

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, 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, or Inland 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 from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new and other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid. And it is provided that the power thereby given should extend to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act, made and passed in the Session of Parliament, holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, 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 passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and for providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by certain Warrants in writing, under their hands, relating to the transmission by the post of letters, and newspapers, and other printed papers, between the United Kingdom and Bremen, and between Bremen and Her Majesty's colonies, and foreign countries through the United Kingdom respectively, and bearing date respectively, the 31st day of August, 1841; the 30th day of September, 1841; the 8th day of October, 1847; the 27th day of June, 1859; and the 16th day of April, 1860; did make and give certain orders, directions, and regulations relating to the transmission by the post of such letters, and newspapers, and other printed papers respectively.

And whereas a Convention hath been lately made and entered into between the General Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Post Office of Bremen, for the purpose of regulating the communications by post between the United Kingdom and Bremen; and it is expedient for the better carrying out of the same, that the said recited Warrants of the several dates hereinbefore-mentioned should be respectively repealed, and that certain other regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, 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 and direct as follows:—

1. The said recited Warrants, bearing date respectively, the 31st day of August, 1841; the

30th day of September, 1841; the 8th day of October, 1847; the 27th day of June, 1859; and the 16th day of April, 1860; be, and the same are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, and the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth, shall wholly cease and determine, except so far as the said recited Warrants shall respectively repeal, revoke, or annul any other Warrants, or any orders, directions, regulations, or rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth, which said several last mentioned Warrants, orders, directions, regulations, or rates of postage shall remain repealed, revoked, and annulled, as if this present Warrant had not been made or signed.

2. On every letter, not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Bremen, and on every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, posted in Bremen, addressed to any place within the United Kingdom, when the said respective letters are conveyed between the United Kingdom and Bremen in closed mails via Belgium, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform rate of British postage of two-pence halfpenny, if such respective letters be prepaid; and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of threepence halfpenny; and when the said respective letters are conveyed between the United Kingdom and Bremen direct, by private ship, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of British postage of fourpence halfpenny, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of sixpence.

3. On every letter, not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, posted in Bremen, addressed to any place in any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or any foreign country, transmitted by the post between Bremen and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, and on every letter, not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or any foreign country, addressed to Bremen, transmitted by the post between any of Her Majesty's Colonies or any foreign country and Bremen, through the United Kingdom, when the said respective letters are conveyed between the United Kingdom and Bremen, in closed mails, via Belgium, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform rate of British postage of two pence halfpenny, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of three pence halfpenny; and when the said respective letters are conveyed between the United Kingdom and Bremen direct, by private ship, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform rate of British postage of fourpence halfpenny, if such respective letters be prepaid; and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of six pence; and also on every letter mentioned in this 3rd Clause there shall be charged, taken, and paid, such a further or additional rate of British postage 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 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 therefrom the sum of one penny in respect of the inland conveyance, under this clause, of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

4. On every letter transmitted, as is hereinbefore in this Warrant mentioned, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage, according to the scale of weight and number of rates following, that is to say:

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And for every 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 one half of an ounce in weight.

5. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Bremen, or if any letter shall be posted in Bremen, addressed to the United Kingdom, and the value of the postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the value of the postage stamp or stamps thereon, and the rate of postage payable under or by virtue of this Warrant as an unpaid letter.

6. Registered letters may be transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, upon the payment of such additional charges or rates of postage, or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct or appoint, provided that all rates of postage and additional charges or rates from time to time payable thereupon shall be prepaid, and that no payment shall be made thereupon on the delivery of any such registered letters.

7. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Bremen, *viâ* France, all which said letters shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as are now chargeable and payable thereon, as if this Warrant had not been made.

8. All packets consisting of printed newspapers, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and not being respectively of the dimensions or weight hereinafter in the 10th clause of this Warrant specified, posted in any of the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the first column of the schedule A to this Warrant annexed, addressed to any of the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the second column of the said schedule A, may be

transmitted by the post from any of the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said first column of the said schedule A, to any of the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said second column of the said schedule A, 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 the single rate of postage for the transmission of such packets shall be that which is mentioned and set forth against such respective countries and places in the said schedule A, 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 and set forth (that is to say):—

On every such packet so transmitted, if not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof respectively, as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage which is mentioned and set forth against the said places, respectively, in the said schedule A.

And on every such packet, exceeding two 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 two ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one-half of a pound in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet if exceeding one-half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, eight 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, twelve rates of postage.

And on every such packet if exceeding one pound and the half of another pound and not exceeding two pounds in weight, sixteen rates of postage.

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four 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 two ounces in weight.

9. Every packet consisting of a printed newspaper, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and every packet consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and not being respectively of the dimensions or weight hereinafter in the 10th clause of this Warrant specified, posted in any of the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the first column of the schedule B to this Warrant annexed addressed to any of the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the second column of the said schedule B, may be transmitted by the post from any of the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said first column of the said schedule B to any of the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said second column of the said

schedule B; 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 for the purposes of this Warrant every printed newspaper shall be deemed and considered a packet, and shall be charged and chargeable with a separate and distinct single rate or separate and distinct progressive and additional rates of postage according to the weight thereof, as hereinafter mentioned, notwithstanding two or more newspapers shall be enclosed and transmitted in one and the same cover, wrapper, envelope, or bundle, and form only one parcel or bundle of newspapers; and the single rate of postage for the transmission of every such packet respectively, shall be that which is mentioned and set forth respectively against such countries and places in the said schedule B; and all such respective packets transmitted under this clause, shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned and set forth; that is to say:—

On every such packet consisting of a printed newspaper, or consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, so transmitted if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof respectively, as aforesaid, the uniform single rates of postage which are respectively mentioned and set forth against the said respective places in the said schedule B.

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 and not exceeding one-half of a pound in weight, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet if exceeding one-half of a pound 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 on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and the half of another pound, and not exceeding two pounds in weight, eight rates of postage;

And for every additional half a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of two pounds, 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.

10. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post, under the 8th or 9th clause of this Warrant hereinbefore contained, 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 the publication, and the title and date of the newspaper shall be printed at the top of every page thereof;

No packet shall be transmitted by the post under the 8th or 9th clause of this Warrant, which in length, or breadth, or width, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet (British), or which shall exceed three zoll pounds in weight;

Every packet transmitted by the post under the 8th or 9th clause 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; and there shall be no 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 inclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other inclosure not authorised by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any writing, figures, or manual marks whatsoever of any description upon any such packet, or on the cover or envelope thereof, not authorized by this Warrant, except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent; but the name or title of any 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; and any other packet, not being a newspaper, may have any matter or thing printed on the cover thereof;

Every packet transmitted by the post under the 8th or 9th clause 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.

The postage of every packet transmitted by the post under the 8th or 9th clause of this Warrant, shall be paid at the time of the same being posted by being duly stamped with the proper 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 or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon, under or by virtue of this Warrant,

11. If any packet, authorized to be transmitted by the post under this Warrant, shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Bremen, or if any such packet shall be posted in Bremen, addressed to the United Kingdom, the postage whereof shall be insufficiently prepaid by having thereupon, or affixed thereto, a postage stamp or stamps which shall represent a sum less than the amount of postage duty payable in respect thereof; every such packet shall be charged with double the amount of the postage which shall be so insufficiently prepaid upon any such packet.

12. If any packet transmitted by the post under the 8th or 9th clause of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or under the authority of this Warrant (except only as in the last preceding clause mentioned), the same 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, or be given up to the person to whom the same shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, 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 rate that would be chargeable on such packet as an unpaid letter.

13. 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 other 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.

14. The rates of postage chargeable on letters, printed newspapers, 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.

15. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exceptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, passed in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years 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.

16. The term "books, publications, or works of literature or art," in this Warrant used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, mean and com-

prise all printed books, or other printed publications, printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions as prints, printed maps (whether on paper, parchment, or vellum), and photographs (when not on glass, or in frames containing glass), together with any binding, mounting, or covering of or upon or belonging to any such article or production, or any portion thereof, and including also any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book markers (whether of paper or otherwise), or other thing usually appertaining to any such article or production, 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, and and also when contained in any packet consisting of unbound proof sheets only, any ordinary corrections in writing of such unbound proof sheets, provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the sending by the post, under the provisions 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, and the 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 session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, for the regulation of the duties of postage.

17. 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, 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.

18. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1863.

SCHEDULES to which the above Warrant refers.

SCHEDULE A.

Postage chargeable on printed Newspapers, and on packets consisting of Books, Publications, or Works of Literature or Art.

Posted in	Addressed to	Single rate on each Newspaper and Book Packet not exceeding two ounces,
Her Majesty's Colonies via the United Kingdom	{ Bremen } { Her Majesty's Colonies, via the United Kingdom }	3d.
Bremen		3d.

SCHEDULE B.

Postage chargeable on printed Newspapers, and on packets consisting of Books, Publications, or Works of Literature or Art.

Posted in	Addressed to	Single rate on each Newspaper not exceeding four ounces,	Single rate on each Book Packet,
United Kingdom ...	Bremen	2d.	4d.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the 29th day of December, 1862.

E. W. Knatchbull Hugessen.
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TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament, holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, 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 or inland postage, payable by the 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, from time to time, by Warrant, as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new and other rates in lieu thereof, and, from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act made and passed in the session of Parliament, holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, 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, passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and for providing for the transmission, by post, of printed periodical publications.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by certain Warrants in writing, under their hands, relating to the transmission, by the post, of letters and newspapers, and other printed papers, between the United Kingdom and Hamburg, and between Hamburg and Her Majesty's colonies and foreign countries, through the United Kingdom respectively, and bearing date, respectively, the 18th day of August, 1847; the 27th day of June, 1859; the 28th day of July, 1859; and the 17th day of April, 1860; did make and give certain orders, directions, and regulations relating to the transmission, by the post, of such letters and newspapers, and other printed papers respectively.

And whereas a convention hath been lately made and entered into between the General Post-office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain

and Ireland and the Post Office of Hamburg, for the purpose of regulating the communications by post between the United Kingdom and Hamburg, and it is expedient, for the better carrying out of the same, that the said recited Warrants of the several dates hereinbefore mentioned should be respectively repealed, and that certain other regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, 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 and direct as follows:

1. The said recited Warrants, bearing date respectively the 18th day of August, 1847; the 27th day of June, 1859; the 28th day of July, 1859; and the 17th day of April, 1860; be, and the same are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled: and the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth shall wholly cease and determine, except so far as the said recited Warrants shall respectively repeal, revoke, or annul any other Warrants, or any orders, directions, regulations, or rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth, which said several last-mentioned Warrants, orders, directions, regulations, or rates of postage shall remain repealed, revoked, and annulled as if this present Warrant had not been made or signed.

2. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Hamburg, and on every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in Hamburg, addressed to any place within the United Kingdom, when the said respective letters are conveyed between the United Kingdom and Hamburg, in closed mails, via Belgium, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of British postage of two pence half-penny, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of three pence half-penny; and when the said respective letters are conveyed between the United Kingdom and Hamburg direct by private ship, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of British postage of four pence half-penny if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid an uniform rate of British postage of six pence.