

*Secondly*—That the uniform internal Colonial Rate of Two Pence, Sterling, the half ounce, shall remain in operation as regards Letters transmitted in the British Mails between the United Kingdom and the North American Provinces, and that the same uniform Rate shall be extended to the Correspondence of those Countries with which Great Britain has Postal Conventions, in case such Countries shall establish Packets of their own, and Her Majesty's Government shall demand in their favor the concession of such a privilege—the Rate to be collected according to the British Scale. *Thirdly*—That the pre-payment, or payment on delivery, of Postage, shall still remain optional with respect to the Correspondence transmitted between each of the Provinces respectively, but that each Province shall keep, as now, the amount it collects, in order to avoid complicated accounts and heavy expenses for exchanging Offices, for the purposes of ascertaining the actual Revenue to which each is entitled for the unpaid Letters transmitted to either of the other Provinces, and for prepaid Letters received from those Provinces for delivery; and with respect to the Correspondence transmitted between the North American Colonies and the United Kingdom, a similar optional payment shall still remain wherever it is practicable, and the existing modes of account be retained with respect to the British Packet Postage, and the uniform internal Colonial Rate of Two Pence.

Preamble

*And whereas*, the Right Honorable the Earl of Elgin, Governor General of the British North American Provinces, with the concurrence of the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova-Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, did appoint certain Commissioners to enquire into the practicability of establishing an uniform and efficient Post Office System throughout British America, in accordance with the views of Her Majesty's Postmaster General aforesaid—which Commissioners did, in the Month of October last, deliver their Report—a copy of which has been submitted to the Legislature in the present Session.

Preamble

*And whereas*, the House of Assembly did, on the Twenty-first day of March, in the present Session, adopt a Resolution, that it was for the interest of the people inhabiting this extensive and important portion of Her Most Gracious Majesty's Dominions, to have established one uniform Rate on Letters sent by Mail to any part of British America, of Three Pence, Currency, when not exceeding half an ounce—two such Rates when exceeding half an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce—and an additional Rate for every half ounce over and above one ounce—and a Rate of One Penny, Currency, for every Letter dropped into a Post Office for delivery only:

Regulations for uniform Rate of Postage through the Colonies.

*I. Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Assembly,* That from and after the passing of this Act, it shall and may be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor, or Administrator of the Government of this Province, for the time being, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by any Orders to be from time to time made for that purpose, to make such regulations, and to give such directions, orders, and instructions, to any Officers, or other persons whomsoever, as shall or may be deemed proper and necessary, for the carrying into effect the purposes of Her Majesty's Postmaster General aforesaid, and of said Commissioners aforesaid, and of the Resolution of the Assembly aforesaid, so as to establish forthwith an uniform Rate of Postage on Letters sent by Mail between the British North American Colonies, referred to in the Communication and Report aforesaid, and to bring the Post Office Department under Provincial control, and a system of Postal management among the said Colonies—any Law, usage, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Publication of Orders.

*II. And be it enacted,* That all Orders from time to time made under and by virtue of this Act, and published in the Royal Gazette, shall have the full power and authority of Law, as much as if herein set forth and enacted.

Duration of Act.

*III. And be it enacted,* That this Act shall continue and be in force for One Year, and thence to the end of the then next Session of the General Assembly.