

Bill of Lading
in hands of
consignee, &c.,
conclusive
evidence of
the shipment
as against
Master, &c.
(18 & 19 Vic.
c. 111, s. 3.)

Proviso.

5. Every Bill of Lading in the hands of a consignee or endorsee for valuable consideration representing goods to have been shipped on board a vessel, shall be conclusive evidence of such shipment as against the master or other person signing the same, notwithstanding that such goods or some part thereof may not have been so shipped, unless such holder of the Bill of Lading shall have had actual notice at the time of receiving the same that the goods had not been in fact laden on board: Provided that the master or other person so signing may exonerate himself in respect of such misrepresentation by showing that it was caused without any default on his part, and wholly by the fraud of the shipper, or of the holder, or some person under whom the holder claims.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hongkong, this 3rd day of December, 1886.

ARATHOON SETH,
Clerk of Councils.

Assented to by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, this 14th day of December, 1886.

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 481.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to direct that the following days be observed as Public Holidays throughout the Government Departments.

Christmas Eve,
Christmas Day,
Monday, the 27th December,
and New Year's Day.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th December, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 482.

Tenders will be received at this Office until Noon of Wednesday, the 29th instant, for the construction of ten Dust-Carts similar to a pattern on view at the Office of the Secretary to the Sanitary Board.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th December, 1886.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 483.

The following Notice is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 18th December, 1886.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lb. in weight may now be forwarded to Newfoundland.
 The size allowed for parcels for Canada is increased to 2 ft. x 1 ft. x 1 ft.
 The postage on parcels for Cyprus is increased to 55 cents per lb.
 The rates of postage and scale of weight for parcels for the Continent of Europe by British Packet have been entirely altered, only three prices being charged, viz., for 0 to 2 lb., for 2 to 6 lb., and for 6 to 11 lb.
 All the above alterations, with other information, are embodied in the following Table, copies of which can be obtained at the Post Office.
 The new rates come into force on the 22nd instant.

A. LISTER,
 Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 11th December, 1886.

PARCEL POST.

N.B.—A Receipt will be given for each Parcel.

TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND BRITISH COLONIES, &c.

To	LIMIT OF WEIGHT.	POSTAGE PER LB.	LIMIT OF SIZE.	PROHIBITED CONTENTS.
Hongkong, China, Japan, Corea, Siam,.....	lb.	cents.		
	11	5	2 ft. by 1 ft., by 1 ft.	Opium.
Straits Settlements, India,	11	15	Do., and not smaller than 3 in. by 2 in., by 2 in.	Do.
Malta,.....(Direct),...	11	20	} 3 ft. 6 in. long, or 6 ft. in greatest length and girth combined.	.....
Gibraltar,..... do.,	11	20		Arms.
United Kingdom, <i>via Gibraltar only</i> ,.	11	25		Tobacco, except for personal use.
Ascension,.....(via London),	11	50	Do.	Specie or ostrich feathers.
British Guiana,..... do.,	11	50	Do.	.....
Cape Colony,..... do.,	7*	50	Do.	Letters.
Cyprus,..... do.,	11	55	Do.	Coins, Tobacco.
Egypt,..... do.,	11	50	Do.	Letters, Arms and Ammunition.
Newfoundland,..... do.,	11	70	Do.	.....
St. Helena,..... do.,	11	50	Do.	Books copyright in the United [Kingdom.
Windward and Leeward Is.,† } do.,	11	50	Do.	.....
Barbados, Trinidad,				
Canada,..... do.,	3	75	2 ft. by 1 ft., by 1 ft.	.....
Jamaica,..... do.,	11	50	2 ft. long, or 4 ft. in length and girth combined.	Letters.

* To Cape Town itself, 11 lb. † Antigua, Montserrat, S. Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, Virgin Is.; Grenada, S. Lucia, S. Vincent, Tobago.

1.—To the UNITED KINGDOM AND PLACES BEYOND.—Parcels are forwarded by P. & O. packet only, and arrive in London about 8 days later than the Mail. They must be posted before 3. p.m. on the day before the Mail leaves. No further charge is made on delivery except for Customs Dues. A Declaration of Contents and Value is required with each Parcel. The form is supplied free.

2.—DUTIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.—On Cigars. 6/0 per lb.
 „ Gold Plate. 17/0 per oz. Troy=15/9 per oz. avoird.
 „ Silver Plate. 1/6 „ „ „ = 1/5 „ „ „
 „ Tea. 6d. per lb.

No duties are charged on Watches, Jewellery, Personal Ornaments, nor on any gold or silver articles not describable as Plate. Duties cannot be prepaid by the sender.

3.—To INDIA.—By P. & O. and Indian Mail packet only. A declaration of Contents and Value is required. The form is supplied free.

4.—GENERAL RULES.—Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination. Dangerous or perishable goods, opium, articles likely to injure the mails, liquids (unless securely packed) and fragile packages are prohibited. No parcel must exceed \$250 in value. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself (except in cases where enclosure of letters is prohibited) or another Parcel to that address, but no other enclosure.

TO THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

	BRITISH PACKET <i>via London.</i>			GERMAN PACKET <i>Direct.</i>	PROHIBITED CONTENTS.
	0 to 2 lb.	2 to 6 lb.	6 to 11 lb.	0 to 7 lb.	
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	
Austro-Hungary,	1.10	1.60	.....	1.35	Letters. Lottery Tickets.
Belgium,	1.00	1.50	2.05	1.35	Letters.
Constantinople,	0.95	2.25	3.80	.....	.....
Denmark,	1.10	1.60	.....	1.35	Letters. Lottery Tickets
France, .....	.....	.....	.....	1.35	and prospectuses.
Germany,	0.95	1.45	.....	1.10	.....
Heligoland,	1.10	1.60	.....	.....	Letters. Plants with roots, vines
Holland,	0.90	1.50	2.05	1.35	or part of vines, socialistic books.
Luxemburg, .....	.....	.....	.....	1.30	.....
Norway,	0.90	1.45	2.05	1.60	Letters.
Portugal, (Continental), .....	.....	.....	.....	1.70	Letters.
Spain, .....	.....	.....	.....	1.55	Letters.
Sweden,	1.00	1.75	.....	1.60	Letters. Manufactured Gold or Silver if
Switzerland,	1.10	1.60	.....	1.35	alloyed. Drugs, except to specialists.
					Letters.

1.—Parcels must not exceed 2 feet in length, breadth, or depth. Those intended for the German Packet must be so directed, and, for the present will be sent by sea throughout to Bremerhaven, and by this route only.

2.—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 package must not be of a fragile nature.

3.—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.

4.—Parcels must be posted before 3 P.M. on the working day *next before* the departure of the Packet.

Parcel Mails per German Packets close at Hongkong on:—

December 24, 1886.	March 19, 1887.	June 9, 1887.
January 22, 1887.	April 16, „	July 7, „
February 19, „	May 12, „	August 4, „

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 6th December, 1886.