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Rates of Postage.

All Transient Matter, except duly certified letters of Soldiers and Sailors, must be prepaid by stamps.

No package will be forwarded which weighs over four pounds, except books published or circulated by order of Congress.

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DOMESTIC.

On all LETTERS throughout the United States, 3 cts. for each half ounce or fraction thereof.

Drop or LOCAL LETTERS, 2 cts. where there is a free carrier's delivery. At other offices 1 ct.

PRINTED BOOKS, in one package, to one address, 4 cts. for each four ounces or fraction thereof.

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ON LETTERS TO GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.—For every half ounce or fraction thereof, 12 cts. if prepaid. If not prepaid, 12 cts. extra will be collected in Great Britain, and 5 cts. in the United States.

To the GERMAN STATES.—For every half ounce or fraction thereof via N. German Union direct, 10 cts.; closed mail via England, 15 cts.; prepayment optional.

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Postal Money Orders.

Money Order Post Offices are established in most of the large cities and towns, at which orders can be obtained upon any other office.

RATES OF COMMISSION.

On orders not exceeding \$20 10 cents.
Over \$20 and not exceeding \$50 25 cents.

No single order issued for less than one dollar nor more than fifty dollars.

Parties desiring to remit larger sums must obtain additional Money Orders.

Coin, United States Treasury Notes, or National Bank Notes only received or paid.

Time Occupied in the Transmission of Letters from Distant Points to New York City.

From	Days.	From	Days.
Bangor, Me.	2	Tennessee, Tenn.	4 to 6
Buffalo, N. Y.	1	Nebraska	5 to 7
Beaufort, S. C.	3 to 5	New Mexico	20
Beaufort, N. C.	4 to 6	Natchez, Miss.	11 to 18
Concord, N. H.	1	New Orleans, La.	7 to 8
Chicago, Ill.	2	Nashville, Tenn.	3 to 4
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	Newbern, N. C.	3 to 6
California, overland	25 to 26	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1
Colorado Territory	12 to 15	Portland, Me.	1
Detroit, Mich.	2	Port Royal	3 to 6
Dubuque, Iowa	3	Quebec, Canada	2
Denver City	12 to 15	St. Louis, Mo.	2 to 3
Fernandina, Fla.	7 to 10	St. Paul, Minn.	5 to 6
Indianapolis, Ind.	2	St. Augustine, Fla.	7 to 10
Kansas	7 to 8	Toledo, Ohio	2
Key West	7 to 9	Vicksburg, Miss.	11 to 13
Little Rock, Ark.	8	Oregon Ter.	
Louisville, Ky.	9	Washington Ter.	
Milwaukee, Wis.	12	Indian Ter.	30 to 40
Montreal, Canada	12	Utah	

U. S. Stamp Duties.

Acknowledgment of Deeds	exempt.
Affidavits of all kinds	exempt.
Agreement, Contract or Appraisement, for each sheet or piece of paper on which the same is written .....	.05
Assignment of Mortgage or Policy of Insurance, the same as original Instrument	
Of Lease, same stamp as original, with an additional stamp on the consideration of the assignment, according to the rates of stamps on Deeds. (See Conveyance)	
Bank Check, Draft or Order, for payment of any sum of money drawn upon a bank, banker, or trust company, or for any sum over \$10 drawn upon any other person or persons, or companies, at sight, or on demand .....	.02
Bill of Exchange (Foreign), or Letter of Credit, drawn in, but payable out of the United States, each bill, or set of three or more must be stamped	
For every bill of each set, where the sum made payable does not exceed one hundred dollars, or the equivalent thereof, in any foreign currency in which such bills may be expressed	
For every additional hundred dollars, or fractional part thereof in excess of one hundred dollars .....	.02
(Foreign) drawn in, but payable out of the United States, (if drawn singly or in duplicate,) pay the same duty as Inland Bills of Exchange .....	.09
The acceptor or acceptors of any Bill of Exchange, or order for the payment of any sum of money drawn, or purporting to be drawn, in any foreign country, but payable in the United States, must, before paying or accepting the same, place thereupon a stamp indicating the duty.]	

U. S. STAMP DUTIES.

Bill of Exchange. (Inland,) draft or order, payable otherwise than at sight or on demand, and Any Promissory Note, whether payable on demand or at time designated, for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars .....	.05
For every additional \$100, or fractional part thereof .....	.05
Bill of Lading, of vessels for ports in the United States or British North America	exempt.
Or receipt for goods to any foreign port, each bill of lading .....	.10
Bill of Sale, of any vessel, or part thereof, when the consideration does not exceed \$500 .....	.50
Bill of Sale, of any vessel, or part thereof, exceeding \$500, and not exceeding \$1,000	1.00
Exceeding \$1,000, for each \$500, or fractional part thereof .....	.50
Of personal property (other than ship or vessel) .....	.05
Bond, personal, for the payment of money. (See Mortgage)	
For the due execution or performance of the duties of any office	1.00
For indemnifying any person for the payment of any sum of money; for each \$1,000, or fractional part thereof, recoverable .....	.50
Bonds, county, city, and town bonds, railroad and other corporation bonds and scrip, are subject to stamp duty. (See Mortgage)	
Of any description, other than such as are required in legal proceedings, or used in connection with stamped mortgage Deed, and not otherwise mentioned .....	.25
Broker's Note, or memorandum of sale, or contract for sale of any merchandise, exchange, real estate, or property of any description, issued by brokers, or persons acting as such, each	
Of any stocks, bonds, bullion, coin, promissory notes, or other securities, for each \$100, or fractional part .....	.01
On same, if made by any person, firm, or company, not paying a special tax as broker, bank or banker, for each \$100, or fractional part .....	.05

U. S. STAMP DUTIES.

Certificate of deposit in any bank or trust company, to sum not exceeding \$100.....	.02
Exceeding \$100.....	.05
Of stock in an incorporated company.....	.25
Of record, upon the instrument recorded.....	exempt.
Of record, upon the book.....	exempt.
Of weight, or measurement of animals, coal, wood, or hay.....	exempt.
Of profits in an incorporated company for a sum not less than \$10 and not exceeding \$50.....	.10
Exceeding \$50 and not exceeding \$1,000.....	.25
Exceeding \$1,000, for every additional \$1,000, or fractional part thereof.....	.25
Of damage or otherwise, and all other certificates or documents issued by any port warden, marine surveyor, or other person acting as such.....	.25
Of any other description.....	.05
Charter Party , or agreement for charter of any vessel or steamer, not over 150 tons.....	1.00
Over 150 tons, and not over 300 tons.....	3.00
Over 300 tons, and not over 600 tons.....	5.00
Over 600 tons.....	10.00
Conveyance or deed of real estate, the value of which is not over \$500.....	.50
Conveyance or deed of real estate, the value of which is \$500, and not exceeding \$1,000.....	1.00
For every additional \$500 or fractional part thereof, in excess of \$1,000.....	.50
Draft or order. (See <i>Bank Check</i>).	
Endorsement of any negotiable instrument.....	exempt.
Upon a stamped obligation in acknowledgement of its fulfillment.....	exempt.
Entry (Custom-House) of goods for consumption or warehousing, not over \$100 in value.....	.25
Over \$100, and not over \$500.....	.50
Over \$500.....	1.00
For the withdrawal of any goods from bonded warehouse.....	.50
Gaugers' returns	exempt.
Insurance , (Marine, Inland and Fire,) where the premium is not over \$10.....	.10
Over \$10, and not over \$250.....	.25
Over \$250.....	.50

U. S. STAMP DUTIES.

Insurance (Life) policy not over \$1,000.....	.25
Over \$1,000, and not over \$5,000.....	.50
Over \$5,000.....	1.00
"Accidental" policies or tickets.....	exempt.
Lease , where rent is not over \$200 per annum.....	.50
Over \$200, for each additional \$200, or fractional part thereof.....	.50
Perpetual, subject to stamp duty as a "conveyance," the stamp duty to be measured by resolving the annual rental into a capital sum.....	
Clause of guarantees of payment of rent incorporated or endorsed, additional.....	.05
Legal Documents	exempt.
Manifest for entry or clearance of vessels' cargo, for a foreign port, (except to ports in British N. A.) if the registered tonnage is not over 200 tons.....	
Over 200 tons, and not over 600 tons.....	3.00
Over 600 tons.....	5.00
Messurer's returns	exempt.
Mortgage , Trust Deed, Bill of Sale, or personal bond for the payment of money over \$100, and not over \$500.....	
Over \$500, for every additional \$500 or fractional part thereof.....	.50
Passage Ticket to a foreign port, costing not over \$50.....	
Over \$50, and not over \$500.....	.50
For every additional \$50, or fractional part thereof.....	1.00
Power of Attorney to sell or transfer stock, or collect dividends or interest thereon.....	1.00
To vote at election of incorporated company.....	.25
To receive or collect rents.....	.25
To sell, convey, rent, or lease real estate.....	1.00
Relating to bounties, pensions, etc.....	exempt.
For any other purpose.....	.50
Probate of Will , or letters of administration, where the value of estate is not over \$1,000.....	exempt.
Over \$1,000, and not over \$2,000.....	1.00
For every additional \$1,000, or fractional part thereof.....	.50
Bonds of executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees, each.....	1.00

JANUARY

FRIDAY, 1

1869.

U. S. STAMP DUTIES.

Protest of bill, note, acceptance, check, or draft, or any marine protest.....	.25
Promissory Note. (See <i>Bill of Exchange, Inland.</i>)	
Renewal of, same duty as original note.	
Deposit note to mutual insurance companies, when policy is subject to duty.....	exempt
Quit-Claim Deed, to be stamped as a conveyance, except when given as a release of a mortgage, in which case it is exempt.	
Receipt for money over \$20, not being for satisfaction of a mortgage, or judgment, or decree of court; receipt for delivery of property, except express receipt.....	.02
Warehouse Receipt, for goods not exceeding \$500 in value.....	.10
Exceeding \$500 and not exceeding \$1,000.....	.20
Exceeding \$1,000, for every additional \$1,000 or fractional part thereof.....	.10
Receipt for goods not otherwise provided for.....	.25
Weigher's Return.	exempt

GENERAL REMARKS.

~~✓~~ Revenue stamps may be used indiscriminately, except proprietary and playing card stamps. Postage Stamps cannot be used in payment of stamp duties.

It is the duty of the maker of an instrument to affix and cancel the stamp required thereon. If he neglects to do so, the party for whose use it is made may stamp it before it is used; but in no case can it be legally used without a stamp.

When two or more persons join in the execution of an instrument, the stamp to which the instrument is liable under the law may be affixed and cancelled by either of them.

No stamp is required on any warrant of attorney accompanying bond or note, when such bond or note has affixed thereto the stamp or stamps denoting the duty required; and whenever any bond or note is secured by mortgage, but one stamp duty is required on such papers, such stamp duty being the highest rate required for such instruments, or either of them. In such case, a note or memorandum of the value or denomination of the stamp affixed should be made upon the margin or in the acknowledgment of the instrument which is not stamped.

Where more than one signature is affixed to the same paper, the required duty may be paid by one stamp.

Penalties for violation of these Stamp Duties are enforced as the law directs.

In Rockingham County
at home. Spent
Christmas. Cousin Tom
Cecily Mary, Annie
and Douglas returned
home from Gaskin
Dec. 26, 1868. all at
home except Judge
Little, who left for
Raleigh Wednesday.

FEBRUARY FRIDAY, 5

1869.

FEBRUARY SATURDAY, 6

1869.

Left Raleigh for Washington about 6.00 o'clock
2 P.M. going west by
Weldon, Petersburg,
Richmond, and Aquia
Creek. Took breakfast
at Franklinton, and
dinner at Weldon.
Took supper at Peters-
burg. Met Dr. Mott
President of W. N. C. R.R.
Kept company as far as
Washington. Next day
Met H. C. Lee, and from then
to Spartan. Went to Con-
vention & Commission for first
time in 15 months.
Went over to College
after these.

FEBRUARY SUNDAY, 7 1869.

Arrived in Washington
about 6.00 o'clock A.M.
Went to the House
and from there to
Church.

FEBRUARY MONDAY, 8 1869.

FEBRUARY TUESDAY, 9

1869.

FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY, 10

1869.

FEBRUARY THURSDAY, 11

1869.

Saw Abbott and Duran.
Talked with Judge Haw,
Chairman of Senate
Committee on Claims
in relation to Cotton
claims. Determined
to go to Chicago. Started
at 8th o'clock P.M.
going by way of Bel-
lville and Ohio R.R.
Belleville, Columbus,
and Richmond.

FEBRUARY FRIDAY, 12

1869.

Traveling all day.
Beautiful weather.
Took no meal during
the entire trip off of
the cars.

FEBRUARY SATURDAY, 13

1869.

Arrived in Chicago at
3.30 O'clock P.M. Having
cold and unpleasant.
Coming into Chicago
the ground for miles
almost entirely covered
with water. Stopped
at Sherman House.
Spent evening with
Mrs. Gage & Miss Keating.
Afterwards saw Judge
Coffinberg and Cousin
Dan Rhodes.

FEBRUARY SUNDAY, 14

1869.

Read and discussed
Iglehart's bill with
Judge Coffinberg.
Saw him, Jackson.
Talked with Mr. Rhodes.

FEBRUARY MONDAY, 15

1869.

Saw Col. J. M. Cutts
for first time since
December 1866.

Talked over business
matters nearly all
day. In evening went
with Judge Coffinberry
to see Mr. Waite, of
Waite and Clarke.
Discussed matters at
some length. Mr. Waite
declined to take fee
from minor.

FEBRUARY TUESDAY, 16

1869.

Visiting Card in relation
to Isham's suit. Read it
to Judge Coffinberry, Lucas,
Rhodes, Jackson, Gregg,
and Martin Walker. Judge
Coffinberry and Mr.
Rhodes leave for Cleveland
at 4.30 P.M. Called to
see Bishop Duggan; but
he not being at home, left
my card. Left card at Mr.
Frank's. Called to see
Mr. J. M. Douglas at his
office, and accompanied
him home. Took tea. Saw
for the first time Mrs. D. and
son. Important conver-
sation with her. D. saw Mr.
Wright, Editor of Tribune

FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY, 17

1869.

Engaged in business all day. Carried my card to Story of the Times, and Night of the Tribune, to with Jackson. Went with Story to see Night. Took dinner with Jackson, and met for first time Mrs. J. & daughter. Spent the evening.

FEBRUARY THURSDAY, 18

1869.

In morning went to see O. Jackson on matters of business. Got from him an abstract of property in and around Chicago in which our family have an interest. Called to see Bishop Puggani; but did not see him. Called on Miss Horner, and spent a long and pleasant ~~to~~^{visit}. In evening went to Woods' Museum to see Sharpe's Minstrels, and Harry Macarthy and Miss Estelle. Performance very good. In afternoon went through the museum. Card appeared in Times, Tribune, and Post.

FEBRUARY FRIDAY, 19

1869.

In morning went down
to Mr. Jackson's in state
To consideration of Estate.
Went with Col. J. W. Gets
To visit the monument,
and University. Showed
through the University
by Prof. Sawyer, with
 whom we also took
dinner. Saw telescope,
but did not see library.
Dr. Burroughs not at home.
Spent rest of day with
Col. Gets. Left Chicago
about 9.30 P.M. for
Cleveland. Snowing.
Igharts answer
appeared in the Post.
The Tribune declined
to publish answer.

FEBRUARY SATURDAY, 20

1869.

Changed cars at Toledo
about 5.30 A.M. Took
Breakfast at Toledo.
Arrived in Cleveland
about 12 M. Stayed with
Mr. D.P. Rhodes. Jim, Frank
and Jessie at home. Jessie
away at school at Batavia.
Rott. staying with his Father
in-law. In evening went
with Jim to concert to
hear Miss C. L. Kellogg.
Snowing slightly all day.

FEBRUARY SUNDAY, 21

1869.

In Cleveland.
In morning went to
the Cathedral.
Ground covered with
snow. After dinner
rode up with Cousin
Dan to see Judge Coffin
berg. Saw Miss C. -
Visited Mr. Jackson, &
met Mr. & Mrs. Sargent
and Flora.
Snowing very hard.
In afternoon Robt. Rhodes
and Hatty at Cousin
Dan's.

FEBRUARY MONDAY, 22

1869.

Washington's Birth-
day. No demonstration.
After dinner called to
see Mrs. Sargent. Traveled
in carriage with Mr. &
Mrs. Rhodes, and Mr. &
Mrs. Hyde for Rocky
River about 4 o'clock.
Very cold. Sat at the
Coff House very pleasant
nearly all West Side.
Came home about 12:30
o'clock in steam car.
Snowing very hard, and
car going very slowly.
Long and unpleasant
ride in street car, and
very disagreeable walk
in the snow. In evening
walked down town to
office, etc.

FEBRUARY TUESDAY, 23

1869.

Presented from leaving Cleveland by severe snow storm. Trains behind time. Rode down town in sleigh, first sleigh-ride in several years. Stayed the house all the afternoon. Came of ~~other~~ at Poker at night. Cousin Dan, Bob, Jim Hale, Mr. Hyde, and myself.

FEBRUARY WEDNESDAY, 24

1869.

Stayed in Ed's house all the morning. Cousin Dan and Cousin Sophie left for the South. In afternoon took sleigh-ride with Jim Hodges on Euclid Avenue. At night, Cache with Bennett, Jim, Mark and myself. Mark Haines and myself successful.

FEBRUARY THURSDAY, 25

1869.

Left Cleveland for
Washington at 12.10 P.M.
Cleveland and Pittsburg,
P. R. Took sleeping
car from Altoona
through to Baltimore.

FEBRUARY FRIDAY, 26

1869.

Arrived in Baltimore
about 7.30 o'clock
A.M. Day over and
home. Arrived in
Washington about
11.30 a.m. inc.

