

or persons for the time being recognized by the Postmaster-General as entitled to withdraw such money.

(2.) The Postmaster-General may in his discretion require proof to his satisfaction of the identity of the applicants, and of their authority to withdraw the deposits of the Education Board or School Committee.

(3.) The warrant issued on such application shall be made out in the names of the applicants, and their receipt shall be a good discharge to the Postmaster-General for the sum stated in the warrant.

32. (1.) A warrant shall be presented by the person named therein, or by a person duly authorized by him to receive the sum specified in the warrant.

(2.) An authority to receive the amount payable on a warrant must be given either by power of attorney duly executed in the presence of a witness, or by an order signed in the presence of one or other of the following persons, that is to say:—

- (a.) Any responsible officer of the Postmaster-General, other than the paying officer.
- (b.) A minister of any religious denomination.
- (c.) A Governor, Judge of the Supreme Court, Stipendiary Magistrate, Mayor, or Justice of the Peace.
- (d.) A notary public or solicitor of the Supreme Court.
- (e.) The medical attendant of the person named in the warrant.
- (f.) Any person or class of persons for the time being approved by the Postmaster-General in that behalf.
- (g.) Where the person named in the warrant is abroad, the power of attorney must be executed in the presence of a notary public, or of the British consular authority, or the order signed in the presence of a responsible postal officer, or some constituted authority of the place in which such person is residing.
- (h.) Where the person named in the warrant is on active service in the army or navy, the power of attorney must be executed or the order signed in the presence of a commissioned officer of his regiment or ship.
- (i.) Where the person named in the warrant is at sea, the power of attorney must be executed or the order signed in the presence of the master or officer in charge of his vessel.

(3.) Any such order as last aforesaid should be in the form approved by the Postmaster-General, which form may be obtained at any Savings-Bank Office.

(4.) Such order may be signed by a minor if he has attained the age of seven years.

(5.) Any document signed by a minor in accordance with this regulation shall be valid and binding upon him, as if being of full age he had signed such document.

(6.) Where a power of attorney, or any such order as in this regulation mentioned, authorizes payment to be made to one or more persons, trading under any style or firm, or to a body corporate, any member of such firm or any officer of such body corporate may present the warrant; and the signature of such member in the name of the firm, or of such officer signing as such, shall be a good discharge to the Postmaster-General for the sum specified in the warrant.

33. When a warrant is lost in its transit through the Post-office and is not delivered to the depositor, a duplicate thereof shall be issued by the Chief Postmaster free of charge; but if it is lost by the

depositor or is destroyed after due delivery by post or otherwise a charge of one shilling shall be made for the duplicate.

PAYMENT BY TELEGRAPH.

34. (1.) A depositor wishing to obtain payment of the whole or part of a sum standing to his credit in the Savings-Bank, on the day on which he gives notice of withdrawal, may apply for such payment at any Savings-Bank office (which is also a telegraph-office) within the district in which his account was opened.

(2.) Such application shall be in the form approved by the Postmaster-General, a printed copy of which may be obtained at any such Savings-Bank office.

(3.) In such form the depositor shall specify the several particulars which are required to be specified in an ordinary notice of withdrawal.

(4.) Such application shall be made between such hours as are appointed for the transaction of Savings-Bank business at each office.

35. On receipt of an application for payment by telegraph, the Postmaster shall, provided that a specimen signature of the depositor has been lodged with the Postmaster, and if he is satisfied that a sufficient amount is standing to the credit of the depositor in the Savings-Bank to allow of payment of the required amount, and upon receipt by him of the sum of sixpence, or, if sent as "Urgent," one shilling, for the cost of the telegram to and reply from the Chief Postmaster of the district, send a telegram (hereinafter referred to as a "telegram of withdrawal") on the form approved by the Postmaster-General to the said Chief Postmaster, stating the name of the depositor, the number of his book, the name of the district, and the amount required.

36. The following rules shall apply to a telegram of withdrawal:—

- (1.) It shall be written by the Postmaster at the office of origin.
- (2.) It shall be repeated from office to office to ensure accuracy.
- (3.) It shall bear upon it postage-stamps representing the fee payable.
- (4.) Such stamps shall be cancelled by the dated stamp of the office of origin, as in the case of an ordinary telegram.

37. (1.) If the Postmaster shall receive from the Chief Postmaster of his district, in reply to the telegram of withdrawal, a telegram (hereinafter called a "telegram of advice") authorizing him to pay the sum required, or any smaller sum, he shall issue a warrant, and the sum named therein shall be paid to the depositor or to any person authorized by him to receive the same, in accordance with these regulations.

(2.) A telegram of advice shall be repeated from office to office to ensure accuracy.

38. The following rules shall apply to such payments:—

- (1.) The person requiring payment shall produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Postmaster that he is the person entitled to receive the amount stated in the warrant.
- (2.) Such person must sign a receipt on the warrant, which receipt shall be a good discharge to the Postmaster-General for the sum specified therein.
- (3.) The amount paid shall be entered in the depositor's book in the manner prescribed by these regulations in relation to payment by warrant.