

thereof, after the expiration of nine calendar months from the publication of such list.

13. Any person who shall steal, embezzle, secrete, or destroy any Post Letter Bag, or packet, or Post Letter, or any chattel, money, security, or thing whatsoever, in such bag, packet, or letter contained, or unlawfully open any Post Letter Bag or packet, or unlawfully take any letter or thing out of such bag or packet, or forge, or be engaged in or accessory to forging or attempting to forge any Postage Stamp or form issued or used, or to be issued or used under the authority of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and punishable by imprisonment for life by any Court having jurisdiction in that behalf.

Offences declared felony.

14. Any person or persons, corporation, firm, or partnership whatsoever, that shall knowingly and with intent to defraud the Revenue, convey, or be concerned in the conveyance of any letter or other Mail matter liable to postage, and on which the rates of postage by this Ordinance prescribed, shall not have been pre-paid, shall be liable upon conviction for each such offence, to a fine of not less than Five pounds or exceeding Fifty pounds, every such penalty may be recovered upon conviction before any Justice of the Peace or other Magistrate in the Colony, in a summary manner, and in each such case the informer shall be entitled to receive half the penalty recovered, the remainder shall be paid to the use of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, and be accounted for as part of the Revenue.

Offences punishable by fine.

Every such penalty or fine, shall be recovered by warrant of distress of the goods and chattels of the offender.

And in case of default in payment of such fine, or of the insufficiency of such distress, the offender shall for every such offence be liable to an imprisonment not exceeding three calendar months, at the discretion of the Justice or Magistrate convicting.

15. The conveyance or attempt to convey any letter, paper or Mail matter liable to postage, without the previous payment to the Post Office Department of the proper postage thereon, shall for every such letter or thing be deemed a separate offence, and be punishable accordingly.

Separate offences.

16. Any offence under this Act, may be dealt with, indicted, tried and punished in any place or district in the Colony, where the offence is committed, or in which the offender is apprehended or in custody, as if actually committed in such place or district.

Offences punishable in any part of the Colony.

17. All letters, papers and other Mail matter not hereinbefore made free of postage transmitted within the Colony, shall be pre-paid.

All letters to be pre-paid.

18. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as "The Postal Ordinance, 1864."

Short Title.

Passed the Legislative Council the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1864.

CHARLES GOOD, Clerk.

Assented to, in Her Majesty's name, this fourth day of May, 1864.

FREDERICK SEYMOUR,
Governor.