

or other articles have been spoilt or become useless within the period of six months preceding the date of application. In all cases the applications must be accompanied by the articles on which stamps have either been affixed or impressed intact, as no allowance can be granted on stamps if cut therefrom.

All Postmasters in the United Kingdom at whose Offices Money Order business is transacted, and all Letter Receivers in the London District, are permitted, though not compelled, to purchase postage stamps from the public (provided the stamps be not soiled or otherwise damaged), at a charge of 2½ per cent.; the charge, however, never being less than one halfpenny. Under this arrangement the payments are as follows:—

Postage stamps purchased from public.

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| For stamps not exceeding 1s. 8d. in value, the full price minus ½d. | |
| " above 1s. 8d., but not exceeding 3s. 4d., the full price minus 1d. | |
| " " 3s. 4d., " " 5s., " " 1½d. | |
| " " 5s., " " 6s. 8d., " " 2d. | |
| " " 6s. 8d., " " 8s. 4d., " " 2½d., and so on. | |

To prevent the temptation to steal stamps attached to letters, which might be afforded by facilities for selling them, single stamps cannot be purchased. They must in all cases be presented in strips of not less than two.

In consequence of representations made to the Post Office by various Firms that there is reason to believe that their postage stamps were purloined by persons in their employ, the Department has recommended that the initials of Firms, &c., be perforated through the stamps by means of a machine devised for the purpose, and Postmasters have been instructed not to purchase such stamps. The perforation of the stamps on post cards, newspaper wrappers, and embossed envelopes with initials is also not objected to.

Safeguard against theft.
Perforation of Postage Stamps.

Whenever adhesive stamps are used for denoting the stamp duty on a receipt or other document the perforation is not to be regarded as a cancellation of the stamp, but in all such cases the stamp must be cancelled by writing across it as is required by law.

Paper and Card-board can, on certain conditions, and when presented, either personally or by agent, at the Inland Revenue Office, Somerset House, London, W.C., be impressed with postage stamps.

Paper and card-board may be impressed with postage stamps.

Special arrangements for this business are also made for the convenience of the public at the Inland Revenue Offices in Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Dublin. Full conditions can be learnt at any of these Offices, but in every case the cost of carriage of the material to and from London, where alone the stamping is executed, will have to be paid by the owner.

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS & SUGGESTIONS.

1. The Post Office is not, by law, responsible for any loss or inconvenience which may arise from the damage, non-delivery, mis-sending, or mis-delivery of any letter, book, or other postal packet, and liability for actual loss or damage is accepted only in the case of parcels and registered packets (see pages 11 and 18).

Not legally responsible for losses by mis-delivery, &c., nor for damage.

2. Postal packets which are likely to suffer from great pressure should be placed in strong covers.

Packets should be well secured.

3. No information can be given respecting letters or any other postal packets except to the persons to whom they are addressed; and in no other way is official information of a private character allowed to be made public. A Postmaster may, however, give an address if he has no reason to believe that the person whose address it is would disapprove of his doing so.

Official information.

4. Applications for information should be addressed to the Secretary of the Post Office.

Applications for postal information.

5. Postmasters are not allowed to return any letter, parcel, or other postal packet to the writer or sender, or to anyone else, or to delay forwarding it to its destination according to the address, even though a request to such effect be written thereon.

Letters once posted cannot be recalled.