

## CHAPTER 52.

## POST OFFICE.

## AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE POST OFFICE.

10 of 1898.  
7 of 1930.  
24 of 1949.

[25th July, 1898.]

- Short title      1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Post Office Ordinance.
- Interpretation.      2. In this Ordinance unless the context otherwise requires :  
     “ Postal packet ” shall mean a letter, post card, reply post card, newspaper, book packet, pattern or sample packet, and every packet or article transmissible by post, and not for the time being prohibited from being sent by post.
- Postal Law of England in force. 24 of 1949.      3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and to any rules made hereunder, all laws relating to the Post Office of the United Kingdom and any regulations made under such laws shall, so far as the same are applicable, be in force in the Colony.  
     (2) The Governor in Council may, by Order, provide for all matters relating to the practice, procedure and jurisdiction in this Colony, under the said laws and regulations in cases where the provisions thereof in respect of such matters are deemed by him inapplicable to the Colony.
- Rules, Rates, Fees.      4. The Governor in Council may by order :—  
     (a) Fix the rates of postage to be charged on postal packets sent from any place within the Colony to any other place within or without the Colony ;  
     (b) Fix the fees to be paid for registration, insurance and money orders, and in every other case where fees may be deemed necessary ;  
     (c) Make rules as to insurance and compensation, and any other matters connected with the Post Office and the officers and servants thereof.

[Note. This Ordinance is declared to be in force in the Dependencies by the Application of Colony Laws Ordinance, Cap. 1 (D.S.).]

5. The master of any vessel about to depart from any port in the Colony shall, not less than 12 hours before leaving such port give notice personally or in writing to the Postmaster of his intended departure, and of the names of the places at which he intends to call, and he shall answer all such questions as shall be demanded of him relating to his ship and her intended voyage.

Vessel departing must give notice.

6. A master shall carry every mail tendered to him on behalf of or addressed to any Postmaster, and shall keep all mails that he shall have in charge in some dry and secure place, and the same shall be entered upon the Custom House manifest whenever practicable.

And carry mails.

7. Every master who shall refuse or wilfully delay to receive any mail or postal packet tendered to him by or on behalf of the Postmaster, or to give a receipt therefor, or who shall refuse or neglect to deliver without delay at the port of destination to the Postmaster or other addressee every mail or postal packet which he has brought, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding One hundred Pounds.

Refusing to receive or deliver mails.

Penalty.

8. The Postmaster shall, on demand, pay to the master of any ship (not under contract with the Government), two shillings and sixpence for every mail bag containing letters and papers and five shillings for every mail bag containing parcels safely carried and delivered.

Payment for carrying mails.

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9. Where, according to the rules of the Universal Postal Union, or other agreement, an indemnity in respect of loss is payable, the Governor shall cause the amount thereof to be paid to the sender, or at his request to the addressee, out of the public revenues of the Colony, on account of the country liable to pay such amount or any part thereof.

Indemnity for loss of postal packet.

10. Every postal packet shall, for the purposes of laying any information, be deemed to be the property of the Governor.

In indictments it shall be sufficient to name the Governor.

11. Any person who shall—

- (a) make, knowingly utter, deal in, sell or offer for sale any fictitious or counterfeit stamp, international reply coupon or postal identity card ; or

Manufacture, sale, use, etc., of counterfeit stamps, reply coupons, etc., prohibited.

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- (b) knowingly use for any postal purpose any fictitious or counterfeit stamps, international reply coupon or postal identity card ; or
- (c) have in his possession, unless he shows a lawful excuse, any fictitious or counterfeit stamp, international reply coupon or postal identity card ; or
- (d) make, or have in his possession, unless he shows a lawful excuse, any die, plate, instrument, or materials for making any fictitious or counterfeit stamp, international reply coupon or postal identity card ; or
- (e) insert in any postal packet any opium, morphine, cocaine or any substance or drug whatever which the Senior Medical Officer of the Colony certifies to be purely a narcotic : Provided that the Governor may authorize the insertion in a postal packet of any such substance or narcotic according to any convention or agreement of the Universal Postal Union

Insertion of dangerous drugs in postal packets prohibited.

Penalties.

shall commit an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a period not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.