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*Amendment of Regulations under "The Post Office Act, 1881."*

ONSLOW, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this twenty-fourth day of September, 1889.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE THE PREMIER PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The Post Office Act, 1881" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council from time to time to make, alter, and revoke rules and regulations for the managing of the several post offices, for the receiving, despatching, conveying, and delivering of letters, and for the several other purposes in the said section mentioned: And whereas by Order in Council bearing date the twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and published in page one thousand two hundred and eighty-four of the *New Zealand Gazette*, 1887, certain rules and regulations were made under the said Act: And whereas it is expedient to revoke the said Order in Council in part, and to make other provision in lieu thereof:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance of the power and authority conferred by the said Act, and by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby revoke the several regulations contained in the Second Schedule to the said recited Order in Council, under the heading "Registration," and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the rules and regulations specified in the Schedule hereto; and doth hereby declare that this order shall take effect as from the twenty-sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

ALEX. WILLIS,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

SCHEDULE.

By prepayment of a fee of threepence, in addition to the full postage, any letter, newspaper, book, or other packet or parcel may be registered to any place within New Zealand. The rates for registration to the United Kingdom, British Colonies, and certain foreign countries are printed in the table of rates of postage.

The registration of a packet makes its transmission much more secure; and the loss of a registered packet is a very rare occurrence. Nevertheless, the Post Office is not responsible for the safe delivery of registered packets, though any officer who may neglect his duty in this point will be called to strict account. Valuable articles sent in *unregistered* letters are exposed to risk. All Inland and Colonial letters or packets, therefore, which unquestionably contain coin or bank notes, even though they be posted without registration, are treated as registered, and charged on delivery with a registration fee of one shilling, in addition to the ordinary postage; and any such letters which cannot be registered in time to be forwarded by the mail for which they are posted are detained for the next despatch.

No letter or packet containing coin or articles of value liable to Customs duty, addressed to any Postal Union country, will be received at any Post Office.

Every letter to be registered should be presented at the counter, and a receipt obtained for it, and should on no account be dropped into the letter-box. If, contrary to this rule, a letter marked "Registered" be dropped into the letter-box, it will, if directed to any place in the Colony, the United Kingdom, or the British Colonies, be liable to a double registration fee.

Letters may be registered during the ordinary office hours, and for despatch by any mail, one hour before the closing of such mail. No letter-carrier, messenger, or other servant of the Post Office is allowed to carry a letter for any person to be registered.

A registered letter, which has not been delivered, when re-directed to any place within the Colony, is not liable to any further charge than an ordinary re-directed letter. If, however, a registered letter be re-directed to any place outside the Colony, except the United Kingdom and Australia, the second postage and registration fee must be prepaid.

No letter or other postal packet addressed to initials, or to a fictitious name, can be registered.