

4. Postmasters are prohibited opening, or permitting to be opened, or written on, or detaining, or delivering back to the writer, or to any person, any Letter posted at an Office.

5. Letters sealed or unsealed, printed or written, are equally liable to Postage.

PART XVI.

Way Letters and Newspapers.

1 Way Letters, what.

2 How dealt with.

1. Way Letters are those which have been received or sent by a Mail Courier, and which are not included in the Mail but handed to the Courier to be posted at the nearest Office.

2. Postmasters receiving such Letters will Stamp and Tax them according to the Scale, and which amount, if for his own delivery, he will insert in the Monthly Way Letter Account in a column headed "By Courier," and mark the word "Way" in red ink on the front of the Letters. But if they should not be for his own delivery, and are consequently to be sent "Forward" by him, they must be charged with the Postage to the place of destination, (the word "Way" being also written on them in red ink,) and Stamped and forwarded in the ordinary manner.

PART XVII.

Conveyance of Mails.

1 & 4 Postmasters to report to P. M. G. irregularities, &c. in the conveyance.

2 Number and Address of Bags to be entered in Time Bills, and Receiving Officer to check.

3 Time Bills to be signed at each Office, and time of arrival and despatch entered.

5 Where Time Bill lost.

6 Despatch delayed by Contractor, Postmaster to hire conveyance, and report.

7 Postmaster not to detain Mail without special authority.

8 If Mails remain over night where an Office, Bags to be kept therein.

9 Contractor bound to convey entire Mail.

10 Postmaster responsible for exchange of Mails, and to examine Seals and Labels before delivering or opening.

11 Where Bag not Sealed or Seal broken, to enquire cause, examine contents, and report to P.M.G.

12 Courier to take and subscribe Oath.

13 Bags to be delivered and received at Office.

14 Not to throw Bags at door of Office.

15 Post Horn to be used.

16 Only Way Letters to be carried out of Bags.

17 New Mail Bags, how applied for.

1. Postmasters are expected to report to the Postmaster General on every occasion when proper and sufficient carriage is not provided for the conveyance of the Mails so as to insure regularity on the route, and when due provision is not made for the protection of the Mails from the weather.

2. The number and address on Mail Bags despatched from any Office are to be invariably entered on the Time Bills, and the Receiving Officer will carefully observe whether the full complement for his office has been delivered.

3. The Time Bills are to be signed at each Office, (marked on the Bill,) and the proper entries as to the time of arrival and departure of the Mails, carefully and plainly entered.