6 .- To China and the Eastern Archipelago.

Letters addressed to Hong Kong, Penang, Singapore, any part of China. or Japan, the Phillipine Islands, Java, Sumatra, Borneo, Labuan, the Moluccas. and Siam, are chargeable as follows :-

Not exceeding ½ oz. Exceeding 1 oz.

And so on, increasing two shillings for every additional ounce or fraction of an

7 .- To Naval Officers on Foreign Stations.

Letters addressed to Officers serving on board any of Her Majesty's ships on a foreign station, when sent through the United Kingdom, are chargeable as follows :-

" 1 oz. " " 2 ozs. 4s.

And so on, increasing two shillings for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

8 .- To Naval Seamen and Soldiers.

Letters sent to or by Seamen and Soldiers in Her Majesty's service will be transmitted within the Colony, and between the Colony and any Post Office in the British Dominions, at a charge of ONE PENNY, provided that the following Regulations are observed :-

1. Each Letter must not exceed half an ounce in weight.

2. It must be superscribed with the name of the writer, his description or class in the Vessel or Regiment, and signed by the Officer at the time in command.

3. The postage must be prepaid.

Every Letter of this description, posted or received in this Colony, not in accordance with the foregoing Regulations, will be treated as an ordinary Letter,

9 .- Free Letters.

Letters on the Public Service of Her Majesty's Naval and Military Forces are exempted from the payment of postage, if bearing the words "On Her Majesty's Service," and the signature of the Officer in command of the Force on the Service of which the Letter is dispatched. But such Letters cannot be transmitted by any irregular route, or one entailing additional expense on the Colonial Government.

Letters on the Public Service of the General Government of the Colony are transmitted free by post, if bearing the words "On the Public Service only," and the signature of some Officer of the General Government authorised to frank Official Letters.

10.—Registered Letters.

F	Registration Fee	
	NEWSPAPERS.	
1	. To any part of the Colony, if published in the Colony, and posted within seven days from publication	Free.
	If not published in the Colony, or not posted within seven days from publication, each	1d.
6	2. To the United Kindom, via Southampton, or by direct ship	Free.
4	To the United Kingdom, viá Marseilles, each	3d.
. 9	3. To the Continent of Europe, via Trieste, each	2d.
4	4. To Syria and Turkey (not through the United Kingdom),	14

not exceeding two ounces

And so on, at the rate of One Penny for every additional two ounces.

BOOK PACKETS.

1	. To any part of the Colony	, or to the	United	Kingdom	, viâ	South	ampton
	Not exceeding 4 ozs.					***	4d.
	Exceeding 4 ozs., and not	exceeding	l oz.	•••			8d.
	Exceeding 8 ozs., and not	exceeding	16 ozs.	***	***	***	1s. 4d.

And so on, increasing eight-pence for every additional half-pound or fraction of half-a-pound.

2. To the following British Colonies:-

Ionian Islands Ascension Natal Bermuda New Brunswick British West Indies Newfoundland Canada Cape of Good Hope (only to Cape Town, Mossel Bay. and Port Elizabeth) Falkland Islands Nova Scotia

Prince Edward Island Gambia St. Helena Gold Coast Sierra Leone Heligoland

Vancouver's Island

Not exceeding 4 ozs. 7d. Exceeding 4 ozs., and not exceeding 8 ozs. 1s. 2d. 8 ozs., " '- 16 ozs. 2s. 4d.

And so on, increasing one shilling and two-pence for every half-pound or fraction of half-a-pound.

REGULATIONS.

Prepayment by Stamps.

All letters, packets and newspapers posted in New Zealand must be prepaid by affixing postage labels of the Colony of sufficient value.

Loose Letters.

All letters received from beyond seas, at any Post Office in this Colony, which have not been regularly posted at the place of dispatch (loose letters), are chargeable with full postage, according to the rates established by the foregoing tables, unless they are letters which it is not compulsory by law to send by post, in which case they are chargeable with the inland rate of postage only.

Insufficient Payment.

Letters and packets liable to more than one rate of postage, and addressed to places within the Colony or to the United Kingdom, if bearing at least a single rate, will be forwarded, and charged with the postage deficient, and another single rate as a fine. Letters and packets so addressed, and bearing less than a single rate of postage, and all letters and packets otherwise addressed, not bearing the full postage chargeable, will be detained and returned to the sender in all cases where practicable. Newspapers, if posted without prepayment of the full amount of postage chargeable, can neither be forwarded to their destination nor returned to the sender; but will be delivered or forwarded to the person addressed, on application, within six months, at the office were the same were posted, and payment of the deficient postage in stamps.

Registration.

Any person can have a letter registered by affixing on it by means of the proper labels the amount of the registration fee, in addition to the proper postage, and presenting it at a Post Office during office hours, and at least one hour before the closing of the mail by which it is desired to be transmitted. Every precaution will be adopted to ensure the safe delivery of a registered letter by entering it on the letter bills, and obtaining a receipt for the same on delivery. As the Post Office, however, is not responsible for the loss of any letter, whether registered or otherwise, persons sending bank notes or drafts are advised to take