

(b.) Letters addressed to the care of a post-office and originating beyond the Dominion, arriving after the expiration of a redirection order, should be readdressed if the date of expiry of the order is recent.

(c.) In the case of persons resident in the United Kingdom, six weeks' grace is to be given from the dates of expiry of their orders.

453. (a.) All orders for redirection must be numbered consecutively, beginning with No. 1 on the first day of each year, and be entered in the proper book and on the cards kept in the delivery-boxes. The record must be entered up daily so as to show full particulars, including the number and date of the order, surname and Christian name of the applicant, and the new address. The applications must be noted and filed. As the proper and due performance of this duty is highly important, Postmasters must require all redirection orders to be noted by the delivery officer or postman, showing the action taken, and they should personally examine the redirection-order book at frequent intervals. Such examination is to include the checking of all orders against the entries in the order-book and on the cards kept in the delivery-boxes. At the four principal offices this duty may be delegated to the Assistant Postmaster or other senior officer, but at other offices Postmasters will be held responsible for all errors caused by incorrect entries.

(b.) At those offices at which is in use the card system of recording redirection orders, all the particulars, including (1) number of order, (2) dates of application and receipt, must be accurately entered on the cards provided for the purpose, and the orders then dealt with in all other respects as in the foregoing rule.

454. Redirected letters must not be enclosed in new covers. They must be clearly redirected *in red ink* on the original covers, the old address being ruled through. The title of the person to whose care a letter is redirected must be given in every case when it is known with certainty. Stamped covers, or stamps, enclosed with redirection orders must be returned to the applicants, with an intimation that it is contrary to rule to re-enclose redirected letters.

455. Returned letters from the Dead Letter Office, or any chief office, if in the authorized covers, may be redirected free of charge to any place in His Majesty's dominions. If for other places, such letters must be surcharged full letter-postage.

456. Telegrams readdressed for transmission by post should be charged a single rate of postage only.

457. (a.) Letters believed to be wrongly addressed or any obscurely addressed may be forwarded to the supposed proper address as "try" letters, but such letters must be at once returned to the forwarding post-office if delivery cannot be assured.

(b.) Should any Postmaster notice that letters identifiable from the covers as originating in the Tax, Valuation, or State Advances Department bear the address of any one who may have removed to any other locality, he is authorized to alter such address, and is requested to expedite the delivery of such letters as far as possible.

(c.) Before any incorrectly or insufficiently addressed letter is forwarded to the proper address the envelope must be marked with the special stamp supplied, "Please inform sender of your correct [or full] address." Every opportunity should be taken to urge on the public the necessity for having correspondence addressed correctly and fully.

458. If letters, &c., for His Majesty's ships cannot readily be delivered, the Secretary should be asked for instructions.