

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

RATES, AND TIMES OF CLOSING MAILS, &c.

The Mails for the United Kingdom are closed finally at Halifax every alternate Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Letters, &c., for England, which may be dropped into the box *after the hour of closing* and up to to the arrival of the Packet, will be forwarded in a bag, loose—but such letters *cannot be prepaid*, either in money or stamps. The Royal Mail Steamers leave Boston for Halifax and Liverpool, G. B., every alternate Wednesday; arrive at Halifax on Thursday evening or very early the succeeding morning, leaving Halifax immediately after receiving the Mails. Letters to or from England 7½d., prepayment optional; can be prepaid by using a 6d. or two 3d. Stamps, together with half of a threepenny stamp cut diagonally. Newspapers free.

The charge on all books posted in Nova-Scotia for Great Britain, or *vice-versa*, is as follows: For a packet not exceeding 4 oz., 4d.; 4 oz., and not exceeding ½ lb, 7½d.; ½ lb, and not exceeding 1 lb, 1s. 3d.; 1 lb, and not exceeding 1½ lb, 1s. 10½d.; 1½ lb, and not exceeding 2 lb, 2s. 6d.; and so on, increasing 7½d. for every additional ½ lb, or fraction of a ½ lb. Printed or lithographed letters addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, can be sent like other printed matter as follows: For a single letter or packet of letters, open at the sides or ends, not exceeding 4 oz., 4d., and so on, according to the scale above for charging books. One book package may contain separate Books, Publications, Almanacks, and Maps and Paper, Parchment or Vellum; the latter three materials may be written or printed on—the package may contain the name and address of the sender. Rollers may accompany prints and maps, and markers may be sent with books. No letter must be sent with or written on a book package, and no such package must exceed two feet in length, width or depth. The postage must in all cases be prepaid by stamps.

Closed Mails for the United Kingdom *via* United States are made up at Halifax to meet the Steamers leaving New York for Liverpool. Letters to be specially addressed, "via New York." Letters 10d.; Newspapers 1d. each.

The Mails for the United States *via* Boston, per Royal Mail Steamers are made up on Tuesday evening of the week in which the Packet from England is due, at 8 o'clock. Should the Steamer not arrive by 6 o'clock the following morning, supplementary Mails will be made up. Should the Steamer from Liverpool arrive previous to Tuesday night—the Mails as heretofore will close immediately on her arrival.

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