

DELAYS AND ERRORS.

Punctuality especially requisite.

42. Negligence in transmitting the Monthly Returns and Quarterly Abstracts, and delay in remitting Monies in excess of the wants of any Office, being very serious obstacles to the good working of the system, the Postmasters must be cautious not to offend in these respects.

Postmasters to report to Postmaster General any irregularities which may come under their notice.

43. It will also be evident that the success of the Money Order System will greatly depend upon the scrupulous attention, promptitude, and accuracy of the Postmasters, in carrying out the Rules. It is expected, therefore, that each will be not only careful himself to conform to them, but to see that the Orders and Advices which come to him from other Offices are in strict agreement with them: and they should immediately report to the Postmaster General any instance of serious departure from them, which in the regular course of the business of their Offices may come under their personal observation

SUDDEN DIFFICULTIES.

Postmasters to refer to Postmaster General in all doubtful cases.

45. It may reasonably be presumed that in the working of the Money Order System, circumstances of a perplexing character not provided for in the "General Principles" or "Special Instructions" will occasionally present themselves. When, however, in the exercise of his best discretion, a Postmaster concludes that a matter not contemplated by the Rules is simple enough in itself to point out a proper course of action, he will best fulfil his duty by deciding the case; but when the difficulty is of a character to suggest doubt as to the true course, he will invariably refer it to the Postmaster General.

Suggestions for improvement of the System.

46. It may further be anticipated that circumstances will also occur which will indicate the necessity of provisions supplementary to the Money Order System as now arranged. As it is intended to make the Department as efficient as possible, Postmasters will please communicate to the Head Office any important fact coming to their knowledge which may show the necessity for any modification of the present Rules, any change in the mode of working them out, or any entirely new Regulation.

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