

others for letters conveyed by them from any places without the limits of the Province and brought by them to the Post Office for delivery,—for the delivery of letters and packets in the larger and more populous Cities and Towns, at the residences of the parties to whom they are addressed, and fixing the limits within which such delivery shall take place, and the rates to be paid by the parties who shall prefer to have their letters and packets so delivered rather than apply for them at the Post Office;—for imposing pecuniary penalties not exceeding pounds, for any one offence, on persons offending against any such regulations aforesaid, whether they be or be not officers of the Post Office; and generally to make such regulations as may be deemed necessary for the due and effective working of the Post and Postal business and arrangements; and for carrying this Act fully in effect; and every such regulation as aforesaid, may from time to time be repealed or amended by any subsequent regulation made in like manner, and every such regulation shall, until it be otherwise ordered by any subsequent regulation, have force and effect as if it formed part of the provisions of this Act, unless it be inconsistent with the enactments thereof.

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General.

VIII. And be it enacted, That subject always to the provisions and regulations aforesaid, the Provincial Post Master General shall have the sole and exclusive privilege of conveying, receiving, collecting, sending and delivering letters within this Province; and that any person or party who shall (except in the cases hereinafter excepted) collect, send, convey or deliver, or undertake to convey or deliver any letter within this Province, or who shall receive or have in his possession any letter for the purpose of conveying or delivering it, otherwise than in conformity with this Act, shall for each and every letter so unlawfully conveyed or undertaken to be conveyed, received, delivered or found in his possession, incur a penalty of currency: but such exclusive privilege, prohibition and penalty shall not apply to,—

Exceptions.

Letters sent by a private friend in his way, journey or travel, provided such letters be delivered by such friend to the party to whom they are addressed;

Letters sent by a messenger on purpose, concerning the private affairs of the sender or receiver:

Commissions or returns thereof, and affidavits or writs, process or proceedings or returns thereof, issuing out of a Court of Justice: