw any of his own letters so deposited, on giving to the Post Master, or Deputy Post Master, an order in writing, under his hand, for the return to him of such letters.

6.—When letters or packets have remained in the Post Office the periods undermentioned, and every effort to deliver them has failed, the Deputy Post Master shall write in red ink, on the front of such letters, the true reason of their non-delivery, and stamp them; he will then transmit them to the Post office at St. John's, where such letters shall be opened by the Post Master, and be returned to the writers—that is to say:—

Dead	Immediately.
Refused—gone away—not known where—not known—not to be found— not called for, (if addressed to the Post Office)	} Kept for four months, and then returned.

7.—These returns are to include all undelivered letters, whether received from other Offices or put into the Deputy's own Office, or within its delivery.