

Postage-due Stamps.

RANFURLY, Governor.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House, at Wellington, this sixteenth day of October, 1899.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section nine of "The Post Office Act, 1881" (hereinafter termed "the said Act"), it is enacted that the Governor in Council may from time to time make, alter, and revoke regulations for the receiving, despatching, conveying, and delivering of letters (including the imposition of fees for private boxes or deliveries), and for the conduct of Post officers: And whereas, by an Order in Council dated the twelfth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, made under the authority of the said Act and of "The Electric Lines Act, 1884," it is provided that surcharged articles for delivery within the colony must have unpaid-postage dockets attached to them, and that the advices of the dockets must be made out at the same time as the dockets, and that the amount of the surcharge must be plainly stated both in the docket and the advice:

And whereas it is expedient to revoke the said provisions relating to postage-dockets, and make other regulations for the payment of surcharges on articles received from places beyond or within the colony for delivery within the colony:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in pursuance and exercise of the power and authority conferred upon him by the said recited Acts, and of all other powers and authorities in that behalf enabling him, and acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said colony, doth hereby revoke the regulations numbered from two hundred and ninety-two to two hundred and ninety-six, both inclusive, respectively made under the authority of "The Post Office Act, 1881," as set forth in the Schedule to the aforementioned Order in Council of the twelfth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in lieu thereof doth hereby make the regulations set forth in the Schedule hereto for the payment of the surcharges hereinbefore mentioned, and doth order and declare that such regulations shall have effect on and after the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

SCHEDULE.

REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF POSTAGE-DUE STAMPS IN LIEU OF DOCKETS.

1. SPECIAL postage-due stamps are to be used for the collection of unpaid or insufficiently paid postage on all classes of correspondence.
2. Postage-due stamps shall in no case be sold by any Postmaster, or received by him in payment of postage.
3. An advance of postage-due stamps of various denominations will be made to every Postmaster, who will be required to sign a receipt for the same, and who will be held accountable at any time for the full amount thereof. A sufficient quantity of postage-due stamps must be kept on hand by every Postmaster to meet requirements.
4. Postmasters will make requisition, when necessary, on the Chief Post-office for further supplies of postage-due stamps, in the same manner that they do for ordinary postage and revenue stamps.
5. No mail-matter is to be delivered until the postage due thereon has been paid.
6. Postmasters, before delivering taxed correspondence, must affix or cause to be affixed and cancelled, as ordinary stamps are cancelled, one or more postage-due stamps equivalent in value to the amount of postage due.
7. Any Postmaster, or other person engaged in the postal service, who shall collect and fail to account for the postage due upon any article of mail-matter which he may deliver without having previously affixed and cancelled the special postage-due stamp, shall be deemed guilty of a breach of duty, and be liable to a penalty not exceeding £50.
8. At post-offices where delivery of letters, &c., is not effected by letter-carriers, postage-due stamps are not to be affixed until delivery has been requested; and they are not to be affixed to matter forwarded by request of addressees, returned to writer, or sent to the Dead-letter Office.
9. At post-offices where there is delivery by letter-carrier, postage-due stamps are to be affixed on all taxed correspondence as soon as received, unless an order has been received for redirection, in which case it should be forwarded without affixing the stamps.
10. If matter should arrive at a post-office with postage due thereon, and the Postmaster has no postage-due stamps on hand, he will collect the amount due, and, as soon as he shall obtain postage-due stamps, affix the amount in such stamps to a sheet of paper, cancel, and forward the same to the Accountant with a statement of the facts.

11. When postage-due stamps have been affixed to refused, unclaimed, or other undelivered matter, credit must be obtained therefor, by means of a claim on the Chief Postmaster, for postage-due stamps on undelivered mail-matter. The Chief Postmaster will, when satisfied as to the correctness of the claim, arrange for a refund being made, and will take credit for the amount of such refund as "Postage refunded"; a notice (which must be made in duplicate by the manifold-writing process) on Acct. Form No. being sent to the Accountant with the Daily Cash Account in support of such entry. The counterpart of the notice must be sent with the undeliverable mail-matter to the Dead-letter Office as an advice of the fact that credit has been taken for the postage-due stamps affixed thereto.

12. When postage-due stamps have been affixed to correspondence subsequently redirected, a claim stating amount due and name of person from whom it is to be collected must be attached to and sent with the letter. The Postmaster receiving the same must detach the claim and return it by next mail, with amount of uncancelled postage-due stamps enclosed, to the Postmaster making the claim, who, in case of failure to get a return of the stamps, must report the circumstance to the Accountant.

General Post Office, Wellington.

ALEX. WILLIS,

Clerk of the Executive Council.

Land temporarily reserved in the Land Districts of Wellington, Canterbury, Otago, and Southland.

RANFURLY, Governor.

WHEREAS by the two-hundred-and-thirty-fifth section of "The Land Act, 1892," it is enacted that the Governor may from time to time, either by general or particular description, and whether the same has been surveyed or not, reserve from sale temporarily, notwithstanding that the same may be then held under pastoral license, any Crown lands which in his opinion are required for any of the purposes in the said section mentioned:

Now, therefore, I, Uchter John Mark, Earl of Ranfurly, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, in exercise and pursuance of the powers and authorities vested in me by the said Act, do hereby temporarily reserve from sale the lands in the Land Districts of Wellington, Canterbury, Otago, and Southland described in the Schedule hereunder written, for the purposes in the said Schedule specified at the end of the description of the lands so intended to be temporarily reserved.

SCHEDULE.

WELLINGTON.

ALL that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 54 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 4A, Block IV., Pohangina Survey District. Bounded towards the north-east by Section No. 5; towards the east generally by the Pohangina Valley Road, 100 links wide; towards the south generally by a public road; and towards the west generally by a road reserve along the Pohangina River: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington. For preservation of scenery and forest.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 85 acres 2 roods, more or less, being Section No. 5, Block IV., Pohangina Survey District. Bounded towards the north-east by Section No. 6; towards the south-east by the Pohangina Valley Road, 100 links wide; towards the south-west by Section No. 4a; and towards the west generally by the road reserve along Pohangina River: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington. For preservation of scenery and forest.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 85 acres, more or less, being Section No. 6, Block IV., Pohangina Survey District. Bounded towards the north-east by Sections Nos. 7 and 3; towards the south-east by the Pohangina Valley Road, 100 links wide; towards the south-west by Section No. 5; and towards the west generally by the road reserve along Pohangina River: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington. For preservation of scenery and forest.

All that parcel of land in the Wellington Land District, containing by admeasurement 131 acres, more or less, being Section No. 7, Block IV., Pohangina Survey District. Bounded towards the north by Section No. 37, and the Pohangina Valley Road, 100 links wide, and Sections Nos. 9 and 3; towards the east generally by Sections Nos. 9 and 8, and the Pohangina Valley Road, and Section No. 3; towards the south-west by Section No. 6; and towards the west generally by the road reserve along Pohangina River: as the same is delineated on the plan deposited in the office of the Chief Surveyor, Wellington. For preservation of scenery and forest.