

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1862.

STAMP AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DUTIES.

RECEIPTS.

For £2 and upwards One Penny.
N.B. Persons receiving the money are to pay the duty.
Receipts may be stamped within fourteen days of date on payment of £5, or within one month on payment of £10, penalty: after that time they cannot be stamped.
Penalty for giving a receipt without a stamp £10
Penalty for not effectually cancelling or obliterating adhesive stamps when used £10
Penalty for frauds in the use of adhesive stamps £20

AGREEMENTS (NOT UNDER SEAL).

Of the value of £5 or upwards 6d
If the agreement contains 2160 words, or upwards, then for every quantity of 1080 words over the first 1080 a further progressive duty of 6d.
Exemptions.—Letters containing any agreement in respect of merchandise, by post, between merchants or traders in Great Britain or Ireland, residing, and actually being, at the time, at the distance of fifty miles from each other; agreements relating to sale of goods; to hire of labourers, servants, and seamen; and to rack-rent leases under £5 per annum.
Agreements may be stamped within fourteen days after date without penalty, and at any time after fourteen days on payment of £10 penalty.

LEASES AND CONVEYANCES.

Lease or Tack of any lands, tenements, hereditaments, or heritable subjects, at a yearly rent, for less than thirty-five years, or less than a year, without any sum of money by way of fine, premium, or grassum paid for the same:—
Yearly rent not exceeding £5 . . . 0 6 | Exceed. £25 and not exc. £50 . . . 5 0
Exceed. £5 and not exc. £10 . . . 1 0 | " 50 " 75 . . . 7 6
" 10 " 15 . . . 1 6 | " 75 " 100 . . . 10 0
" 15 " 20 . . . 2 0 | " 100, then for every £50
" 20 " 25 . . . 2 6 | or any fractional part of £50 . . . 5 0

Lease or Tack of any lands, tenements, hereditaments, or heritable subjects, for any term of years exceeding thirty-five, at a yearly rent, with or without any sum of money by way of fine, premium, or grassum.
Term not exceeding 100 Years. | Term exceeding 100 Years.
£ s. d. | £ s. d.
Where yearly rent not exceeding £5 . . . 0 3 0 | 0 6 0
And where exceeding £5 and not exceeding £10 . . . 0 6 0 | 0 12 0
" 10 " 15 . . . 0 9 0 | 0 18 0
" 15 " 20 . . . 0 12 0 | 1 4 0
" 20 " 25 . . . 0 15 0 | 1 10 0
" 25 " 30 . . . 1 10 0 | 3 0 0
" 30 " 35 . . . 1 10 0 | 4 10 0
" 35 " 40 . . . 1 10 0 | 5 0 0
" 40 " 45 . . . 1 10 0 | 6 0 0
Same exceeding £100, then for every £50, and also for any fractional part of £50 . . . 1 10 0 | 3 0 0

And where any such Lease or Tack as aforesaid shall be granted in consideration of a Fine, Premium, or Grassum, and also of a yearly Rent, such Lease or Tack shall be chargeable also, in respect of such Fine, Premium, or Grassum, with the *ad valorem* Stamp or Conveyances, pursuant to the 13th and 14th Vict., c. 97; see below.
Duplicate or Counterpart are chargeable with Progressive Duty, as under the 13th and 14th Vict., c. 97.
Licence to Demise Copyhold Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, or the Memorandum thereof, if granted out of Court, and the Copy of Court Roll of any such Licence, if granted in Court:—
Where the clear yearly value of the Estate to be demised shall be expressed in such Licence, and shall not exceed £75 . . . 14th Vict., c. 97.
And in all other cases, 10s.

CONVEYANCE (pursuant to 13th and 14th Vict., c. 97):—
Purchase or consideration money expressed: £ s. d. | Exce. £200 and not exc. £225 . . . 1 2 6
Not exceeding £25 . . . 0 2 6 | " 225 " 250 . . . 1 5 0
Exce. £25 and not exc. £50 . . . 0 5 0 | " 250 " 275 . . . 1 7 6
" 50 " 75 . . . 0 7 6 | " 275 " 300 . . . 1 10 0
" 75 " 100 . . . 0 10 0 | " 300 " 350 . . . 1 15 0
" 100 " 125 . . . 0 12 6 | " 350 " 400 . . . 2 0 0
" 125 " 150 . . . 0 15 0 | " 400 " 450 . . . 2 5 0
" 150 " 175 . . . 0 17 6 | " 450 " 500 . . . 2 10 0
" 175 " 200 . . . 1 0 0 | " 500 " 550 . . . 2 15 0
" 200 " 250 . . . 1 2 6 | " 550 " 600 . . . 3 0 0

LETTER OR POWER OF ATTORNEY.

Letter or Power of Attorney, or commission or factory in the nature thereof £ 10 0
And where the same, together with any schedule or other matter put or indorsed thereon, or annexed thereto, shall contain 2160 words or upwards, then for every entire quantity of 1080 words contained therein, over and above the first 1080 words, a further progressive duty of 20s. under 55th George III., but under Act of 1850
Power for payment of an annual sum not exceeding £10, or a sum not exceeding £20 0 5 0

ADMISSIONS.

To act in any Court as Advocate £50
To the degree of a Barrister-at-law in England or Ireland 50
As Attorney, Solicitor, or Proctor in England or Ireland 25
To act as Notary Public in England 30
To be Fellow of College of Physicians 25
To a Corporation in respect of privilege 1
To ditto any other ground 3
To any Ecclesiastical Benefice in England or Ireland 7

BILLS OF EXCHANGE, PROMISSORY NOTES, &c.

INLAND BILL OF EXCHANGE, DRAFT, or Order for Payment to the Bearer, or to Order, at any time otherwise than on Demand, of any sum of money:—
Not exceeding £5 . . . 0 0 1
Exc. £5 and not exc. £10 . . . 0 0 2
" 10 " 25 . . . 0 0 3
" 25 " 50 . . . 0 0 6
" 50 " 75 . . . 0 0 9
" 75 " 100 . . . 0 1 0
" 100 " 200 . . . 0 2 0
" 200 " 300 . . . 0 3 0
" 300 " 400 . . . 0 4 0
" 400 " 500 . . . 0 5 0
" 500 " 750 . . . 0 7 6
" 750 " 1000 . . . 0 10 0
" 1000 " 1500 . . . 0 15 0
" 1500 " 2000 . . . 1 0 0
" 2000 " 3000 . . . 1 10 0
" 3000 " 4000 . . . 2 0 0
£4000 and upwards, *ad valorem* duty of 10s. per £1000.

FOREIGN BILL OF EXCHANGE drawn in, but payable out of, the United Kingdom—if drawn singly, or otherwise than in a set of three or more—the same duty as on an Inland Bill of the same amount and tenor. If drawn in sets of three or more, for every bill of each set where the sum payable thereby shall . . . s. d.
Not exceed £25 . . . 0 1
Above £25 and not exc. £50 . . . 0 2
" 50 " 75 . . . 0 3
" 75 " 100 . . . 0 4
" 100 " 200 . . . 0 8
" 200 " 300 . . . 1 0
" 300 " 400 . . . 1 4
" 400 " 500 . . . 1 8
" 500 " 750 . . . 2 6
" 750 " 1000 . . . 3 4
" 1000 " 1500 . . . 5 0
" 1500 " 2000 . . . 6 8
" 2000 " 3000 . . . 10 0
" 3000 " 4000 . . . 13 4
" 4000 " 5000 . . . 16 8

Foreign Bill of Exchange drawn out of, and payable within, the United Kingdom, not exceeding £500, same as Inland Bill.
Ditto, exceeding £500, 1s. per £100.
Foreign Bill of Exchange drawn out of, and payable out of, the United Kingdom, but indorsed or negotiated within the United Kingdom, same duty as on Foreign Bill drawn within the United Kingdom, and payable out of the United Kingdom.
Duty on Foreign Bills drawn out of the United Kingdom to be denoted by adhesive Stamps.

CHEQUES, DRAFTS, OR ORDERS ON DEMAND.

All Drafts, Warrants, or Orders for the payment of money are chargeable with a Stamp-duty of one penny, by using an adhesive receipt stamp, which must be cancelled by the person drawing the cheque, draft, or order, by writing his name on the stamp.

BONDS AND MORTGAGES.

Not exceeding £50 . . . 1s. 3d. | Exce. £150 and not exc. £200 . . . 5s. 0d.
Exc. £50 and not exc. 100 . . . 2 6 | " 200 " 250 . . . 6 3
" 100 " 150 . . . 3 9 | " 250 " 300 . . . 7 6
And where the same shall exceed £300, then for every £100, and also for any fractional part of £100, 2s. 6d.
And where any such bond or mortgage shall contain 2160 words or upwards, then for every entire quantity of 1080 words contained therein over and above the first 1080 words there shall be charged the further progressive duty following—viz., where such bond or mortgage shall be chargeable with any *ad valorem* stamp-duty, not exceeding 10s., a further progressive duty equal to the amount of such *ad valorem* duty or duties. And in every other case a further progressive duty of 10s. See, as to Inland Revenue Bonds, the 15th and 19th Vict., c. 78, s. 6.

PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS—STAMP DUTIES ON.

On petition for grant of letters-patent £5 0 0
On certificate of record of notice to proceed 5 0 0
On warrant of law officer for letters-patent 5 0 0
On the sealing of letters-patent 5 0 0
On specification 5 0 0
On the letters-patent, or a duplicate thereof, before the expiration of the third year 50 0 0
On the letters-patent, or a duplicate thereof, before the expiration of the seventh year 100 0 0
On certificate of record of notice of objections 2 0 0
On certificate of every search and inspection 0 1 0
On certificate of entry of assignment or licence 0 5 0
On certificate of assignment or licence 0 5 0
On application for disclaimer 5 0 0
On caveat against disclaimer 2 0 0
On five copies of documents, for every ninety words 0 0 2

PROMISSORY NOTE for the Payment in any other manner than to the Bearer on Demand of any sum of money:—

Not exceeding £5 . . . 0 1
Above £5 and not exc. £10 . . . 0 2
" 10 " 25 . . . 0 3
" 25 " 50 . . . 0 6
" 50 " 75 . . . 0 9
" 75 " 100 . . . 1 0

Promissory Note for the payment, either to the Bearer on Demand, or in any other manner than to the Bearer on Demand, of any sum of money:—

Exc. £100 and not exc. £200 . . . 0 2 0
" 200 " 300 . . . 0 3 0
" 300 " 400 . . . 0 4 0
" 400 " 500 . . . 0 5 0
" 500 " 750 . . . 0 7 0
" 750 " 1000 . . . 0 10 0
" 1000 " 1500 . . . 0 15 0
" 1500 " 2000 . . . 1 0 0
" 2000 " 3000 . . . 1 10 0
" 3000 " 4000 . . . 2 0 0
£4000 and upwards, 10s. per £1000.

APPRENTICES' INDENTURES, AND ASSIGNMENTS OF THEM.

Where no money is paid . . . 0 2 6
Under £30 . . . 1 0 0
For £30 and under £50 . . . 2 0 0
" 50 " 100 . . . 3 0 0
" 100 " 200 . . . 6 0 0
" 200 " 300 . . . 12 0 0
" 300 " 400 . . . 20 0 0
" 400 " 500 . . . 25 0 0
" 500 " 600 . . . 30 0 0
" 600 " 800 . . . 40 0 0
" 800 " 1000 . . . 50 0 0
" 1000 and upwards . . . 60 0 0

Contracts to serve as Artificers, Servants, Clerks, Mechanics, or Labourers, in the British Colonies are exempted from Stamp-duty.

PROTESTS.

Of a Bill where stamp does not exceed 1s., same as Bill.
Of any other Bill, or of any other kind, 1s. for every piece of paper, &c.
Bills of Lading (which cannot be stamped after execution) 0s. 6d.
Charterparty 5 0
(Charterparty may be stamped within fourteen days after execution free of penalty; within one month, £10 penalty; after one month, cannot be stamped.)

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LONDON POSTAL REGULATIONS.

The following Plan illustrates the general arrangement and times for posting adopted throughout the Metropolitan District, and may be used as a guide to any other district.

TIMES FOR POSTING IN THE WESTERN CENTRAL POSTAL DISTRICT.

This District lies within the Euston and Pentonville roads to Claremont-square, and includes Cold Bath Fields, Grays-inn-road, Chancery-lane, and Essex-street; the river-side to Northumberland-street, Strand; and Trafalgar-square, Whitcomb-street, and Crown-street to Tottenham-court-road.

FOR LONDON DISTRICT DELIVERIES, PROVINCIAL, COLONIAL, AND FOREIGN MORNING MAILS, AND ADDITIONAL DAY MAILS.

Pillar Boxes.	Receiving Houses.	Charing Cross Branch Office.	At Western Central District Office, 122, High Holborn.		Approximate time of Delivery according to distance from District Office.			Provincial, Colonial, and Foreign Mails.
			For dispatch to other Districts and G.P.	For delivery in Western Central District.	Within the Western Central District.	Within Town limits generally.	In the Suburbs.	
5 0 a.m.	9 0 p.m.	5 0 a.m.	4 0 a.m.	—	—	—	—	For Irish, French, and Continental Day Mails.
5 0 a.m.	9 0 p.m.	5 0 a.m. for London District 7 15 a.m. for G.P.	5 0 a.m. for London District 7 15 a.m. for G.P.	7 0 a.m.	8 to 9	8 to 9	9 to 11	For Morning Mails by Great Northern, Great Western, Midland, and North Western Lines, by Brighton and South Coast, Great Eastern (via Ipswich), North Kent, South Eastern, and South Western lines, and for Colonial and Foreign Mails, via Southampton.
—	—	7 15 a.m.	7 15 a.m.	9 0 a.m.	9 to 10	9 to 10	—	For Morning Mails by Great Eastern Railway (via Cambridge line), and for Delivery the same Evening at Birmingham, Lichfield, Skipton, and Wolverhampton, and to Callers only at Leicester and Nottingham.
8 30 a.m.	8 30 a.m.	8 30 a.m.	9 15 a.m.	9 45 a.m.	10 to 11	10 to 11	* 11 to 12	For Delivery the same Evening at Dover, Folkstone, Hastings, Tunbridge, and Tunbridge Wells.
10 0 a.m.	10 0 a.m.	10 0 a.m.	10 30 a.m.	11 0 a.m.	11 30 to 12 30	12 to 1	—	For Delivery the same Evening at Abingdon, Bath, Berkeley, Bristol, Coventry, Dursley, Henley-on-Thames, Leamington, Maidenhead, Northampton, Oxford, Reading, Rugby, Southampton, Tamworth, and Uxbridge.
11 0 a.m.	11 0 a.m.	11 0 a.m.	11 30 a.m.	12 0 noon	12 30 to 1 30	1 to 2	1 30 to 4	For Delivery the same Evening at Aylesbury, Banbury, Bedford, Berkhamstead, Hemel Hempstead, Leighton Buzzard, St. Albans, Stoney Stratford, Thame, and Watford.
12 0 noon	12 0 noon	12 0 noon	12 30 p.m.	1 0 p.m.	1 30 to 2 30	2 to 3	—	For Delivery the same Evening at Ashford, Chatham, Dartford, Epsom, Farnborough Station, Gravesend, Guildford, Maidstone, Portsmouth, Rochester, Windsor, and Worthing, and to Callers only at Esher.
1 0 p.m.	1 0 p.m.	1 0 p.m.	1 30 p.m.	2 0 p.m.	2 30 to 3 30	3 to 4	—	For Delivery the same Evening at Brighton.
2 0 p.m.	2 0 p.m.	2 0 p.m.	2 30 p.m.	3 0 p.m.	3 30 to 4 40	4 to 5	† 4 30 to 6	For Delivery the same Evening at Brighton.
3 0 p.m.	3 0 p.m.	3 0 p.m.	3 30 p.m.	4 0 p.m.	4 30 to 5 30	5 to 6	—	For Delivery the same Evening at Brighton.
4 0 p.m.	4 0 p.m.	4 0 p.m.	4 30 p.m.	5 0 p.m.	5 30 to 6 30	6 to 7	6 30 to 9	For Delivery the same Evening at Brighton.
5 0 p.m.	5 0 p.m.	5 0 p.m.	5 30 p.m.	6 0 p.m.	7 to 8	7 to 8	* 7 30 to 8 30	For Delivery the same Evening at Brighton.
6 0 p.m.	6 0 p.m.	6 0 p.m.	6 30 p.m.	—	—	8 to 9	8 30 to 9 30 within 6 miles next morning beyond 6 miles	For Delivery the same Evening at Brighton.
—	—	6 45 p.m.	—	7 30 p.m.	8 to 9	—	—	For Delivery the same Evening at Brighton.
9 0 p.m.	9 0 p.m.	9 0 p.m.	10 0 p.m.	—	8 to 9 next morning	8 to 9 next morning	9 to 11 next morning	For Mid-day arrival at Birkenhead, Birmingham, Bolton, Bradford (Yorkshire), Chester, Coventry, Holyhead, Huddersfield, Leamington, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Preston, Rochdale, Rugby, Salisbury, Southampton, Wolverhampton, and Worcester.

The Town Delivery, marked thus †, includes the Letters arriving by the Irish and French Night Mails, and those collected in the nearer Suburbs at 6.30 a.m.
The Suburban Deliveries, marked thus *, are made at places within the Four Mile Circle only; and that marked † at places within the Six-Mile Circle only.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL, COLONIAL, AND FOREIGN EVENING MAILS.

	Ordinary Letters.					Registered Letters.	
	Without Fee.	If bearing an extra 1d. Stamp.	If bearing 2d. extra in Stamps.	If bearing 2d. extra in Stamps, and for a Town served by the Great Western, North Western and Midland Lines.	If bearing 2d. extra in Stamps, and for a Town served by the South Western Line.	On payment of the ordinary Fee.	On payment of an additional Fee of 4d.
Pillar Boxes	5 0 p.m.	6 0 p.m.	—	—	—	—	—
Receiving Houses	5 30 p.m.	6 0 p.m.	—	—	—	5 0 p.m.	—
Charing Cross Branch Office	6 0 p.m.	6 45 p.m.	7 15 p.m.	—	* 7 45 p.m.	5 30 p.m.	6 0 p.m.
Chief District Office, 122, High Holborn	6 0 p.m.	6 45 p.m.	7 15 p.m.	* 7 45 p.m.	—	5 30 p.m.	6 0 p.m.

* Letters intended for this Dispatch must be taken to the Counter, if dropped in the Letter Box they will not be forwarded by the outgoing Mail.
With a few exceptions, Newspapers, Book Packets, &c., must be posted half an hour earlier than Letters, both at the Receiving Houses and at the Chief District Office. Letters only may be posted in the Pillar Boxes.
The 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. Collections are not made from the Letter Box at Somerset House.

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POSTAL REGULATIONS.

INLAND.

RATES OF POSTAGE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE CHANNEL ISLANDS, AND THE ISLE OF MAN.

Letters under $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., prepaid	..	..	..	..	1d.
" " 1 oz., "	..	..	..	..	2d.
" " $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz., "	..	..	..	..	3d.
" " 2 oz., "	..	..	..	..	4d.
" " $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz., "	..	..	..	..	5d.

and so on, at the rate of 1d. for every additional half-ounce or fraction of half an ounce. No limit exists to the weight of paid letters, but no inland letter must exceed 2 ft. in length, or 1 ft. in breadth or depth. All inland letters must be prepaid in stamps, except letters posted at St. Martin's-le-Grand before five p.m. daily by one individual or firm collectively, postage of which amounts to £2 or upwards.

Letters by private ship, under $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., 6d., except Belgium and Holland. Newspapers 1d.

UNPAID LETTERS.—Persons sending letters by post unpaid, which from any cause cannot be delivered, are liable to pay the postage so charged, under the 3rd and 4th of Victoria, cap. 96, and the 10th and 11th of Victoria, cap. 85; and, under the 1st of Victoria, cap. 36, may be recovered, with costs, by a summary process before a magistrate.

A letter when posted is considered the property of the person to whom it is addressed, and the receivers may not therefore give back a letter under any circumstances whatever.

Re-directed letters subject to a second postage at the rate charged for prepaid letters.

Soldiers' or seamen's letters are subject to a postage of 1d. if prepaid and under $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; by private ship 1d. gratuity in addition must be paid. Letters from abroad sent by or addressed to soldiers or seamen, when unpaid, are charged 2d. If sent to or through a foreign country, they are liable to foreign rates in addition, but to no further charge upon re-direction.

Letters from soldiers or seamen to the United States are subject to the United States' rate of 2d. in addition to the usual reduced rate, the whole to be paid in advance when posted in this country.

REGISTERED LETTERS.—Inland, colonial, and ship letters can be registered upon payment of 4d. for inland, and 6d. colonial and ship letters, beyond the postage.

Registered letters for France, and countries through France, must be prepaid with double the amount of the ordinary postage, and those for Prussia, and countries through Prussia, must have the foreign registration fee and postage paid in addition to the British. Registered letters for Russia must be prepaid with double the amount of the ordinary postage. Registered letters must be posted half an hour previous to the ordinary letters, but are received at the General Post Office, and at the chief district and branch offices in London, up to the latest time for posting, on payment of an additional fee of 4d.

NEWSPAPERS (stamped) sent by post must be made up in covers open at the sides, have the impressed stamp visible, and no marks or writing (other than the address) thereon, or anything inclosed, or it subjects them to letter postage. British newspapers, when duly stamped, are forwarded free throughout the United Kingdom (except those delivered within three miles of the place where posted, which are charged 1d.) Unstamped newspapers, if weighing under 4 oz., may be forwarded between places in the United Kingdom by affixing 1d. postage-stamp. For places abroad, the impressed stamp is valueless, as the postage must be prepaid by postage labels.

Note.—Newspapers for foreign parts and colonies, if posted later than fifteen days after date of publication, are charged letter postage.

BOOKS, &c.—Printed books, pamphlets, magazines, reviews, &c., whether British, foreign, or colonial, may be forwarded by post between places in the United Kingdom (made up in the same manner as newspapers), if prepaid in stamps, at the following rates:—

Under 4 oz., prepaid	..	..	..	..	1d.
" 8 oz., "	..	..	..	..	2d.
" 16 oz., "	..	..	..	..	4d.
" 24 oz., "	..	..	..	..	6d.
" 32 oz., "	..	..	..	..	8d.

and 2d. for every additional 8 oz., or any less weight; no parcel to exceed 24 in. any way, but may contain more than one book, &c.

A **BOOK PACKET** may contain writing (when not of the nature of a letter), and any number of separate books or other publications, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum (to the exclusion, however, of letters, whether sealed or open). And the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, &c., or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached; as also rollers, in the case of prints or maps; markers (whether of paper or otherwise), in the case of books; and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto.

INLAND PATTERN AND SAMPLE POST.—For a packet of patterns or samples—

Under 4 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 2d.
Over 4 oz. but under 8 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 4d.
" 8 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 8d.
" 16 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 0d.

The postage must be prepaid in stamps, or it will be charged double. If the packet be over 24 oz. in weight it will be charged as a letter. There must not be any writing or printing, except the address, trade mark, number or price of the articles, which must not be on loose paper, but firmly attached to the samples or bags containing them. Any loose inclosure will be taken out, and charged as an unpaid letter, with an additional rate of 1d.

The patterns or samples must be in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Samples of seeds, &c., may be inclosed in boxes of cardboard, or bags of linen or other material, but so fastened that they may be readily opened, otherwise they will be treated as a letter.

Scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, and such like, as samples, may be sent, provided they be packed in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and the officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined. Any packet contain-

ing such articles as these, which is found not sufficiently guarded, will be stopped, and notice given thereof, but it will be charged with a fine equal to the postage to which it was liable as a packet of patterns.

A packet of samples or patterns may be kept back by any head postmaster for twenty-four hours when requisite, to prevent any delay to the regular transmission of letters.

The preceding regulations apply only to the United Kingdom.

PERIODICALS, Lot of daily publication, may be sent to the United States and Holland (to which latter country Parliamentary proceedings may be sent also), at the following rates, prepaid:—

Under 2 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	1d.
" 3 " ..	..	..	..	..	6d.
" 4 " ..	..	..	..	..	8d.
" 5 " ..	..	..	..	..	10d.
" 6 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 0d.
" 7 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 2d.
" 8 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 4d.
" 9 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 6d.
Under 10 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 8d.
" 11 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 10d.
" 12 " ..	..	..	..	..	2s. 0d.
" 13 " ..	..	..	..	..	2s. 2d.
" 14 " ..	..	..	..	..	2s. 4d.
" 15 " ..	..	..	..	..	2s. 6d.
" 16 " ..	..	..	..	..	2s. 8d.

which is the utmost weight allowed, and not more than one in a cover, which must be open at the ends.

The following rates of postage (which must be paid in advance) are chargeable upon newspapers, books, and other printed papers to Belgium, France, and Algeria:—

For a packet of registered newspapers—

Under 4 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	1d.
" 8 " ..	..	..	..	..	2d.
" 16 " ..	..	..	..	..	4d.
" 24 " ..	..	..	..	..	6d.
" 32 " ..	..	..	..	..	8d.

and so on, 2d. additional for every subsequent 8 oz., or fraction of 8 oz., in the case of France and Algeria; but newspapers for Belgium are charged at the rate of 1d. for each newspaper under 4 oz.

For a packet of other printed papers (including manuscript not of the nature of a letter and photographs), also patterns of merchandise of no intrinsic value—

Under 4 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 3d.
" 8 " ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 6d.
" 16 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 0d.
" 24 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 6d.
" 32 " ..	..	..	..	..	2s. 0d.

and so on, 6d. additional for every subsequent 8 oz., or fraction of 8 oz.

Patterns of merchandise may be sent to Constantinople, by French packet, at the following rates:—

Under 4 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 4d.
" 8 " ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 8d.
" 16 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 4d.

and so on, progressing according to the foregoing example; but they must not exceed 2 ft. in length, width, or depth.

The following rates of postage (which must be paid in advance) are chargeable upon newspapers, books, and other printed papers for the German States, via Belgium, or the French offices in Turkey, Syria, and Egypt:—

On each newspaper, not exceeding 4 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	2d.
Over 4 oz. and under 8 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	4d.
" 8 " ..	..	..	..	..	8d.
" 16 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 4d.

and so on, 4d. being charged for each paper for every subsequent 8 oz. or fraction of 8 oz.

On printed papers, &c., other than newspapers, and patterns of merchandise:—

For a packet not exceeding 4 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 4d.
Over 4 oz. and under 8 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 8d.
" 8 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 4d.

and so on, 8d. being charged for every additional 8 oz. or fraction of 8 oz.

Note.—Ordinary corrections in writing are allowed in the case of book packets for the German States, via Belgium, on unbound proof sheets only, but no other manual marks are allowed. No packet of newspapers, or other printed papers for the German States, via Belgium, must exceed 2 ft. in length, width, or depth, or 3 lb. in weight, nor must patterns of merchandise exceed 8 oz. in weight.

Rates of postage (which must be paid in advance) chargeable upon newspapers, books, and other printed papers, addressed to Italy (ex Papal States), and Venetian Lombardy, or other places in the Austrian dominions when specially addressed, via Italy.

For a packet of registered newspapers, for Italy (ex Papal States), Austria, and the Netherlands, via France, Baden, Bavaria, Hohenzollern, and Wirtemberg:—

Under 4 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	2d.
" 8 " ..	..	..	..	..	4d.
" 16 " ..	..	..	..	..	8d.

and so on, 4d. being charged for every additional 8 oz. or part of 8 oz.

For a packet of books or other printed papers, for Italy, Austria, and the Netherlands, via France, Baden, Bavaria, Hohenzollern, or Wirtemberg; manuscript not of the nature of a letter, photographs on paper, and packets of merchandise of no intrinsic value, may be sent to Italy (ex Papal States):—

Under 4 oz. ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 4d.
" 8 " ..	..	..	..	..	0s. 8d.
" 16 " ..	..	..	..	..	1s. 4d.

and so on, 8d. being charged for every additional 8 oz. or part of 8 oz.

No packet of books or newspapers, however, can be sent to the Austrian dominions, via Italy, if it weighs more than 1 lb.

Note.—The rates of postage for registered newspapers and book packets to Spain and the Balearic and Canary Islands, via France, or by packet, are the same as the Italian rates; except that bound books cannot be sent to Spain at less than letter rate of postage.

Periodicals may be sent to Portugal, Madeira, Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, by packet or private ship, at the rate of 1d. the oz., or, if sent via France and Spain, 2d. per oz.

MONEY ORDERS are granted and paid at every post town in the United Kingdom, at a charge of 3d. for sums not above £2; 6d. not above £5; 9d. not above £7, and 1s. not above £10, which is the highest sum for which a single order is granted.

Money orders drawn on London are payable only at the chief office, between ten and four, except on Saturdays, and then between ten and one.

Payment of a money order must be obtained before the end of the third month in which it was issued, or a fresh commission is charged, and no order is paid after twelve clear months.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON ALMANACK FOR 1869.

THE CALENDAR.

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF THE CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1869.

	Gregorian, or New Calendar.	Julian, or Old Calendar.
Golden Number	8	8
Epact	17	XXVIII.
Solar Cycle	2	2
Roman Indiction	12	12
Dominical Letter	C	E
Septuagesima Sunday	Jan. 24	Feb. 16
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 10	March 5
Easter Sunday	March 23	April 20
Ascension Day	May 6	May 29
Pentecost—Whit Sunday	May 16	June 6
1st Sunday in Advent	Nov. 28	Nov. 30

The year 1869 is the latter part of the 5629th and the beginning of the 5630th year since the creation of the world, according to the Jews. The year 5630 commences on Sept. 6, 1869.

The year 1869 answers to the 6582nd of the Julian Period, to the 2622nd from the foundation of Rome, to the 2645th year of the Olympiads, and to the year 7377-8 of the Byzantine Era.

The year 1286 of the Mohammedan Era commences on April 13, 1869; and Ramadan (month of abstinence observed by the Turks) commences on Dec. 5, 1869.

CALENDAR OF THE JEWS FOR THE YEAR 1869.

5629.	1869.	NEW MOON AND FEASTS.
Sebat 1	January 13	New Moon
Adar 1	February 12	New Moon
" 13	" 24	Fast of Esther
" 14	" 25	Purim
" 15	" 26	Schuschan Purim
Nisan 1	March 13	New Moon
" 15	" 27	Passover begins*
" 16	" 28	Second Feast*
" 21	April 2	Seventh Feast*
" 22	" 3	Passover ends
Yiar 1	" 12	New Moon
" 18	" 29	Lag B'omer
Sivan 1	May 11	New Moon
" 6	" 16	Feast of Weeks*
" 7	" 17	Second Feast*
Tamuz 1	June 10	New Moon
" 18	" 27	Fast—Seizure of the Temple
Ab 1	July 9	New Moon
" 10	" 18	Fast—Destruction of the Temple*
Elul 1	August 8	New Moon
5630.		
Tisri 1	September 6	New Year's Feast*
" 2	" 7	Second Feast*
" 3	" 8	Fast—Death of Guedaliah
" 10	" 15	Fast—Day of Atonement*
" 15	" 20	Feast of Tabernacles*
" 16	" 21	Second Feast*
" 21	" 26	Feast of Branches
" 22	" 27	End of the Feast of Tabernacles*
" 23	" 28	Feast of the Law*
Hesvan 1	October 6	New Moon
Kislev 1	November 5	New Moon
" 25	" 29	Feast of the Dedication of the Temple*
Tebet 1	December 5	New Moon
" 10	" 14	Fast—Siege of Jerusalem

Those marked with an asterisk (*) are strictly observed.

MOHAMMEDAN CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1869.

Year.	Name of Months.	Month begins.
1285.	Ramadan	December 16, 1868.
"	Shawal	January 15, 1869.
"	Dulkaadah	February 13 "
"	Dulhagee	March 15 "
1286.	Mulharram	April 13 "
"	Saphar	May 13 "
"	Rabia	June 11 "
"	Latter Rabia	July 11 "
"	Gomada	August 9 "
"	Latter Gomada	September 8 "
"	Rajab	October 7 "
"	Schaban	November 6 "
"	Ramadan	December 5 "

FIXED AND MOVABLE FESTIVALS, ANNIVERSARIES, &c.

Epiphany	Jan. 6	Pentecost—Whit Sunday	May 16
Septuagesima Sunday	" 24	Trinity Sunday	" 23
Quinquagesima—Shrove S.	Feb. 7	Birth of Queen Victoria	" 24
Ash Wednesday	" 10	Corpus Christi	" 27
Quadragesima Sunday	" 14	Accession of Queen Victoria	June 20
St. David	March 1	Proclamation	" 21
St. Patrick	" 17	St. John Baptist—Midsum-mer Day	" 24
Annunciation—Lady Day	" 25	St. Michael—Michaelmas Day	Sept. 29
Good Friday	" 26	Birth of Prince of Wales	Nov. 9
Easter Sunday	" 28	1st Sunday in Advent	" 28
Low Sunday	April 5	St. Andrew	" 30
St. George	" 23	St. Thomas	Dec. 21
Regation Sunday	May 2	CHRISTMAS DAY	" 25
Ascension Day—Holy Thursd.	May 6		

BEGINNINGS OF THE SEASONS, 1869.

	D. H. M.
Sun enters Capricornus and Winter begins 1868, Dec. 21 0 28 p.m.	
" " Aries " Spring " 1869, March 20 1 32 p.m.	
" " Cancer " Summer " " June 21 0 4 a.m.	
" " Libra " Autumn " " Sept. 23 0 28 a.m.	
" " Capricornus " Winter " " Dec. 21 6 23 p.m.	

The Sun will consequently be in the Winter signs ... 89 1 4
 " " " " Summer " ... 92 20 32
 " " " " Autumn " ... 93 14 24
 " " " " Winter " ... 89 17 55

The Summer Quarter is therefore 4 days 13 hours and 20 minutes longer than the Winter; 3 days 20 hours and 29 minutes longer than that of Autumn; and 0 days 17 hours and 52 minutes longer than that of Spring.

The Sun will be on the Equator and going North ...	1869 D. H. M.	March 20 1 32 p.m., his declin. being 0 0 0
The Sun will reach his greatest North declination ...	June 21 10 4 a.m.	" " 23 27 17
The Sun will be on the Equator and going South ...	Sept. 23 0 28 a.m.	" " 0 0 0
The Sun will reach his greatest South declination ...	Dec. 21 6 23 p.m.	" " 23 27 17

The Sun will be North of the Equator (comprising the periods of Spring and Summer) 186 days 10 hours and 56 minutes.

The Sun will be South of the Equator (comprising the periods of Autumn and Winter) 178 days 18 hours and 59 minutes.

LAW TERMS, 1869.

As settled by Statutes 11 Geo. IV., and 1 Will. IV., cap. 70, s. 6 (passed July 23, 1830); and 1 Will. IV., cap. 3, s. 2 (passed Dec. 23, 1830).

Hilary Term	begins January 11 and ends February 1
Easter Term	April 15 " May 8
Trinity Term	May 22 " June 12
Michaelmas Term	November 2 " November 25

UNIVERSITY TERMS, 1869.

OXFORD.

TERM.	BEGINS.	ENDS.
Lent	January 14	March 20
Easter	March 31	May 14
Trinity	May 15	July 10
Michaelmas	October 11	December 17

The Act, July 6.

CAMBRIDGE.

TERM.	BEGINS.	DIVIDES.	ENDS.
Lent	January 13	Feb. 14, Midnight.	March 19
Easter	April 2	May 14, Noon.	June 25
Michaelmas	October 1	Nov. 8, Noon.	Dec. 16

The Commencement, June 22.

ASTRONOMICAL SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS.

☉ The Sun	♄ Ceres	♁ Freia
☾ New Moon	♅ Leucothea	♁ Frigga
☾ First Quarter of Moon	♆ Atalanta	♁ Diana
☾ Full Moon	♇ Fides	♁ Eurynome
☾ Last Quarter of Moon	♈ Leda	♁ Sappho
☿ Mercury	♉ Lætitia	♁ Terpsichore
♀ Venus	♊ Harmonia	♁ Alcmena
♂ or ♀ The Earth	♋ Daphne	♁ Beatrice
♂ Mars	♌ Isis	♁ Clío
♂ Ceres	♍ Ariadne	♁ Io
♂ Pallas	♎ Nysa	♁ Semele
♂ Juno	♏ Eugenia	♁ Silvia
♂ Vesta	♐ Hestia	♁ Thisbe
♂ Astræa	♑ Aglaia	♁ Julia
♂ Hebe	♒ Doris	♁ Antiope
♂ Iris	♓ Pales	♁ Ægina
♂ Flora	♈ Virginia	♁ Undine
♂ Metis	♉ Nemausa	
♂ Hygeia	♊ Europa	
♂ Parthenope	♋ Calypso	
♂ Victoria	♌ Alexandra	
♂ Egeria	♍ Pandora	
♂ Irene	♎ Melete	
♂ Eunomia	♏ Mnemosyne	
♂ Psyche	♐ Concordia	
♂ Thetis	♑ Olympia	
♂ Melpomene	♒ Echo	
♂ Fortuna	♓ Danaë	
♂ Massilia	♈ Erato	
♂ Lutetia	♉ Ausonia	
♂ Calliope	♊ Angelina	
♂ Thalia	♋ Maximiliana	
♂ Themis	♌ Maia	
♂ Phoebe	♍ Asia	
♂ Proserpine	♎ Leto	
♂ Euterpe	♏ Hesperia	
♂ Bellona	♐ Panopea	
♂ Amphitrite	♑ Niobe	
♂ Urania	♒ Peronia	
♂ Euphrosyne	♓ Clytie	
♂ Pomona	♈ Galatea	
♂ Polyhymnia	♉ Eurydice	

The Symbol ☿ Conjunction, or having the same Longitude or Right Ascension.
 ☐ Quadrature, or differing 90° in Longitude or Right Ascension.
 ☿ Opposition, or differing 180° in Longitude or Right Ascension.