

## An Ordinance to make further provision for the Postal Service of the Colony.

In the year 1880.—No. 1.

By His Excellency Thomas Fitzgerald Callaghan, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands and the Dependencies thereof, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

WHEREAS it is desirable to make better provision for the Postal Service of the Colony. Be it enacted:— Preamble.

1. Every master of any vessel calling at Port Stanley, and about to sail from there or from any port in the Falkland Islands for any port out of the Colony, shall before leaving attend before the Collector of Customs in Stanley and shall truly answer all such questions as shall be demanded of him concerning the ship, her cargo and intended voyage, and every master of any vessel about to sail from any port in the Colony for any port out of the Colony shall receive on board and if required shall give a written receipt in duplicate for any mail which shall be tendered to him by any Officer of the Post Office or other person duly authorised by the Government in that behalf, and shall keep the same so long as it shall be under his charge in some dry and secure place, and the same shall be entered upon the Custom House Manifest whenever practicable. Masters of vessels about to sail from the Colony calling Stanley to attend before Collector of Customs, &c., before leaving Stanley.
2. Every master of any vessel sailing from any port of the Colony who shall receive on board any mail to be conveyed to any port out of the Colony, shall be entitled to demand and receive from the Postmaster one penny for every letter, and one farthing for every newspaper, book, packet, or other article contained in such mail. Masters of vessels about to sail from the Colony to receive on board any mails tendered to them.
3. Every master of any vessel sailing from any port of the Colony who shall receive on board any mail to be conveyed to any port out of the Colony, shall be entitled to demand and receive from the Postmaster one penny for every letter, and one farthing for every newspaper, book, packet, or other article contained in such mail. Masters of vessels taking Mails from the Colony entitled to Postage.
3. Every mail or loose letter which shall be on board of any vessel arriving at any port within the Colony from any port out of the Colony, shall be delivered by the master thereof to the Postmaster or any person authorised by him to receive the same, who is hereby required to give a receipt for the same, and the master shall not be allowed to enter at the Custom House until he has produced such receipt for the Mail. Mails, &c., on board vessels arriving in the Colony to be delivered to Postmaster or other authorised person.
4. Every master of any vessel arriving from any port out of the Colony shall after the expiration of 24 hours from the delivery of any mail to the Postmaster or to any person authorised by him, be entitled to receive one penny for every letter and one farthing for every newspaper, book, packet, or other article contained in such mail. Masters of vessels bringing Mails to the Colony entitled to Postage.
5. With every mail tendered to the master of any vessel about to sail from any port of the Colony to any port out of the Colony, there shall be delivered a statement subscribed by the Postmaster or any person duly authorised to act for him of the number of letters, newspapers, books, packets and other articles contained in such mail, which statement shall so far as concerns the master of such vessel be deemed and taken as conclusive evidence of the number of letters, newspapers, books, packets and other articles contained in such mail. Statement delivered by Postmaster or other authorised person as to number of letters, &c., to be conclusive evidence of the same.
6. Every master of any vessel who shall not attend before the Collector of Customs at Stanley as herein provided and shall not truly answer the questions put to him, when required, or who shall refuse or delay to receive any mail or to deliver any mail or loose letter according to the provisions of this Ordinance, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a penalty not exceeding £100. Penalty for non-compliance with provisions of Ordinance.
7. Any penalty imposed by virtue of this Ordinance shall be sued for and recovered in the same way as penalties are sued for and recovered under the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinance No. 11 of 1853. Recovery of penalties.
8. This Ordinance shall take effect and come into operation from the day of the passing thereof. Commencement of Ordinance.

(Signed) T. F. CALLAGHAN; *Governor.*

Passed the Legislative Council this eleventh day of February, One thousand eight hundred and eighty.

(Signed) JOHN WRIGHT COLLINS, *Clerk to the Council.*