

intended for places to which optional payment extends, unpaid letters may be sent in them. No gratuity is to be paid to the commander of a vessel of war.

SOLDIERS' AND SEAMEN'S LETTERS.

Privileged persons.

XXVIII. Non-commissioned Officers, Captain's Stewards, Seamen and Soldiers, while they are employed in Her Majesty's service, can send and receive letters at the rate of one penny each, under the following regulations:—

Regulations under which the privilege is enjoyed.

1. The penny must be paid at the time the letter is posted.

2. The name of the Soldier or Sailor, his class or description, and the name of the ship, regiment, corps or detachment to which he belongs, must be specified in the direction of the letter; and in case of letters sent by Soldiers or Seamen, the Officer in command must sign his name and specify his rank, and the name of the ship or regiment, corps or detachment which he commands.

3. The letter must not exceed half an ounce in weight.

4. The letter must refer solely to the private affairs of the soldier or seamen.

Form of address.

XXIX. All the foregoing descriptions must be fully written in the address in the following form, the initials of the name of any ship or regiment being insufficient:

SEAMAN.

From A. B., Seaman H. M. S. ———

(Here the direction to be inserted.)

C. D., Captain or Commanding Officer, H.
M. S. ———