

Property in Postal matter.

6. In all proceedings whatsoever relating to Postal matters, in which it shall be necessary or usual to allege or prove property, every letter, paper, and matter being conveyed by, to, or from, or deposited in or with any Post Office, or Postmaster, or other person in the employ of the Post Office in the Colony, shall for the purposes of this Ordinance be deemed and laid as the property of the Postmaster General.

Loose Letters.

7. Every master or person in charge of any vessel arriving from parts beyond the seas, (save from Vancouver Island or its dependencies) shall be entitled to receive one penny for every letter not included in any Mail delivered to the Postmaster at any Port in the Colony, or to any person authorized by him to receive the same.

Rates of Postage.

8. For every letter to and from British Columbia and Vancouver Island, and delivered at Victoria or New Westminster, and not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce, there shall be paid a postage of..... 3d.

Exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce, but not exceeding 1 ounce..... 6d.

And so on in proportion adding for each rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce or fractional excess..... 3d.

And on every single newspaper..... 1d.

On all letters arriving from any other place than Vancouver Island, delivered at New Westminster, the said rate of 3d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce shall be paid in addition to Foreign postage.

On every letter which shall be transmitted from a Post Office at any one place in the Colony, to a Post Office at any other place in the Colony,

For every letter not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce in weight..... 6d.

For every letter exceeding the weight of $\frac{1}{2}$ an ounce, but not exceeding 1 ounce..... 1s.

And so on after the rate of sixpence for every additional $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce, or any fractional part thereof..... 6d.

And for every single newspaper..... 6d.

Foreign Mail Contracts.

9. The Postmaster General, with the approval of the Governor, may enter into contracts with Foreign countries, for the conveyance and transmission of Mails to and from British Columbia, from and to such countries.

Power to search for Letters unlawfully carried.

10. It shall be lawful for the Postmaster or other officer of the Post Office department, duly authorized, at any place, to open, search and examine the letter bags, or parcels, packages, or persons of any Express Companies or parties suspected of conveying letters or other Mail matter liable to Postage under this Ordinance, without previous pre-payment thereof.

Franking Letters

11. All letters on Public Service, marked over the address "On Her Majesty's Service," and bearing the name of the writer or department on the left hand corner, shall pass free. Letters on public matters to and from Legislative Councillors during session, shall be considered on Her Majesty's Service and pass free.

Unclaimed Letters.

12. Every Postmaster shall on the last Monday of every month, cause a list of the then remaining unclaimed or undelivered letters, to be made out in writing and affixed to some conspicuous part of the Post Office, there to remain for the space of ninety days, after which period all such letters then remaining unclaimed or undelivered shall be transmitted by the Postmaster to the General Post Office, at New Westminster. The Postmaster General shall have authority to open such letters, and to return them to the writers