

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers, transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post.

And whereas by an Act, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the post office," the proviso concerning the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, as fixed in and by the said first-mentioned Act, is repealed; and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by warrant under their hands, to fix a maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight, wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum weight, in lieu thereof, and all letters are to be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post in conformity with any such warrant, and also in conformity with and under and subject to all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall, from time to time, direct. And by the said Act power is also given to the Postmaster-General to collect and receive the foreign and colonial postage charged or chargeable on any letters sent by the post, and also with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to require the postage, British, colonial, or foreign, of any letters sent by the post, to be pre-paid either in money or in stamps, as he may think fit, on the same being put into the post office; and also with such consent to abolish or restrict the pre-payment in money, of postage on letters sent by the post either altogether or on certain letters, and to require the pre-payment thereof to be in stamps, and to refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made. And it is also declared and enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post-office, to detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of that Act, or the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant, to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned Act; and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to forward them to the places of their destination, charged, in either case, with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct.

Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf,

by this warrant under our hands, order and direct, that printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, and printed pamphlets, whether British, colonial, or foreign, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to New South Wales, or posted in New South Wales addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and New South Wales, subject to the several regulations and rates hereinafter contained; that is to say:

On every packet consisting of a single printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, the several sheets, or parts of which, when more than one, shall be sewed or bound together, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of six pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding half a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of two shillings.

And on every such packet, if exceeding two pounds and not exceeding three pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of three shillings.

And we further order and direct, that no such packet, if exceeding the weight of three pounds, or containing more than one printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, or containing any paper or thing besides a printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, or containing any printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall not be sewed or bound together, or which packet in length, or breadth, or width, or depth shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, or twenty-four inches, shall be forwarded by the post, under the provisions aforesaid.

And we further order and direct, that as to any packet hereinbefore authorized to be sent by the post, under the provisions aforesaid, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall in every case be pre-paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper British postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon, under or by virtue of this warrant, and as to any such packet posted in New South Wales, the postage thereof shall in every case be pre-paid by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, at the time of the same being posted.

And we further order and direct, that every such packet shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, and shall contain printed matter only, with the binding thereof; and there shall be no writing or marks upon the cover or envelope thereof, or upon or within any part of the contents thereof, other than the name and address of the person to whom the packet shall be sent.

And in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, we further direct, that it shall be lawful for any officer of the Post-office in the United Kingdom to delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this warrant,

for the space of twenty-four hours from the time at which (or at his option until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which) the same ought otherwise to have been forwarded by him.

And we further direct, that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the transmission by the post, of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or of printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, nor of printed papers or other printed publications which are allowed to pass by the post under the newspaper privilege.

And we further order and direct, that if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this present warrant, shall exceed the weight of three pounds, or shall contain any paper or thing besides a printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, and the binding thereof, or shall have any writing or marks upon the same, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, except the name and address of the person to whom it is forwarded, or shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall in length, or breadth, or width, or depth, exceed the dimensions of two feet or twenty-four inches, or shall contain more than one printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, or shall contain any printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, the several sheets or parts of which when more than one shall not be sewed or bound together, or if the postage of any such packet posted in the United Kingdom shall not be duly and properly pre-paid by British stamps when posted, or if the postage of any such packet posted in New South Wales shall not be duly and properly pre-paid by colonial stamps when posted, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and at the option of the Postmaster-General shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

And we further direct, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any packets sent through France, or any other foreign country to which a transit rate of postage would be payable thereon, nor to any packets sent by private ships.

And we further order and direct that the term "by the post," used in this warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by packet boat; and shall also include the conveyance through Egypt so long as no transit rate of postage be payable thereon; and that the several other terms and expressions used in this warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

And we further direct that this warrant, so far as respects any packet hereinbefore authorized to be sent by the post, under the provisions aforesaid, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, shall come into operation on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and that so far as respects any packet hereinbefore authorized to be sent by the post under the provisions aforesaid, which shall be posted in New South Wales, this warrant shall come into operation on the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Provided, lastly, and we do hereby declare and

direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed or altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 9th day of March, 1853.

Alfred Hervey.
F. Charteris.

Reading Burial Grounds. General Board of Health.

CERTIFICATE OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF HEALTH for closing the burial ground attached to the church of Saint Mary, the burial ground attached to the church of Saint Lawrence, the burial ground attached to the church of Saint Giles, and other burial grounds within the district of the borough of Reading, in the county of Berks.

WHEREAS, upon the representation of the Local Board of Health for the district of the borough of Reading, in the county of Berks, acting under and for the purposes of the Public Health Act, 1848, the General Board of Health, appointed for the purposes of the said Public Health Act, have, in pursuance of the provisions of that Act, directed William Lee, a superintending inspector appointed for the purposes of the same Act, to visit the said district, and there to make public inquiry and examine witnesses with respect to the state of the burial grounds, within the said district.

And whereas the said inspector, having previously given the notices directed by the said Act, proceeded upon the said inquiry in the manner directed by the said Act, and hath reported in writing to the said General Board upon the state of the said burial grounds, and the means of interment existing within a convenient distance of the same.

And whereas such inquiry and report have been duly notified to the bishop of the diocese within which the aforesaid district is situate, and have been made, notified, and published in the manner directed by the Public Health Act aforesaid.

Now, therefore, We, the said General Board, do hereby, under our hands and official seal, certify according to the provisions of the said Act:—

That the burial ground attached to Saint Mary's Church, commonly known as Saint Mary's Churchyard, the burial ground attached to Saint Lawrence's Church, commonly known as St. Lawrence's Churchyard, the burial ground attached to Saint Giles's Church, commonly known as Saint Giles's Churchyard, and the additional ground for the parish of Saint Giles, commonly known as Saint Giles's New Burial Ground, and the burial grounds attached to the Independent Chapel, in Broad-street, and to the Baptist Chapel, in Church-street, all situate within the district of the borough of Reading, in the county of Berks, to which the Public Health Act, 1848, is applied, are respectively in such a state as to be dangerous to the health of persons living in the neighbourhood thereof, and that sufficient means of interment exist within a convenient distance from such burial grounds respectively.

And we direct that after the 8th day of April, 1853, it shall not be lawful to bury, or permit or