

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 593.

The following amended Scale of Rates of Postage will come into force on and after the 25th instant.  
By Command,

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 19th December, 1898.

HONGKONG GENERAL POST OFFICE.  
RATES OF POSTAGE

To	Letters, per ½ oz.	Single Post Cards, each.	Reply Post Cards, each.	Books, News- papers, Patterns, Prices Current, &c., per 2 oz.	Registra- tion.	Return Receipt for Regis- tered Article.	Commer- cial Papers.
	<i>cents.</i>	<i>cents.</i>	<i>cents.</i>	<i>cents.</i>	<i>cents.</i>	<i>cents.</i>	
UNION COUNTRIES, (Except as below.).....	10	4	8	2	10	10	
United Kingdom.							
Aden, Ascension, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Central Africa, British East Africa, British Guiana, British Honduras, British India, Canada, Cape Colony, Ceylon, Cyprus, Fiji, Federated Malay States, Gibraltar, Gold Coast Colony, Johore, Lagos, Natal, New- foundland, Sarawak, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Straits Settlements, St. Helena, The Falk- land Islands, The Gambia, The Leeward Islands (which comprise—Antigua, St. Chris- topher and Nevis, Dominica, Montserrat and the Virgin Islands), The Niger Coast Protectorate, The Niger Company's Terri- tory, The Windward Islands, (Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Vincent), Tobago and Trinidad, Turks Island, and Uganda, .....	4 *	4	8	2	10	10	
NON-UNION COUNTRIES:—							
Abyssinia, .....	10 (e)	4	8	2	10 (in)	...	
Afghanistan, .....	10 (ca)	4	8	2	10 (in)	...	
Africa (West Coast, Native Possessions), .....	20 (ca)	4	8	5	10 (in)	...	
Arabia, .....	10 (c)	4	8	2	10 (in)	...	
Bechuanaland Protectorate, including—Kanye, Lake Ngami, Macloutsie, Molepolole, Pala- chwe, (Khamas town), Rhodesia (comprising Mashonaland, Matabeleland, and Northern Zambesia), Shoshong, and Tati River,.....	20	4	8	5	10	...	
China, (or from China to Hongkong),.....	5 (e)	1	2	2	10 (b)	10	
Friendly Islands, (Tonga Islands), .....	10	4	8	2	10	...	
Madagascar, (except French Establishments, viz., Ambositra, Andevorante, Antananarivo, Diego Suarez, Fenerive, Fiaranantsoa, Foul- pointe, Ivondro, Maevatanana, Mahambo, Mahanoro, Mahela, Maintirano, Majunga, Mananjary, Morandava, Morotsangana, Nossi- Vé, St. Mary, Tamatave, Vatomandry, and Vohemar), .....	10 (e)	4	8	2	10 (in)	...	
Morecco, (except Casablanca, El-ksar-el-kbir, Fez, Larache, Mazagan, Mogador, Rabat, Saffi, Tangier and Tetuan, at each of which places the Gibraltar P. O. or French P. O. maintains an Agency under the Postal Union Regulations), .....	10 (e)	4	8	2	...	...	
Navigator's Islands, (Samoa), .....	10	4	8	2	10	...	
Society Islands, .....	10 (e)	4	8	2	10	...	
Other parts,.....	10 (e)	4	8	2	10 (in)	...	
Between Hongkong and Canton, Macao, and Changechow, and for Local Delivery, .....	2	1	2	2	10	10	

Same as for Books, except that the lowest charge is 10 cents.

(a.) An additional charge is made on delivery.

(b.) Registration in China through British Offices extends to Hoihow, Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Shanghai and Hankow only.

(c.) Prepayment is compulsory.

(in.) Registration is incomplete, not extending beyond Port of Arrival.

\* Letters for these places posted at any Office, other than in the Colony, are subject to the rate of 10 cents per half ounce.

Attention is specially called to the changes in the postal rates for correspondence to the United Kingdom and certain British Colonies and also to the increases in the fees for return receipts and for registration of local letters and those addressed to Macao and China.

For Parcel Rates; see separate Table, or the Postal Guide.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898.