## **Broadsheet to the Public**

**Note:** the original of this broadsheet announcing the reopening of the public post is in the Guildhall Library in London. The date in the text is January 1652, but it appears that this is an <u>Old Style</u> date where the start of the year was the festival of the Annunciation on 25th March, in which case this was actually published in January 1653 according to the current calendar.

ALL Gentleman Merchants, and other Persons may please to take notice, that upon Tuesday night the eighteenth day of *January* 1652, the Letters were sent from the old Post-house (at the lower end of Threadneedle-street, by the Stocks, in *London*) at the Rates of twopence the single Letter within eighty miles of *London*, and threepence the single Letter above eighty miles within this Common-wealth (usually sent unto) and so proportionably for double Letters and Packets, and Packets of printed Books, or *[for?]* two shillings the pound, and the State Packets and Letters carried free: And so to continue going forth Tuesdays and Saturday nights, and Answers expected Mondays and Fryday mornings, as formerly accustomed.

And Letters may be received in for conveyance by the old Post at those Rates at the several places accustomed. VIZ.

At Mr. Bartholemew Haggets, at the Sarizans Head in Westminster.

At Mr. Robert Genns, the Rose in King-street.

At Mr. Edward Huchins, Post-master, at the white hart in Charing Cross

At Mr. Adams, the Porter of the Gate at the Savoy.

At Mr. Ralph Oldhams, at the Gun in the Strand.

At Mr. William Leakes, at the Crown in Temple Bar.

At Mr. Lawrance Blacklocks, at Temple Bar, Stationer.

At Mr. Abell Ropers, over against Dunstones Church in Fleet-street.

At Mr. Charles Adams, the Marygold against Fetter land end.

At Mr. John Allins, the white Horse in Fleet-street.

At Mr. Thomas Taylor, in the inner Temple lane.

At Mr. Lawrances.

At Matthew Days, a Porter belonging to Lyons Inn.

At Mr. Richard Best Stationer in Graise-Inn Gate.

At Mr. William Atkins, Stationer at staple Inn.

At Mr. John Places, Stationer at Furnifalls Inn.

At Mr. Thomas Simms, at the sign of the Angel at Riddriff stayers

At Capt. *Grigsons* next the white Lyon, by the new stayers at *Wapping*.

At Mrs. Staltinborgh, Tower-hill next the Navy Office.

At Mrs. Smith next the Cock in Ratlef.

At Mrs. Ivy over against the Gun in Woodstreet.

The Persons that leave Letters at any of these places, are desired to bring them in thither before ten of the clock, Tuesdays and Saturday nights, and at the Post-house by the Stocks by twelve a clock.

(18th January 1652/3)