

I, THE Right Honourable John James Robert Manners, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, given under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, whose names are hereunder signed and written, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Telegraph Act, 1868, and of every other power enabling me in this behalf, do hereby make the following Regulations for fixing the sums to be from time to time paid for the transmission of Telegrams within the United Kingdom, and for services rendered in connection therewith, and for the general conduct of telegraphic business:—

*Payment in Stamps.*

1. All charges for the transmission, delivery, repetition, and redirection of Telegrams, and for replies to or extra copies of Telegrams, and for all other services rendered in connection with Telegrams, are to be paid by means of Telegraph Stamps.

*Denominations of Stamps.*

2. Postage stamps are not available for the payment of any charges connected with Telegrams, and Telegraph Stamps are not available for the payment of postage.

*Charge for Transmission.*

3. The charge for the transmission of a Telegram originating and intended to be delivered within the United Kingdom (hereinafter called an Inland Telegram) is as follows, that is to say:—

- (1.) If the length of the Telegram does not exceed 20 words, one shilling.
- (2.) If the length of the Telegram exceeds 20 words one shilling for the first 20 words, and 3 pence for every additional 5 words, or for any fractional part of 5 words.

*Names, &c., not Charged.*

4. The names and addresses of the senders and addressees of Inland Telegrams are not counted as part of the words for which payment is required.

*Free Delivery within certain Limits.*

5. The sum charged for the transmission of a Telegram covers the cost of delivery by special foot messenger at any address within the limit of one mile from the Terminal Telegraph Office, and (if the Terminal Telegraph Office is a Head Post Office) within the limits of the district served by the Letter Carriers starting from such Head Office whatever may be extent of such district.

*Direction for Delivery by Post.*

6. If the sender desires his Telegram to be forwarded by post from the Terminal Telegraph Office, he may write the words "by post" at the end of the address of the person to whom it is to be delivered, and in that case no charge is made for delivery, and the words "by post" are not charged for as part of the message.

*Charges for Delivery to be paid by Sender.*

7. The sender of a Telegram is responsible for all charges incurred in or about the delivery thereof.

*Delivery by Messenger.*

8. When the address of delivery of a Telegram is not within the limit of free delivery from the Terminal Telegraph Office, and the sender does not write the words "by post" at the end of the address, the Telegram is in the absence of some other special arrangement with either the sender or the addressee, delivered at distances less than 3 miles from the Terminal Telegraph Office by special foot messenger, and at distances beyond that limit by mounted messenger.

*Charge for Delivery by Foot Messenger.*

9. The charge for delivery of a Telegram by special foot messenger is at the rate of 6d. for each mile or part of a mile, reckoned from the boundary of the district of free delivery to the address of delivery.

*Charge for Delivery by Mounted Messenger.*

10. The charge for delivery of a Telegram by mounted messenger is at the rate of 1s. for each mile or part of a mile, reckoned from the Terminal Telegraph Office to the address of delivery, except in some parts of Ireland where the charge is at the rate of 8d. for each mile or part of a mile, reckoned from the Terminal Telegraph Office to the address of delivery.

*Charge for Delivery to be Prepaid.*

11. When the address of delivery is not within the limit of free delivery from the Terminal Telegraph Office, the sender must, when practicable, state its distance from such office, and prepay the charge for delivery.

*Delivery by Public Conveyance.*

12. If the sender of a Telegram desires to have it delivered by a public conveyance he must deposit one shilling to cover the cost of conveyance, and any unexpended balance of the sum deposited will be refunded on application being made to the Secretary of the Post Office at any time within three calendar months.

*Delivery on board Ship not alongside a Wharf, &c.*

13. The sender of a Telegram addressed to a person on board a vessel not alongside a wharf, pier, or jetty must deposit the following sums to cover the cost of boat hire:—

- (1.) If the vessel be in the Thames off Gravesend; in the Mersey off Liverpool; or in any similar situation, 5s.
- (2.) If the vessel be in the Pool, London, 1s.
- (3.) If the vessel be in any situation not included in either of the preceding classes such reasonable sum as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time direct.

Any unexpended balance of the sum deposited will be returned on application to the Secretary of the Post Office at any time within three calendar months.

*Deposit of Telegrams in Letter Boxes.*

14. Telegrams deposited with Telegraph Stamps attached thereto in wall or pillar boxes, or in letter boxes of ordinary Receiving Offices or Post Offices, not being Telegraph Offices, are taken to the nearest Telegraph Office on the first collection of letters from the place of deposit, and are forwarded thence in due course by Telegraph.

*Deposit of Telegrams with Insufficient Stamps.*

15. A Telegram so deposited without any Telegraph Stamp attached thereto will not be forwarded, but a Telegram so deposited with a Telegraph Stamp attached will be forwarded although insufficiently prepaid, and the deficiency, if not collected from the addressee, is to be paid by the sender.

*Repetition by Sender.*

16. The sender of a Telegram may have it repeated back station by station, but no copy of the Telegram is in any such case given to the sender.

*Repetition by Receiver.*

17. The addressee of a Telegram may have it repeated from the office of origin.

*Charge for Repetition.*

18. The charge for repetition, whether requested by the sender or the addressee, is one-half of the