

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 476.

The following Notice as to Parcel Post to the Continent of Europe by German Packet, is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 11th December, 1886.

PARCEL POST TO THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE  
BY GERMAN PACKET.

Sealed parcels not exceeding 7 lb. in weight, nor 2 feet in length, breadth, or depth, may now be forwarded to the Continent of Europe by the four-weekly direct German Packets *via* Bremerhaven at the rates stated below. For the present this route only is available by means of these packets, but parcels may be forwarded to certain countries fortnightly *via* London as heretofore. (See general Parcel Post Notice).

A receipt will be given for each parcel. Parcels must be marked *By German Packet*.

Each parcel must be sealed in such a way as to render it impossible that it should be opened without detection. The sender must supply a declaration of the nature, value, and net weight of the contents, and of the gross weight of the parcel. The printed form for this declaration can be obtained at the Post Office. The parcel must not contain any letter, any article prohibited by Customs rules, lottery tickets, vines, parts of vines, liquids (unless securely packed) or dangerous or offensive goods, nor must the package be of a fragile nature.

A small charge, not exceeding six cents, may be made for Custom House purposes on the delivery of the parcel. Except Customs dues, this is the only charge the addressee will have to pay.

Parcels must be posted before 3 p.m. on the *day before* the departure of the German Packet. For the convenience of residents at the out-ports a table of dates of departure of the German Packets from Hongkong is appended.

POSTAGE ON EACH PARCEL

(Irrespective of weight, up to 7 lb.)

For Germany - - - -	\$1.10	For France	
„ Luxemburg- - - -	\$1.30	„ Holland	} - - - - \$1.35
„ Austro-Hungary	} - - \$1.35	„ Switzerland	
„ Belgium		„ Spain - - - - -	\$1.55
„ Denmark		„ Sweden and Norway	\$1.60
For Portugal (Continental)-		-\$1.70	

Parcel Mails per German Packets close at Hongkong on:—

Dec. 24, 1886.	March 19, 1887.	June 9, 1887.
Jan. 22, 1887.	April 16, „	July 7, „
Feb. 19, „	May 12, „	Aug. 4, „

GENERAL POST OFFICE,  
HONGKONG, December 1st, 1886.