

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Forfar.

1st Forfarshire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

John Mitchell, Gent., to be Ensign, vice Marshall, resigned. Dated 14th March, 1863.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Edinburgh or Midlothian.

1st Midlothian Artillery Volunteer Corps.

David Young to be Captain. Dated 5th March, 1863.

Charles Morrison to be First Lieutenant. Dated 5th March, 1863.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

3rd Regiment of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Militia.

Charles Henry Bird, Gent., to be Lieutenant, vice William Henry White, resigned. Dated 5th March, 1863.

7th Regiment of Lancashire Militia.

Thomas Berwick Cope, Gent., to be Supernumerary Lieutenant. Dated 28th February, 1863.

4th Lancashire Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Ensign William Mitchell to be Lieutenant. Dated 28th February, 1863.

Thomas Mitchell, Gent., to be Ensign. Dated 28th February, 1863.

By Order of the Lord Lieutenant of the County Palatine of Lancaster.

4th or Duke of Lancaster's Own (Light Infantry) Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Lieutenant Cecil William Betham. Dated 14th March, 1863.

5th Regiment of Royal Lancashire Militia.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain Daniel Grant Brereton. Dated 14th March, 1863.

MEMORANDA.

Her Majesty having graciously accepted the service of a corps, consisting of two batteries of Artillery Volunteers, at Burnley, the Corps has been attached to the 3rd Administrative Battalion of Lancashire Rifle Volunteers.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain John Bacon Stanley in the 13th Lancashire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Middlesex.

41st Middlesex Rifle Volunteer Corps.

D'Arcy Chaytor to be Captain. Dated 13th March, 1863.

Commission signed by the Vice Lieutenant of the East Riding of the County of York, and the Borough of Kingston-upon-Hull.

East and North York Artillery Militia.

Robert Christopher Wintour, Gent., to be First Lieutenant. Dated 14th March, 1863.

Commissions signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Aberdeen.

6th Aberdeenshire Artillery Volunteer Corps.

Alexander MacFarlane, Gent., to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 12th March, 1863.

21st Aberdeenshire (Marquis of Huntly's Highland) Rifle Volunteer Corps.

Alexander Milne, to be Ensign. Dated 12th March, 1863.

MEMORANDUM.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to accept the resignation of the Commission held by Captain John Almon Boulcott in the 1st Regiment of Royal Surrey Militia.

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, chapter ninety-six, for the regulation of the duties of postage, it was provided that all letters and newspapers, and other printed papers, which should be posted in any town or place within the United Kingdom, or should be brought from parts beyond the seas, to any port or place within the United Kingdom, or should be sent by the post between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas, or between any of the other places thereinafter mentioned, or should pass through the United Kingdom, should be subject to the several regulations and rates thereinafter contained; and that letters transmitted by the post should be charged by weight according to a certain scale and number of rates of postage to be charged as therein mentioned. And power was given to Her Majesty's Postmaster-General to charge on all letters conveyed by the post between places within any of Her Majesty's colonies, or conveyed by packet-boats between one part of Her Majesty's dominions and another part of the same dominions, or between Her Majesty's dominions and foreign parts, or between one port in any foreign country and another port in the same, or any other foreign country where post communications should be established; and also to charge on all letters conveyed by any vessels to or from any of the colonies, or between any of the colonies, or between any of the colonies and a foreign port, and on all letters which should be brought by the master of any vessel to the Post Office in any of the colonies, such rates of postage as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, should from time to time direct; and to charge for the use of Her Majesty on all letters sent by the post on which the postage should not be prepaid, and which should not be duly and properly stamped, and also on all letters sent by the post without being duly and properly stamped, although the postage thereon should be wholly or in part prepaid, such higher rates of postage than would otherwise by law be payable on such letters as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, should from time to time deem expedient; and power was also 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 or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which might be payable were to be paid, and the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage was to extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage.

And whereas, by another Act of Parliament, made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter eighty-five, 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, further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and (amongst other things) power was 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 prepaid, either in money or in stamps, as he might think fit, on the same being put into the Post Office; and also, with such consent, to abolish or restrict the prepayment in money of postage on letters sent by the post either altogether or on certain letters, and to require the prepayment thereof to be in stamps, and to refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations made under that enactment. And power was also given to the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post Office, to detain any letters which should be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations therein mentioned, 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, should from time to time direct.

And whereas, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury since the passing of the said two hereinbefore recited Acts, and by virtue thereof, have from time to time by divers Warrants under their hands, fixed, made, and established certain rates of British postage to be paid and payable on the transmission by the post of certain colonial letters therein respectively mentioned; and it is expedient that certain of the said rates on certain of the said letters should be altered, and certain other rates made and fixed in lieu thereof, and that certain other regulations should be made, and, for that purpose, that certain of the said former rates, and also that certain of the said Warrants should be wholly, and certain other of the said Warrants should be in part, repealed and annulled in the manner herein-after mentioned.

Now we the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for that purpose, vested in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either 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 one-half of an ounce in weight transmitted by the post,

between the United Kingdom and the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, direct, or through any British colony or foreign country, and conveyed by British packet-boat, there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage of eleven pence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight transmitted by the post between the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, and any other of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom direct, or through any British colony or foreign country (the sea conveyance between the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena and the United Kingdom being by British packet-boat), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, a like rate of British postage of eleven pence, for the conveyance of every such letter, between the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena 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-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and the British 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-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat), conveying the same, and transmitted 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.

3. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Island of Ascension direct, or through any British colony or foreign country, and conveyed by British packet-boat, there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of postage of one shilling.

4. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the Island of Ascension, and any other of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, direct or through any British colony or foreign country (the sea conveyance between the Island of Ascension and the United Kingdom, being by British packet-boat), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, a like rate of postage of one shilling for the conveyance of every such letter between the Island of Ascension 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-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and the British 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-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same; and

transmitted 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.

5. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, and conveyed by a vessel not being a packet-boat, there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of postage of two pence.

6. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, and any other of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (the sea conveyance between the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena and the United Kingdom being by a vessel not being a packet-boat), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, a like rate of postage of two pence for the conveyance of every such letter, between the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, 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-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and the British 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-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and transmitted between such port and any such British 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.

7. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Island of Ascension, and conveyed by a vessel not being a packet-boat, there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of postage of four pence.

8. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the Island of Ascension and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (the sea conveyance between the Island of Ascension and the United Kingdom being by a vessel not being a packet-boat), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage, now payable by law on such letters, a like rate of postage of four pence for the conveyance of every such letter between the Island of Ascension, 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-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and the British 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-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and transmitted between such port and any such British 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.

9. All such respective letters so transmitted, as is mentioned in this Warrant, if exceeding one half of 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 letter so transmitted, if exceeding one half of 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 letter so transmitted, if exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding one ounce and one-half of another ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one ounce and one-half of another ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every additional half of an ounce in weight of any letters so transmitted as aforesaid, above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an additional rate of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of an ounce in weight, shall be charged as an additional half of an 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.

10. On every letter posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any place in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, and on every letter posted in any place in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, addressed to the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by being stamped with the proper postage-stamp, or stamps being affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed, or appear on the outside of every such letter, near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon, under or by virtue of this Warrant.

11. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any place in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, or if any letter shall be posted in any place in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, addressed to the United Kingdom, without the postage payable thereon being paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money, or by being stamped with the proper postage-stamp, or stamps being affixed thereto, every such letter shall be charged with the postage to which it would have been liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, if the postage had been fully paid thereon when posted, together with the further and additional rate of postage of one shilling, when conveyed by British packet-boat, and with the further and additional rate of postage of four pence when conveyed by a vessel not being a packet-boat.

12. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any place in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, or if any letter shall be posted in any place in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, addressed to the United Kingdom, having thereon, or affixed thereto, a postage-stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of the provisions of this Warrant, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage paid thereon, and the postage to which it would have been liable, under or by virtue of the provisions of this Warrant, if the full amount of postage payable thereon had been paid when posted, together with the further and additional rate of postage of one shilling, when conveyed by British packet-boat, and with the further and additional rate of postage of four pence when conveyed by a vessel not being a packet-boat.

13. On every letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Island of Ascension the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by being stamped with the proper postage stamp, or stamps being affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such letter, near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant, but on letters posted in the Island of Ascension, addressed to the United Kingdom, it shall not be necessary that the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

14. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Island of Ascension, without the postage payable thereon being paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by being stamped with the proper postage stamp, or stamps being affixed thereto, or having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of the provisions of this Warrant, every such letter shall be detained and opened, and shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

15. In all cases where letters are posted in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, addressed to any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall have a postage account with the General Post Office in London, it shall not be necessary that the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, and every such letter so posted in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or St. Helena, addressed as last aforesaid, shall and may be forwarded to the place of its destination, without any additional rate of postage being charged thereon, although the postage shall not have been paid thereon at the time of the same being posted, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such postage account.

16. In all cases in which any letter in respect of which any rate of postage is chargeable, under or by virtue of the provisions of this Warrant, shall be liable to any colonial or foreign postage, such colonial or foreign postage shall be charged and paid thereon, in addition to the British postage.

17. The several letters transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be subject to the several orders, directions, and regulations contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, 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, so far as the same shall be applicable to such letters.

18. Nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise annul, prejudice, or affect, any of the exemptions or privileges granted by or under the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or either of them, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office, or any of the privileges which officers, seamen, and soldiers, employed in Her Majesty's service, are by law entitled to, of sending and receiving by the post letters subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

19. Nothing in this Warrant contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters posted in France or Spain, or addressed to France or Spain, or to any letters transmitted through France, otherwise than in closed mails.

20. The several 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 on postage.

21. The following rates of British postage, respectively fixed, made, and established under and by virtue of the following Warrants, under the hands of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time heretofore made, and the regulations affecting the said rates of postage therein respectively mentioned, and also the Warrants and parts of Warrants hereinafter respectively mentioned and particularized, shall be and the same are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, that is to say:

The several rates of British postage on letters transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and the colony of St. Helena, direct or through any other colony, or through any foreign country, and on letters transmitted by the post between the said colony of St. Helena and any of the colonies of Canada, Prince Edward Island, Bermuda, the Gold Coast, Ceylon, Antigua, Grenada, Barbice, Demerara, Trinidad, Carriacou, Tobago, Montserrat, Nevis, Tortola, Dominica, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Jamaica, Bahamas, Honduras, Malta, Gibraltar, and Hong Kong, through the United Kingdom direct, or through any other colony or any foreign country, and on letters transmitted by the post between the said colony of St. Helena, and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (whether through any colony or foreign country or not), payable under or by virtue of a certain Warrant, bearing date the 15th day of March, 1854, together with so much of the said Warrant as relates to the said rates of postage, and the regulations therein contained affecting the same.

The several rates of British postage on letters transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and the colony of Ascension (direct or through any other colony, or through any foreign country), and on letters transmitted by the post between the said colony of Ascension and any other of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (whether through any colony or foreign country or not), payable under or by virtue of a certain other Warrant bearing date the 21st day of March, 1857, together with the whole of the said last-mentioned Warrant.

The several rates of British postage on letters transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and the Cape of Good Hope (direct or through any other colony, or through

any foreign country), and on letters transmitted by the post between the Cape of Good Hope and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (whether through any colony or foreign country or not), payable under or by virtue of a certain other Warrant bearing date the 20th day of April, 1857, relating to the Cape of Good Hope, together with the whole of the said last-mentioned Warrant.

The several rates of British postage on letters transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and the colony of Natal (direct or through any other colony or through any foreign country), and on letters transmitted by the post between the said colony of Natal and the other colonies of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, Vancouver's Island, Heligoland, and the Ionian Islands, and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (whether through any colony or foreign country or not), payable under or by virtue of a certain other Warrant bearing date the 19th day of May, 1857, relating to the colonies of the Falkland Islands, Gambia, Labuan, Vancouver's Island, Heligoland, the Ionian Islands and Natal, respectively, together with so much of the said last-mentioned Warrant as relates to the said last-mentioned rates of postage and the regulations therein contained affecting the same.

The several rates of British postage on letters transmitted by the post by vessels, not being packet-boats, between the United Kingdom and the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, St. Helena, or the Island of Ascension, and on letters transmitted by the post by vessels, not being packet-boats, between the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, St. Helena, or the Island of Ascension, and any other places beyond the seas, through the United Kingdom, payable under or by virtue of a certain other Warrant bearing date the 11th day of December, 1857, together with so much of the said last-mentioned Warrants as relates to the said last-mentioned rates of postage, and the regulations therein contained affecting the same.

So much of a certain other Warrant bearing date the 16th day of August, 1858, as relates to letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to St. Helena, and to letters posted in St. Helena addressed to the United Kingdom, and the regulations therein contained affecting the same.

So much of a certain other Warrant bearing date the 6th day of September, 1858, and relating to the prepayment of the rates of postage payable on certain letters therein mentioned, as relates to letters posted in the United Kingdom, and addressed to St. Helena, and the regulations therein contained affecting the same.

So much of a certain other Warrant bearing date the 7th day of February, 1860, as relates to letters posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, and to letters posted in the Cape of Good Hope addressed to the United Kingdom, and the regulations therein contained affecting the same.

The whole of a certain Warrant bearing date the 12th day of November, 1861, relating to the colony of Natal.

And so much of a certain other Warrant bearing date the 14th day of June, 1859, as relates to the letters authorised to be transmitted by the post under or by virtue of the provisions of this Warrant.

22. 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, regu-

lations, conditions, and restrictions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, conditions, or restrictions in lieu thereof, and from time to time may appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

23. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April next.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the sixteenth day of March, 1863.

W. Dunbar.
Luke White.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the 3rd and 4th years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, for the regulation of the duties of postage, it was provided that all letters and newspapers and other printed papers, which should be posted in any town or place within the United Kingdom, or should be brought from parts beyond the seas to any port or place within the United Kingdom, or should be sent by the post between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas or between any of the other places thereafter mentioned, or should pass through the United Kingdom, should be subject to the several regulations and rates thereafter contained, and that letters transmitted by the post should be charged by weight according to a certain scale and numbers of rates of postage to be charged as therein mentioned, and power was given to Her Majesty's Postmaster General to charge on all letters conveyed by the post between places within any of Her Majesty's colonies, or conveyed by packet-boats between one part of Her Majesty's dominions and another part of the same dominions, or between Her Majesty's dominions and foreign parts, or between one port in any foreign country and another port in the same or any other foreign country where post communications should be established, and also to charge on all letters conveyed by any vessels to or from any of the colonies, or between any of the colonies, or between any of the colonies and a foreign port, and on all letters which should be brought by the master of any vessel to the post office in any of the colonies, such rates of postage as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by Warrant under their hands should from time to time direct. And to charge for the use of Her Majesty on all letters sent by the post on which the postage should not be prepaid, and which should not be duly and properly stamped, and also on all letters sent by the post without being duly and properly stamped, although the postage thereon should be wholly or in part prepaid, such higher rates of postage than would otherwise by law be payable on such letters as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by Warrant under their hands should from time to time deem expedient, and power was also 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 or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which might be payable were