

I, SPENCER COMPTON CAVENDISH, commonly called MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the approval of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, given under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, whose names are hereunder signed and written, by virtue of the powers vested in me by "The Post Office Act, 1870," and of every other power enabling me in this behalf, do hereby issue the following directions respecting the registration of publications under the said Act, and do hereby make, in relation respectively to registered newspapers, book packets, pattern or sample packets, and post cards sent by post, or posted within the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, the following regulations for the purposes mentioned in the 9th and 20th sections of the said Act, or some of such purposes, and do hereby issue, with respect to any registered or other newspaper, supplement, publication, book packet, pattern or sample packet, or post card, which shall be sent by post, within the limits aforesaid, otherwise than in conformity with the said Act, or the said regulations, the following directions as to the return or forwarding thereof, and as to the postage to be charged thereon (that is to say):—

*As to Newspapers for Inland Transmission.*

1. The proprietor or printer of any newspaper within the description contained in section 6 of "The Post Office Act, 1870," and the proprietor or printer of any publication which, regard had to the proportion of advertisements to other matter therein, is not within the description aforesaid, but which was stamped as a newspaper before the 15th day of June, 1855, may register it at the General Post Office on payment to the Postmaster-General of a fee of 5 shillings.

2. The registration of any such newspaper or other publication as aforesaid may be renewed from year to year on payment to the Postmaster-General of a like fee of 5 shillings.

3. The postage payable on registered newspapers, with or without supplements, by virtue of section 8 of "The Post Office Act, 1870," shall, in all cases, be prepaid.

4. If the postage on a registered newspaper, or a packet of registered newspapers with or without supplements is not prepaid in conformity with the preceding regulation in that behalf, the packet shall be forwarded to its destination and charged on delivery with postage as an unpaid or (as the case may be) an insufficiently paid book packet of the same weight.

5. The postage for each transmission of a registered newspaper or packet of registered newspapers may be prepaid either by an adhesive postage stamp or stamps, or by the use of a stamped cover, or in money, but if in money, at such post offices only, within such hours only, and under and subject to all such regulations, conditions, and restrictions as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time think fit and direct.

6. The Postmaster-General may also, if he think fit, in the case of copies of a registered newspaper addressed for transmission by post at the publishing office of such newspaper, permit the work of impressing and of cancelling a stamp denoting the postage to be performed at such publishing office, under such regulations and restrictions as to the payment of the postage and otherwise as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct, but all such newspapers shall be forwarded from the publishing office to the post office in sealed bags, and any such newspaper forwarded to the post office otherwise than in a

sealed bag, shall, notwithstanding the impressment and cancellation of such stamp, be charged as a newspaper posted unpaid.

7. The Postmaster-General may also in the case of any registered newspaper permit the work of impressing a stamp denoting the postage, to be done at the office of Inland Revenue, under such regulations as to the payment of the postage and otherwise as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct.

8. No registered newspaper shall be sent by the post a second time for the original postage, and (except in the case of redirection) a newspaper which has already been sent by post shall for all postal purposes be treated as if it had never been so sent.

9. In the case of the redirection of a registered newspaper or packet of registered newspapers made by an officer of the post office to a place within the same free delivery as the original address, no redirection postage shall be charged.

10. In any case (not within the last preceding regulation) of the redirection of a registered newspaper or packet of registered newspapers, a redirection postage shall be charged and paid at the prepaid newspaper rate, and such postage may be collected on the delivery of the newspaper or packet charged.

11. Every registered newspaper or packet of registered newspapers shall be posted either without a cover or in a cover open at both ends, and so that the same can be easily removed for the purpose of examination.

12. If any newspaper or packet of newspapers is sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the last preceding regulation it shall, at the option in each case of the Postmaster-General, be either returned to the sender thereof or be forwarded to its destination, and shall in either case be charged with postage as an unpaid letter of the same weight, but giving credit for any postage already paid.

13. Every registered newspaper when posted shall be so folded and covered (if posted in a cover) as to permit the title to be readily inspected.

14. No registered newspaper, whether posted singly or in a packet, shall be posted with any enclosure concealed therein, or in the supplement or supplements belonging thereto.

15. If any registered newspaper shall be posted with any enclosure prohibited by the last preceding regulation, then if the enclosure consists wholly or in part of another copy (whether of the same or a different date) of the same registered newspaper, or of a copy of any other publication, the entire packet shall, at the option in each case of the Postmaster-General, be either returned to the sender thereof or forwarded to its destination, and shall in either case be charged with postage as an unpaid letter of the same weight, but giving credit for any postage already paid. In any other case of a prohibited enclosure the enclosing newspaper shall not be subject to any additional charge, but the enclosure or enclosures shall be taken out and forwarded, and charged with postage on delivery as an unpaid letter of the same weight.

16. No registered newspaper shall be posted with any letter or communication in the nature of a letter written thereon, or on the cover thereof (if any).

17. If any newspaper shall be sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the last preceding regulation, the same shall, at the option in each case of the Postmaster-General, be either returned to the sender thereof or forwarded to its destination, and shall in either case be charged