

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 605.

The following Notice is published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st October, 1902.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Parcel Post with the United States of America viâ London.

Notice is hereby given that the Postmaster General of the United Kingdom has intimated to the Hongkong Postal Administration that on and from the 1st September instant an exchange of Parcel Post will take place between the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Parcels for the United States may be posted in Hongkong and at the British Postal Agencies in China to be despatched viâ London by British Packets.

The service between the United Kingdom and the United States has been established in co-operation with the American Express Company, who arrange for the conveyance throughout the United States in both directions, while the Postmaster General of the United Kingdom, on the other hand, is responsible for the conveyance to and from the United States.

LIMIT OF WEIGHT AND DIMENSION.

1. Weight,.....11 lbs.
- Greatest length, 3 ft. 6 ins.
- or
- Greatest length and girth combined, 6 ft. 0 in.

CHARGES.

2. The charges payable on parcels for the United States are partly postal and partly non-postal. On parcels posted at Hongkong and its Postal Agencies the Postal Charges will be as follows:—

On Parcels—	Not over 3 lbs.		From 3 lbs. to 7 lbs.		From 7 lbs. to 11 lbs.	
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
For New York City, Brooklyn, Jersey City or Hoboken,	1	00	2	00	3	00
For any other part of the United States,	1	60	2	60	3	60

The Non-Postal Charges are as follows:—

- (A.) 60 cents on every parcel, due to the American Express Co. for Customs clearance and formalities, and
- (B.) 60 cents in respect of the charges levied by the United States Government under the title of "Sample Office Fee" or "Storage Fee" on every parcel entering the Country.

Customs duties is also leviable according to the ordinary Customs tariff of the United States.

MODE OF PREPAYMENT.

3. The postal charges must be prepaid by means of stamps affixed to the cover of the parcel. It is open to the sender—

- I. To prepay in the same way the non-postal charges other than Customs duties.
- II. While prepaying the charges specified under heading I., to assume responsibility for the Customs charges, so that the parcel may be delivered free of cost to the recipient. In this case it will be necessary to proceed in the manner described in paragraph 202 of the Hongkong Postal Guide. This arrangement ensures a speedier conveyance, since ordinary parcels will remain at the New York Custom House until the addressees have remitted thither the amount of duty and other charges upon them.

The charges not prepaid by the sender will be collected from the addressee.

PARCELS FORWARDED IN BOND.

4. The sender may without extra charge direct that a parcel be sent through the New York Custom House in bond, for Customs examination at any of the "United States Ports of Entry," or Inland Custom Houses, of which a list is given below. This arrangement also does away with the delay at New York referred to in the preceding paragraph, but, on the other hand, the addressees will have to make arrangements for the delivery of parcels so treated after they have been cleared at the Custom House of the Inland Port of Entry.

The sender of a parcel intended to be forwarded in bond must mark it plainly "In bond to.....," naming the Inland Port of Entry chosen, and the same words must also appear in the same handwriting on the Customs declaration which accompanies the parcel.

DELIVERY.

5. In the United States, as in many British Colonies and Foreign Countries, parcels are not in all cases delivered at the houses of the recipients. They will, however, be delivered at all places within the delivery of any Express Company of the United States, and when they are not delivered, a notice of their arrival will be sent to the addressees, who must then arrange to obtain them at the point where they are lying.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

6. The regulations of the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post apply generally to this service also. But attention should be paid to the points of difference stated below.

CUSTOMS DECLARATIONS.

7. The non-adhesive form of Customs declaration must be used. Two copies are required. If the parcel is to be sent in bond to an Inland Port of Entry, it must be endorsed as directed in para. 4. Moreover, if the value of the goods contained in the parcel exceeds \$100 (Gold) or £20. 10s. the declaration must be made before a United States Consul on forms supplied by him.

PROHIBITED ARTICLES.

8. In addition to those articles which are specified in the Hongkong Postal Guide, paragraphs 203-208, as excluded from transmission by the Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post, the undermentioned articles are prohibited from importation into the United States:—

Eatables, Ox-hides Prison-made Wares, Wines, Spirits, Cigars and Cigarettes in quantity numbering less than 3,000, Opium containing less than 9 % of Morphine.

9. The conditions under which compensation is granted for the loss or damage of insured or uninsured parcels correspond with those set forth in the Hongkong Postal Guide (paragraphs 217-233). But the sums payable for insurance are at the following rates:—

To secure compensation up to £ 12.....	a fee of	£0.40
" 24.....	"	0.80
" 36.....	"	1.20
" 48.....	"	1.60
" 60.....	"	2.00
" 72.....	"	2.40
" 84.....	"	2.80
" 96.....	"	3.20
" 108.....	"	3.60
" 120.....	"	4.00

The following are the United States Ports of Entry :—

Albany, N. Y.	El Paso, Texas.	Mobile, Ala.	Sandusky, O.
Astoria, Ore.	Enfield, Conn.	Nashville, Tenn.	San Antonio, Texas.
Atlanta, Ga.	Erie, Pa.	New Bedford, Mass.	San Diego, Cal.
Baltimore, Md.	Evansville, Ind.	Nogales, Ariz.	San Francisco, Cal.
Bangor, Me.	Everett, Wash.	Newport, R. I.	Sault Ste Marie, Mich.
Bath, Me.	Fall River, Mass.	Newark, N. J.	Savannah, Ga.
Boston, Mass.	Galveston, Texas.	New Haven, Conn.	Syracuse, N. Y.
Bridgeport, N. Y.	Gladstone, Mich.	New Orleans, La.	Seattle, Wash.
Buffalo, N. Y.	Grand Haven, Mich.	New York, N. Y.	Sioux City, Ia.
Burlington, Vt.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Newport News, Va.	South Manchester, Conn.
Calais, Me.	Green Bay, Wis.	Norfolk, Va.	Springfield, Mass.
Charleston, S. C.	Hartford, Conn.	Oakland, Cal.	St. Augustine, Fla.
Chicago, Ill.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Ocala, Fla.	St. Joseph, Mo.
Cincinnati, O.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Ogdensburg, N. Y.	St. Louis, Mo.
Cleveland, O.	Kansas City, Mo.	Omaha, Neb.	St. Paul, Minn.
Columbus, O.	Key West, Fla.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Tacoma, Wash.
Council Bluffs, Ia.	Knoxville, Tenn.	Pittsburg, Pa.	Tampa, Fla.
Denver, Col.	Leadville, Col.	Portland, Me.	Titusville, Pa.
Des Moines, Ia.	Lincoln, Neb.	Portland, Ore.	Toledo, O.
Detroit, Mich.	Los Angeles, Cal.	Port Huron, Mich.	Vanceboro', Me.
Dubuque, Ia.	Louisville, Ky.	Portsmouth, N. H.	Vernon, Conn.
Duluth, Minn.	Laredo, Texas.	Port Townsend, Wash.	Washington, D. C.
Dunkirk, N. Y.	Marquette, Mich.	Providence, R. I.	Wilmington, Del.
Durham, N. C.	Memphis, Tenn.	Pueblo, Col.	Wilmington, N. C.
Durango, Col.	Middletown, Conn.	Richmond, Va.	Worcester, Mass.
Eastport, Me.	Milwaukee, Wis.	Rochester, N. Y.	
Eagle Pass, Texas.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Saginaw, Mich.	

E. CORNEWALL LEWIS,
Acting Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, 30th September, 1902.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 606.

The following Returns of the Average Amount of BANK NOTES in Circulation and of Specie in Reserve in Hongkong, during the Month ended 30th September, 1902, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks, are published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 3rd October, 1902.

BANKS.	AVERAGE AMOUNT.	SPECIE IN RESERVE.
	\$	\$
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,.....	3,248,677	1,600,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,	9,152,332	5,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited,	448,876	150,000
TOTAL,.....\$	12,849,885	6,750,000