

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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No. 14. An Ordinance for regulating the Postal Service.

[4th May, 1864.]

WHEREAS a General Post Office has been established at New Westminster, for the reception and transmission of Letters and other Mail matter, and as a Post Master General has been appointed for the said Colony;

Preamble.

And whereas it is expedient to make further provision for the conveyance and transmission of Her Majesty's Mails throughout the Colony;

Be it enacted by the Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor to establish for the reception and transmission of Letters and other Mail matter, in addition to the General Post Office, at New Westminster, so many Post Offices in other parts of the Colony, as he may from time to time deem necessary.

Establishment of Post Offices.

2. It shall also be lawful for the Postmaster General, subject to the directions of the Governor, from time to time to appoint such Postmasters in the said Colony, to hold office during his pleasure, and to prescribe and vary the mode and amount of their remuneration and securities, the nature and extent of their duties; to regulate the weight and dimensions of letters, to define the various kinds of postal matter, to prohibit the sending of dangerous or improper articles by post; to prepare and distribute such Colonial Stamps for the pre-payment of postage, to order such pre-payments, and generally to make all such other regulations for the more effective management of the Post Office department throughout the Colony, as to such Postmaster General (subject as aforesaid) shall seem expedient for the Public service.

Appointment of Postmasters.

Regulation of Postal details.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor to direct the Postmaster General to advertize for tenders for the conveyance of Mails within the said Colony.

Tenders for Mail Service.

4. The Postmaster General may, with the approval of the Governor, enter into contracts for the conveyance of Mails in the Colony.

Mail Contracts.

5. In all proceedings and things whatsoever relating to the Post Office or Postal matters, the Postmaster General may sue and be sued in his own name.

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