

All letters received from beyond seas, at any post-office in this Colony, which have not been regularly posted at the place of despatch (loose letters) are chargeable with full postage, according to the established rates, 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.

Letters and packets liable to more than one rate of postage, and addressed to places within the Colony to the Colonies of Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia, 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 where the same were posted, and payment of the deficient postage in stamps.

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.

Re-direction from one post-office to another, of letters, newspapers and packets, are charged with a new and distinct rate of postage, to be paid on delivery.

Any person sending, as exempt from postage, letters not liable to exemption, or enclosing a communication in the nature of a letter in any newspaper or book-packet, is liable to a penalty of £20.

No book-packet or packet of newspapers will be received, nor will any postmaster be required to receive any letter, if it exceed two feet in length, one foot in width or depth, or three pounds in weight.

Every book-packet shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and there shall be no enclosure, sealed or otherwise, closed against inspection, sent in or with such packet, nor anything printed or written in the nature of a letter.

Within the above limitations, a book-packet may contain any number of separate books, maps, prints or photographs, and any quantity of paper, vellum, or parchment, either printed, written on, or plain (exclusive of anything in the nature of a letter, whether sealed or open), with the binding, covering, or mounting attached or belonging to such book, print, &c., and all things legitimately appertaining to or necessary for the transmission of any enclosed literary or artistic matter, but exclusive of glass in any form. Name and address of sender may appear on the cover.

Under present arrangements the English mail closes at Christchurch at 7 a.m., on the morning of the 16th of each month (the steamer sailing from Lyttelton at noon). Late letters, for United Kingdom and Australian Colonies, received at Christchurch up to 9.30, but no such letters are forwarded by the mail preparing for despatch unless prepaid, and that in stamps, so as to include both the ordinary postage and the late letter fee. Late letters received at Lyttelton until 11 a.m., on the 16th.

Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter to the writer or sender, or to any one else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address, even though a request to such effect be written thereon; as every letter must be delivered to the person to whom it is directed, and to him alone.

LIST OF MONEY ORDER OFFICES IN NEW ZEALAND.

Auckland.....Province of Auckland		Christchurch.....Province of Canterbury	
Mongonui	"	Akaroa	"
Otahuhu	"	Hokitika	"
Onehunga	"	Kaiapoi	"
Port Waikato	"	Lyttelton	"
Raglan	"	Timaru	"
Russell	"	<i>Dunedin</i>Province of Otago	
Wangarei	"	Arrow River	"
<i>New Plymouth</i>Province of Taranaki		Alexandra (formerly "Manuherikia Junction")	"
<i>Napier</i>Province of Hawkes Bay		Clyde (formerly "Dunstan")	"
<i>Wellington</i>Province of Wellington		Oamaru	Province of Otago
Wanganui	"	Port Chalmers	"
<i>Nelson</i>Province of Nelson		Queenstown	"
Collingwood	"	Tokomairoro	"
<i>Pictou</i>Province of Marlborough		Tuapeka	"
Blenheim	"	Waikouaiti	"
Havelock	"	<i>Invercargill</i>Province of Southland	
		Campbelltown	"
		Riverton	"

NOTE.—The Office first named in each Province, and printed in italics, is the Chief Money Order Office of the Province.

LIGHT-HOUSE DUES FIXED BY THE MARINE BOARD OF NEW ZEALAND, AND PUBLISHED DECEMBER 31, 1864.

- * Vessels (not steam vessels) from Great Britain, or any port beyond the Australasian colonies—Per register ton—Wellington, Nelson, Bluff Harbour, Dunedin, Lyttelton, Auckland ... 6d.
- † All steam vessels and vessels from the Australasian colonies—Per register ton—Wellington, Nelson, Bluff Harbour, Dunedin, Lyttelton, Auckland ... 4d.
- ‡ Vessels from Great Britain, or ports beyond the Australasian colonies—Per register ton—Pictou, Wanganui, Russel, Bay of Islands ... 3d.
- All vessels from the Australian colonies—Per register ton—Pictou, Wanganui, Russel, Bay of Islands ... 2d.
- § Every steamer or sailing vessel employed in the coasting trade—Per register ton—Wellington, Nelson, Bluff Harbour, Dunedin, Lyttelton, Auckland, Id.; Pictou, Wanganui, Russel, Bay of Islands ... 1d.
- * Vessels from beyond the colony of New Zealand arriving at the ports of Oamaru, Moeraki, Waikouaiti, or Molyneux, and not having paid Light Dues at any port previously, will be charged at the same rate as at Dunedin.
- † Vessels from beyond the colony of New Zealand arriving at the ports of Akaroa or Timaru, and not having paid Light Dues at any port previously, will be charged at the same rate as at Lyttelton.
- ‡ Vessels plying on that part of the Gulf of Hauraki to the southward of Rangitoto and Waiheke Islands, will be exempt from Light Dues.
- § To be levied on vessels making use of, or passing Tiri Tiri, or other Lights on the coast of this colony.

The whole of the above dues to be levied on entering inwards only.

TABLE OF FEES IN RESPECT OF PROCEEDINGS IN CIVIL CASES BEFORE RESIDENT MAGISTRATES.

	UNDER £5	£5 AND UNDER £10	£10 AND UNDER £20	£20 AND UNDER £50	£50 AND UNDER £75	£75 AND UNDER £100
Summons	1 0	2 0	3 0	4 0	5 0	6 0
Summons to a Witness	1 0	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0
Service of Summons within one mile from Court House	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
For every extra mile, one way	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
Hearing	2 0	2 0	4 0	6 0	8 0	10 0
Adjournment of Hearing on application of either plaintiff or defendant	1 0	2 0	2 0	3 0	3 0	3 0
Swearing witnesses exceeding three on either side	1 0	1 0	1 0	2 0	2 0	2 0
Entering up Judgment	1 0	2 0	3 0	4 0	5 0	6 0
Writ of Execution against Goods	2 0	2 0	3 0	4 0	6 0	10 0
ditto ditto person	2 0	2 0	3 0	4 0	6 0	10 0
Executing any writ of Execution beyond one mile from the Court House, for every extra mile one way	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
Poundage on the sum levied or received under distress—for every pound	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
Poundage for which the body is taken in execution—for every pound	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
For Keeping Possession, per diem, any sum, not exceeding	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	8 0	1 0
For every extra mile, one way	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
Auctioneer's Commission on Goods sold not exceeding 5 per cent.						
Advertising not exceeding 3s. per inch, and proportional rates for additional lines	5 0	5 0	5 0	7 6	10 0	15 0
Bailiff's fee for executing any Writ of Execution	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0
For every Search						
For every document required in proceedings, and not enumerated in this schedule, not exceeding two folios of 90 words each...	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0
For every complete folio of 90 words above two	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6	0 6