

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the Duties of Postage," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time, by Warrant, under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament, passed in the 11th 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.

And whereas certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament passed in the 18th year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the Stamp Duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas a new Postal Convention has been made and entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela.

And whereas it is expedient for the better carrying out the same, that certain regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters and packets hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said recited Acts, and every of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Republic of Venezuela, or posted in the Republic of Venezuela, addressed to the United Kingdom and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the Republic of Venezuela, either direct or via the Island of St. Thomas (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Venezuela or Island of St. Thomas being by British packet-boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to any part of the Republic of Venezuela, transmitted by the post between any port in the Republic of Venezuela and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, direct or via the Island of St. Thomas, through the United Kingdom (the conveyance between the Republic of Venezuela and the United Kingdom, being direct or via the Island of St. Thomas, by British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken a British rate of postage of sixpence for the conveyance of every such letter, between any port in the Republic of Venezuela, and any part of the United Kingdom; and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country

to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country; provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted from the said rate of sixpence the sum of one penny, in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

3. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by British packet boat from any port in the Republic of Venezuela to any other foreign port, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken a British rate of postage of four pence.

4. All such respective letters, so transmitted as hereinbefore in the first, second, and third clauses of this Warrant mentioned, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further, and additional, and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):—

On every such letter, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage;

And on every such letter, if exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage;

And for every additional ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage; and every fractional part of such additional ounce shall be charged as an additional ounce in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service are now by law entitled to, of sending and receiving, by the post, letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

6. On every printed British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Republic of Venezuela, and on every printed newspaper posted in the Republic of Venezuela, addressed to the United Kingdom, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Venezuela direct, or via the Island of Saint Thomas, by packet-boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid in the United Kingdom the rate of British postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: if not exceeding the weight of four ounces, a rate of one penny; and if exceeding that weight, but not exceeding the weight of eight ounces, a rate of two pence; and for every additional four ounces in weight of any such newspaper above the weight of eight ounces, an

additional rate of one penny shall be charged ; and any fractional part of such additional four ounces shall be charged as an additional four ounces in weight.

7. All packets consisting of newspapers, books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, may be transmitted by British packet-boat from any port in the Republic of Venezuela to any other port without passing through the United Kingdom at the rates of British postage hereinafter mentioned ; that is to say :

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of one penny ;

And on every such packet exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows ; that is to say :

On every such packet if exceeding four ounces in weight, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, two rates of postage ;

And on every such packet if exceeding eight ounces and not exceeding one pound in weight, four rates of postage ;

And on every such packet if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and the half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage ;

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet, above the weight of one pound and the half of another pound, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause, shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this clause, if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

8. All packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Republic of Venezuela, or posted in the Republic of Venezuela addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Venezuela direct, or via the Island of St. Thomas (the sea conveyance being by British packet-boat), and all such respective packets shall be transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto. And all such respective packets so transmitted and chargeable with postage under this clause, shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned ; that is to say :

On every such packet if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof respectively, as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of three-pence ;

And on every such packet exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage, as follows ; that is to say :

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, two rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding one pound in weight, four rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound, and not exceeding one pound and the half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage ;

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of one pound and the half of another pound, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two additional rates of postage ; and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight, shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

9. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the 6th, 7th, and 8th clauses of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained (that is to say) :

Every British newspaper which shall be posted in the United Kingdom under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be printed and published at intervals not exceeding thirty-one days between any two consecutive numbers or parts of such publication, and the same shall be registered by the proprietor or printer thereof at the General Post Office, in London, and shall be posted within fifteen days from the date of its publication, and the title and date of the newspaper shall be printed at the top of every page thereof.

There shall be no word or communication printed on any newspaper transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such newspaper, or upon any cover thereof, other than and accept the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent, but the name or title of such newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, news-vender, or agent by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof.

There shall be no paper or thing enclosed in or with any such newspaper.

No packet, which in length, or breadth, or width, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be forwarded by the post under the 6th, 7th, and 8th clauses of this Warrant.

The terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art," in this Warrant used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, mean and comprise all such articles as in their general character are either literary, or consist of printed, written, engraved, or lithographed matter (although not strictly literary) including books (whether printed, written, or plain), publications or compilations (whether in print or in manuscript), almanacs, printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions as prints, maps (whether on paper, or canvas, or cloth, and whether printed or written), and photographs, when not on glass, or in frames containing glass, and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum (whether printed, lithographed, written upon,

or plain, or any mixture of the four), together with any binding, mounting, or covering, of or upon, or belonging to any such article or production, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and including also any cases or rollers of prints, or maps, book markers (whether of paper or otherwise), pencils, pens, or other things usually appertaining to any such article or production, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission, which shall be sent in the same packet with any such article or production to which they or it shall belong. Provided, nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the sending by the post, under the 7th and 8th clauses of this Warrant, of any patterns, or books of patterns, or papers of patterns, of any article or thing whatsoever, unless such patterns consist merely of paper.

Every packet transmitted by the post under the 6th, 7th, and 8th clauses of this Warrant, shall be sent open at the ends or sides and either without a cover or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides.

No packet transmitted by the post under the 7th and 8th clauses of this Warrant, shall contain any written letter either closed or open, nor any written communication in the nature of a letter either closed or open (whether such letter or communication be addressed to or intended for the person to whom the packet shall be directed, or any other person), nor any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any written letter or written communication in the nature of a letter in or upon any such packet or on the cover or envelope thereof.

Every packet transmitted by the post under the 6th and 8th clauses of this Warrant, and posted in the United Kingdom, shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day and under all such regulations as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

Upon every packet transmitted by the post under the 6th and 8th clauses of this Warrant, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

10. All letters, notices, and other communications (whether upon paper, parchment, or vellum) partly printed or partly lithographed, and partly written, which, if wholly written, would not be considered letters or communications in the nature of letters, shall and may be transmitted by the post under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, conditions, and rates respectively in the 7th, 8th, and 9th clauses of this Warrant mentioned and contained.

11. Any letter, notice, or other communication (whether upon paper, parchment, or vellum) partly printed or partly lithographed, and partly written, which, if wholly written, would be considered a letter or a communication in the nature of a letter, shall not be entitled to the privilege of being transmitted by the post under or by virtue of the 7th, 8th, and 9th clauses of this Warrant, or the regulations, orders, directions, conditions, and rates therein respectively contained. And every such last-mentioned letter, notice, or other communication sent by the post, shall be deemed and considered to be a letter or a communication in the nature of a letter, within the intent and meaning of the 9th clause of this Warrant.

12. If any question shall arise whether any such letter, notice, or other communication is entitled to the privilege of a printed paper, so far as respects the transmission thereof by the post, or of being sent by the post, under or by virtue of the 7th, 8th, and 9th clauses of this Warrant, the same shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final.

13. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the 6th, 7th, and 8th clauses of this Warrant, shall in length, or breadth, or width, exceed the dimensions of two feet, or if any such packet, or the cover or envelope thereof, shall not be open at the ends or sides, or if any such packet shall be sent otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations hereinbefore in the 9th clause of this Warrant contained, every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof; and every such respective packet, on being so returned or given up, shall, at the option of the Postmaster-General, be either free of postage, or be charged with any rate of postage he may think fit, not exceeding the postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

14. If any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the 8th clause of this Warrant, from the United Kingdom to the Republic of Venezuela (any such packet posted in London, and sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-Office in London, and the postage thereof being charged in such account only excepted) shall be posted in the United Kingdom without any postage paid thereon, or with a postage paid thereon less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet is liable, under and by virtue of the regulations hereinbefore contained, every such packet shall be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be dealt with and chargeable in like manner as is hereinbefore directed with respect to any packet not open at the ends or sides, or exceeding in length, or breadth, or width, the dimensions of two feet.

15. The respective letters and packets transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage respectively contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, bearing date the 19th day of February, 1855, relating to redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post.

16. The rates of postage chargeable on letters, books, publications, or works of literature or art, and other printed papers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon.

17. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any letters, newspapers, books, publications, or works of literature or art, or other printed papers, sent between the Republic of Venezuela and France, or sent otherwise than in closed mails, between the Republic of Venezuela and any foreign country, or British colony through France.

18. The several terms and expressions 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.

19. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, may by warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

20. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1862.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the fourth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.
Wm. Dunbar.

[The following corrected Notice is substituted for that which appeared in the Gazette of Friday last, the 4th October.]

By the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the 54th year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, cap. 159, intitled "An Act for the better regulation of the several ports, harbours, roadsteads, sounds, channels, bays, and navigable rivers, in the United Kingdom, and of His Majesty's docks, dock-yards, arsenals, wharfs, moorings, and stores therein, and for repealing several Acts passed for that purpose;" it is enacted (among other things) that no person or persons shall take any ballast or shingle from the shores or banks, or any portion of the shores or banks, of any port, harbour, or haven of this Kingdom, from which the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom for the time being shall find it necessary for the protection of such port, harbour, or haven, or the works thereof, by order, under their hands, or the hand of their Secretary, and published in the London Gazette, shall prohibit the taking or removing of such shingle or ballast, upon pain of forfeiting for every such offence the sum of ten pounds.

And whereas we, as Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom, have found it necessary, for the protection of the harbour or haven of Belfast Lough, in that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland, to prohibit the taking or removing of any ballast or shingle from the shores or banks, or any portion of the shores or banks of the said harbour or haven. Now we do hereby order that no person or persons shall take or remove any ballast or shingle from such shores or banks, or any portion of the said shores or banks.

Given under our hands this 27th day of September, 1861.

Fred. Wm. Grey,
Saml. Whitbread,

Two of the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 33.) BALTIC.—GULF OF BOTHNIA.

Fixed and Flashing Light on Lungo Island.

THE Royal Administration of Maritime affairs at Stockholm has given notice, that on the 1st day of September, 1861, a light was exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on the southern point of Lungo Island, off Hernösand on the coast of Sweden.

The light is a *fixed and flashing* white light. A *flash* lasting *seven seconds* is preceded and followed by intervals of darkness each being of *twenty seconds* duration; a *fixed light* then appears for *two minutes* and *thirteen seconds* and is followed by the interval of darkness which precedes the flash. The light is elevated 78 feet above the mean level of the sea, and should be seen in clear weather at a distance of 12 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the fourth order.

The tower is 25 feet high, circular, and coloured yellow; its base being 53 feet above the sea. The keeper's dwelling, painted red and visible some distance at sea, stands 250 feet north-west of the tower, which is in lat. 62° 38½' N., and long. 18° 6' East of Greenwich.

Beacon on Ryvingen Island.

Also that a new beacon of stone in the form of a pyramid 30 feet high and painted yellow, was to be erected in the place of the old one on the Island of Ryvingen near Mandel in July last.

By command of their Lordships.

John Washington, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
21st September, 1861.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Baltic General, No. 2262; The Skagerack or Sleeve, No. 2289; Gulf of Bothnia, Sheet 5, No. 2299; Norway, South Coast, Sheet 1, No. 2327; Bothnia Pilot, p. 29; Norway Pilot, p. 23; and Baltic Lights List, No. 260*.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 34.)—ENGLAND—SOUTH COAST.

Alteration of Dean Buoys.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Dean Elbow and the Dean Tail buoys, at the eastern entrance to Spithead, have been shifted; the former half a mile to the south-east, and the latter a mile to the south.

The Dean Tail buoy, *black*, with a *staff* and *ball* on it, now lies in 5 fathoms at low water, with Ashy down tower in line with St. Helens Sea Mark, W. ¾ N.; the east extreme of Blockhouse fort just open west of Southsea Castle point, N.N.W., westerly; the windmill on Portsdown hill a short distance east of the eastern part of Cumberland fort, N. ¼ E.; the Nab light vessel W.S.W., distant rather more than 2 miles; and the Warner light vessel N.W. by W. 3 miles, and nearly on with the light on the end of Ryde pier.

Dean Elbow buoy, *black*, also in 5 fathoms, at ¼ miles N.W. from the Dean Tail, lies with Benbridge mill a little south of Yarborough tower, between the tower and a conspicuous white house, bearing W. by S. ½ S.; St. Helens Sea Mark just north of the highest part of Brading down, W. ¼ S.; the Round tower at entrance to Portsmouth harbour, on with the extreme of Southsea Castle point, N. by W. ¼ W. westerly; the west end of Cumberland fort in line with public-house on