

according to the manner hereinbefore prescribed for the posting of Parcels, may, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, either be detained and returned or given up to the sender, or be dealt with as follows, that is to say:—

- (1.) If the said Packet is fully prepaid with the Letter or Book Packet rate of postage, and otherwise conforms to the Regulations as to the Letter or Book Post, the same may be forwarded as a Letter or Book Packet (as the case may be).
- (2.) If the said Packet is not fully prepaid with the Letter or Book Packet rate of postage, the same may be forwarded to its destination as a Parcel, charged with the sum of one penny in addition to all other postage payable upon such Packet as a Parcel. Provided that the postage prepaid upon any such Packet shall be allowed in part payment of any postage or other sum charged under this clause.

Return and Disposal of Undelivered Parcels.

12. With regard to—

- (a.) Parcels which are addressed to a Post Office in the United Kingdom to be called for, or to a place in the United Kingdom beyond the limits of the free postal delivery of any town or district, or to a ship at any port in the United Kingdom, and which are not called for or delivered within such reasonable times as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe; and
- (b.) Parcels which cannot be delivered in the United Kingdom for want of a true direction, or by reason that the addressee is dead, or cannot be found, or has refused the same, or has refused to pay any charges thereon, or for any other sufficient reason;

The following provisions shall apply, that is to say:—

- (1.) The Parcel shall, as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct, be retained at or forthwith forwarded to such place as the Postmaster-General may from time to time appoint, and may, if necessary, be there opened and examined.
- (2.) Where the name and address of the sender can be ascertained from the Parcel or the Declaration accompanying the same, notice shall be given by Post to the sender through the Post Office of Tasmania or Western Australia, as the case may be, that the Parcel will, in default of any claim on the part of the addressee, be given up to the sender or his agent upon personal application at such place as aforesaid, or, at the request of the sender, will be forwarded to a corrected address or returned to him by post in either case upon the conditions hereinafter mentioned.
- (3.) Where the name and address of the sender cannot be ascertained from the Parcel, notice shall be publicly given (by affixing the same at such place or places, or in such other manner as the Postmaster-General may direct), and notice shall also be given to the Post Office of Tasmania or Western Australia, as the case may be, that the Parcel will in default of any claim on the part of the addressee, and upon payment of such charges as are hereinafter mentioned be given up upon the personal application of the sender or his agent, or be returned to the sender by post.
- (4.) In any case the notice shall state that in default of the receipt by the Postmaster-

General of an application for the Parcel during a period to be specified in such notice, from some person who in the Postmaster-General's judgment is entitled to receive the Parcel, it will be disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may direct.

- (5.) The Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, specify in any such notice, or otherwise, the periods during which Parcels may be returned to the senders thereof, and in so doing may have regard to the nature and contents of Parcels.
- (6.) Where in the case of a Parcel which cannot be delivered for want of a true direction the sender corrects the address of the Parcel, the Parcel shall be forwarded to the corrected address, subject to the following conditions:—
 - (a.) Where the sender's name and address appear outside the Parcel, and the corrected address of the Parcel is within the same free delivery as the original address, and the Parcel is not, at the time of such correction, lying at a Returned Letter Office, no new charge shall be made with respect to the delivery of the Parcel.
 - (b.) Where the sender's name and address do not appear outside the Parcel, or where such name and address do appear but the corrected address of the Parcel is not within the same free delivery as the original address, or the Parcel at the time of such correction is lying at a Returned Letter Office, the sender shall pay a new and distinct rate of postage equal in amount to the rate of postage which would have been chargeable on such Parcel as an Inland Parcel.
- (7.) A Parcel shall not be given up or returned by post to the sender except upon payment by him of any charge for redirection or other charge to which the Parcel has become liable under the provisions of this Warrant, or of any such Regulations as are referred to in section 14 of the "Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882."
- (8.) Where the sender requests a Parcel to be returned to him by post, such Parcel shall not be returned to the sender except upon payment by him of a new and distinct rate of postage, according to the rates fixed by this Warrant, and in such case the said rate of postage and all other charges to which the Parcel has become liable, if not prepaid by the sender, shall be collected on the delivery of the Parcel to him.
- (9.) The Postmaster-General may require proof to his satisfaction that an applicant for a Parcel is entitled to receive the same.
- (10.) Where no application is made for a Parcel within the period specified in any such notice as aforesaid, or an applicant fails to prove to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General that he is entitled to receive the Parcel, or refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the parcel has become liable under this Warrant, the Parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may in his discretion direct or authorize.
- (11.) If at any time while a Parcel remains in the possession of the Postmaster-General, it becomes offensive or injurious to any Officer of the Post Office or other person, or to other Parcels, it may forthwith be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may in his discretion direct or