

6. If any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of a postal packet which was duly registered in any British colony or possession or foreign country comprised in the General Postal Union, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the postal authorities of such colony, possession, or country, be lost whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, through the dishonesty or negligence of any of his officers or servants, he may, on being satisfied as to the value of the article lost, and that the loss was not caused wholly or in part by any fault of the sender, make compensation therefor (not exceeding two pounds in the case of any postal packet), in accordance with the provisions of the Convention dated the 9th day of October, 1874, and made at Berne, on behalf of the several countries, parties to such Postal Union, or of any duly authorized extension or modification of such Convention.

7. If any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of a postal packet which was duly registered in any British colony or possession or foreign country not comprised in the General Postal Union, in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the postal authorities of such colony, possession, or country, be lost whilst in the custody of the Postmaster-General, through the dishonesty or negligence of any of his officers or servants, he may, on being satisfied as to the value of the article lost, and that the loss was not caused wholly or in part by the fault of the sender, make such compensation, if any, therefor as he shall think reasonable, having regard to the date of the application, and to all the other circumstances of the case, but so that such compensation shall not exceed the sum of two pounds in the case of any postal packet.

8. The word "loss" in this Warrant shall not include damage to an article which in fact reaches its destination, or destruction or loss by fire or shipwreck, or by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Postmaster-General.

9. All letters or packets posted in any British Post Office, and intended to be delivered by the post within the United Kingdom, or within any British colony or possession, and on which or the envelope or cover of which the word "registered," or any other word or phrase to the like effect or purport is written or impressed, or which contain coin, jewellery, or watches, in the case of packets addressed to a place to which such articles respectively are permitted to be transmitted by post, (all which packets are hereinafter called "postal packets subject to compulsory registration") shall be registered before the same are delivered to the persons to whom they are addressed.

10. If any postal packet which is subject to compulsory registration shall be posted in any other manner than by delivery for registration and payment of charges in manner aforesaid, no payment shall be made by the Postmaster-General in respect of the loss (if any) of any article enclosed in or forming part of such packet, and such packet shall or may, at the option of the Postmaster-General, be detained for registration at the first, or any other Post Office, through which it shall pass in the course of transmission to its destination until the ordinary despatch of letters next after that by which such packet ought, but for this regulation, to have been forwarded.

11. If any inland postal packet which is subject to compulsory registration shall be posted at any Post Office before an actual despatch of letters, but after the latest time appointed in the case of such Post Office for the receipt of registered postal

packets for transmission by such despatch, such packet (whether duly posted as a registered packet by delivery for registration and payment of charges in manner aforesaid or not) shall not be forwarded by such despatch, but shall be detained at such Post Office until the next subsequent despatch by which the same can be forwarded to its destination.

12. If any postal packet, which is subject to compulsory registration, shall be posted in any other manner than by delivery for registration and payment of charges in manner aforesaid, such packet shall be charged with a registration fee or charge of eight pence, in addition to all other postage payable thereon, but the stamps, if any, which may have been affixed to such letter or packet shall be accepted in payment or part payment, as the case may be, of such registration fee or charge of eight pence and such other postage as aforesaid.

13. The Postmaster-General may give effect to the preceding provisions as to the loss of articles enclosed in or forming part of registered postal packets out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, but nothing contained in or done in pursuance of this Warrant shall render him liable either personally or in his official capacity to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of or in consequence of any such loss. And the decision of the Postmaster-General on all questions of fact arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss of any article enclosed in or forming part of a registered postal packet, and on all other questions whatever arising under this Warrant, shall be final and conclusive, save that the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may, if they think fit, on the application of any person interested, reverse or modify the decision and order accordingly.

14. For the purposes of this Warrant and of any document referring thereto, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man shall be deemed parts of the United Kingdom.

15. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1878.

16. The regulations for the registration of post letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and British Colonies, dated the 24th day of June, 1867, and the Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 18th day of December, 1875, and the regulations as to the registration of letters therein contained, are hereby revoked (except so far as any then subsisting orders or regulations are thereby revoked), and all other Warrants of the said Commissioners relating to the registration of letters or packets or fixing the amounts of the fees or charges payable on such registration are hereby revoked to the extent to which such Warrants respectively relate to the several matters provided for by this Warrant, but such revocation shall not take effect until the 1st day of January, 1878, and shall be without prejudice to anything previously done or suffered, or to any right or obligation previously acquired, incurred, or accrued.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

*Crichton,  
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