

383. A Letter addressed to a Firm may be delivered to any Member of the Firm—if addressed to several persons, it may be delivered to any one of them.

Letter addressed to a Firm.

384. If there be two or more persons of the same name, and a Letter to their address be delivered to the wrong individual, the Postmaster will, if he is fully satisfied that there has been a mistake, instantly re-seal the Letter, in the presence of the person who opened it, and request him to write upon it the words "*Opened by me through mistake,*" and sign his name; the Postmaster will then refund the Postage paid, if any, and replace the Letter in his Office.

Letter delivered to a wrong party.

385. Any Letter or Packet whether for despatch or delivery observed to be unfastened, excepting of course those which are obviously intended to be sent open, must be carefully re-fastened with sealing wax which must be impressed with the office seal, care being taken that the wax is not placed upon the original seal or fastening of the letter, and the words "Found open" with the initials of the Postmaster or Officer who deals with it must be written near the seal.

Letters observed to be unfastened.

386. Postmasters should not receive any letter or packet which there is good reason to believe contains glass or anything likely to injure the contents of the mail bag or the person of any officer of the Post Office.

Letters and packets with objectionable contents.

387. The transmission of obscene or immoral books, papers or publications, Photographs or prints through the Post is strictly prohibited, and all Packets containing such articles should be stopped and sent specially under cover to the Postmaster General.

Obscene or immoral books papers, &c.

388. Postmasters are requested to keep a vigilant watch upon the transient Newspaper and Book matter sent through their offices with a view to detect the frauds which are occasionally attempted to be practised by the transmission therein of written or other matter which may be subject to a higher rate of postage, or in putting marks thereon to serve the purpose of a Letter. Papers and Book Packets, thus infringing the law, are to be put under cover to the Postmaster General and forwarded by the first Post after detection.

Transient newspapers to be examined.

389. Postmasters should give information to the Postmaster General of any illegal conveyance of letters which may come to their knowledge.

Illegal conveyance of letters.

390. Postmasters whose Assistants are appointed by the Postmaster General are authorized, in the event of the misbehaviour or insubordination of any Assistant, to suspend him from his duties, and report the offender to the Postmaster General.

Authority held by certain Postmasters over their clerks.