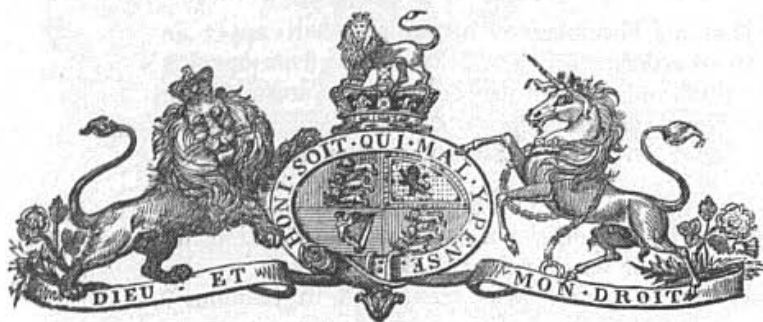


TASMANIA.



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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ,

No. 38.

AN ACT to amend the Laws relating to the Post Office. [25 February, 1858.]

WHEREAS it is desirable, in order that the Revenue derived from the Post Office should be made more nearly adequate than at present to defray the expense of that Department, that the Rate of Postage payable on Inland Letters and Packets, and Ship Letters and Packets to any of the *Australian Colonies* or to *New Zealand*, should be increased, and that the practice of Franking, except in certain cases, should be abolished, and the exemptions from Postage limited: Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 The Rate of Postage on all Letters and Packets received at any Post Office in this Colony for delivery within this Colony beyond the limits of the City or Town in which such Post Office is situate, or for transmission by ship to any of the *Australian Colonies* or to *New Zealand*, shall be the sum of Sixpence; and such Rate of Postage shall be charged and be payable on all such Letters and Packets by Weight only, according to the following Scale:—

For any Weight not exceeding Half an Ounce, One Rate of Postage: Rate of Postage on certain Inland and Colonial Ship Letters and Packets, Sixpence.

For any Weight exceeding Half an Ounce and not exceeding One Ounce, Two Rates of Postage:

And for every additional Ounce or Fraction of an Ounce in Weight beyond One Ounce, Two additional Rates of Postage.

Not to apply to certain Letters and Packets.

2 Nothing hereinbefore contained shall apply to any Letters or Packets received at any such Post Office from beyond Sea for delivery within this Colony; or to such Letters as are mentioned in Section 14 of *The Post Office Act*, 1853; or to any such Packets as are mentioned in Sections 7, 8, and 9 of the said recited Act.

Rate of Postage on certain Packets increased.

3 The sum of One Shilling for any weight not exceeding Four Ounces, and the additional sum of One Shilling for each additional Four Ounces or portion thereof, shall be paid as the Rate of Postage on every such Packet as is mentioned in Sections 7, 8, and 9 of the said recited Act, instead of the sum of Sixpence as therein mentioned.

Certain Packets exempted from Postage.

4 The following Packets shall be exempt from Postage if the contents of the Packet are stated on the outside thereof, and such statement is subscribed with the name and address of the sender of the Packet; that is to say,

Packets enclosing only Maps or Plans transmitted by or addressed to the Surveyor-General :

Packets containing only Returns of Births, Deaths, Marriages, or Baptisms, transmitted in compliance with Law, by any person whose duty it is to transmit the same to any person whose duty it is to receive the same :

Packets containing Depositions in cases of Felony or Misdemeanor addressed to or transmitted by the Attorney-General or other Officer appointed for the Prosecution of Offences :

Packets containing Printed Forms transmitted by or addressed to the Government Printer.

Certain Petitions and Addresses exempted from Postage.

5 Petitions and Addresses forwarded to the Governor by Post, and Petitions and Addresses to Her Majesty the Queen or to the Governor, and Petitions to either House of the Parliament of *Tasmania* forwarded to Members of such Parliament by Post, shall be exempt from Postage if such Petitions and Addresses are sent without covers, or in covers open at the sides.

Repeal of portions of 17 Vict. No. 6; 19 Vict. No. 4; 19 Vict. No. 20.

6 Sections 5 and 6 of *The Post Office Act*, 1853, so far as the same regulate the amount of Postage payable on Letters received at any Post Office in this Colony for delivery within this Colony beyond the limits of the City or Town in which such Post Office is situate, or for transmission by ship to any of the *Australian Colonies* or to *New Zealand*, and Sections 13, 15, and 16 of the said recited Act, and Section 2 of the Act of Council of the 19th *Victoria*, No. 4, and the proviso to Section 1 of the Act of Council of the 19th *Victoria*, No. 20, are hereby repealed, except in so far as the same may relate to Letters sent to or by Members of either House of Parliament during the sitting of Parliament.

17 Vict. No. 6, and 19 Vict. No. 4, and this Act to be read together.

7 This Act and *The Post Office Act*, 1853, and the Act of Council of the 19th *Victoria*, No. 4, except in so far as the same are repealed or altered by this Act, shall be read and construed together as one and the same Act.

Commencement of Act.

8 This Act shall commence and take effect on the First day of *March*, 1858.

Short Title.

9 In referring to this Act it shall be sufficient to use the expression *The Post Office Act*, 1858.