

20. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

G. G. Montgomery.
Gerard Noel.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, for the regulation of the duties of postage certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon 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 by the same Act powers were 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 postage therein mentioned.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eleventh year 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.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in them in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, have from time to time by divers Warrants under their hands authorised and directed that packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers or of books, publications, or works of literature or art, or of patterns or samples of merchandize, might be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to certain foreign countries at certain rates of postage and under and subject to certain conditions, regulations, and restrictions in and by the said several Warrants respectively specified and mentioned.

And whereas it is expedient to reduce the postage now chargeable on certain of the said packets 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 hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament and each 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; that is to say:—

1. That all packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, or of books, publications, or works of literature or art, or of patterns or samples of merchandize not exceeding two ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Sweden, Norway, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Denmark, Portugal, or any of the Portuguese possessions, Greece, Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, and respectively transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Sweden by Swedish packet or via France, or to Norway via France, or to France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Denmark, Portugal, or the Portuguese possessions, Greece, Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in

force relating thereto, shall in lieu of being charged with the respective rates of postage payable thereon for such transmission thereof respectively as hereinbefore mentioned under such respective Warrant or Warrants, be charged with the rates of postage following, that is to say:—

On every such packet if not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one penny;

And on every such packet if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of two pence.

2. That all packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers not exceeding two ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands or to Spain, or the Papal States, and respectively transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of the Netherlands via France or to Spain, or the Papal States; and all packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize not exceeding two ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of the Netherlands via Belgium, under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force relating thereto, shall, in lieu of being charged with the respective rates of postage payable thereon for such transmission thereof respectively as hereinbefore mentioned under such respective Warrant or Warrants, be charged with the rates of postage following, that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of one penny;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of two pence.

3. That all packets consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, or of books, publications, or works of literature or art, or of patterns or samples of merchandize, not exceeding two ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Sweden, Norway, Russia, or Poland, and respectively transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Sweden otherwise than by Swedish packet or via France, or to Norway otherwise than via France, or to Russia or Poland, under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force relating thereto, shall, in lieu of being charged with the respective rates of postage payable thereon for such transmission thereof respectively, as hereinbefore mentioned, under such respective Warrant or Warrants, be charged with the rates of postage following; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of two pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of four pence.

4. All such packets as are mentioned in the first, second, and third clauses of this Warrant, shall remain subject, in every respect (save as is in such first, second, and third clauses of this

(Warrant mentioned), to the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions now in force and applicable thereto, and the several Warrants hereinbefore referred to shall (save in so far as the same are respectively altered or affected by this present Warrant) continue in full force and effect.

5. The term "Germany" used in this Warrant shall include Prussia, Austria, and the city of Belgrade, Bavaria, Saxony; Hanover, Wurtemberg, Baden, Luxemburg, Brunswick, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Oldenburg, Lubeck, Hamburg, Bremen, Frankfort-on-the-Maine, the Grand Duchy of Hesse, Hesse-Electoral, Hesse-Homburg, Schaumburg-Lippe, Lippe-Detmold, Nassau, Reuss, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Saxe-Meiningen, Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, Hohenzollern, Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt, and Schwartzburg-Sonderhausen.

6. 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, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and may, from time to time, appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

7. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

G. G. Montgomery.
Gerard Noel.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 53.)—MEDITERRANEAN—SPAIN.

Fixed Light on Islas Medas.

THE Spanish Government has given Notice, that from the 1st day of June, 1868 a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on the highest part of the Islas Medas, on the Coast of Spain.

The light is a *fixed* white light, elevated 283 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of 15 miles.

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

The tower is 45 feet high, the lower half is square and the upper, round; it is painted reddish white, and is in lat. $42^{\circ} 2' 55''$ N., long. $3^{\circ} 13' 35''$ East from Greenwich.

This light, situated at the south extreme of the Gulf of Rosas, is a guide for the channel between Islas Medas and Estardis; this channel is from 4 to 5 cables wide, with a depth of from 9 to 14 fathoms in the middle.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation $27\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ Westery in 1868.]

By command of their Lordships,
Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
30th May, 1868.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Mediterranean General, Nos. 2158 and 2718 *a*; and Palamos to Cape Béarn, No. 2603.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 54.)—FRANCE—NORTH COAST.

Alteration in Pont du Haut Banc Light.

THE French Government has given notice, that the following alteration will take place in the Pont du Haut Banc Light, Berck, North Coast of France.

The fixed white light at present exhibited will be replaced by a *fixed and flashing* white light, showing a flash *every six seconds*.

It is expected that the change will take place in July, but a Notice will be issued giving the precise date.

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
30th May, 1868.

This notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—English Channel, No. 1598; and 2675 *a*; France, North Coast, Dieppe to Boulogne, No. 2611.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 55.)—ENGLAND—WEST COAST.

Buoys in the Bristol Channel.

WITH reference to Notice to Mariners No. 23, dated 21st March, 1868, the Trinity House, London, has given notice, that the following additional buoys have been laid in the Bristol Channel, with the marks and bearings as under-stated, the depth of water being at low-water spring tides.

Chapel.—A can buoy painted *red and white in vertical stripes*, and marked *Chapel*, has been placed to the eastward of the Chapel rock in $5\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms.

The Telegraph flagstaff at St. Ann's, in line with the north side of the lantern of the Low lighthouse, bearing N.W. by W. $\frac{3}{4}$ W. Mid-Channel rock buoy bearing W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., one mile.

Thorn rock buoy bearing N.E. by E., $\frac{8}{10}$ ths mile.

Kenfig.—A conical *black* buoy, marked *Kenfig*, has been placed in the shoal to the N.E. of the Hugo bank, in $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms.

Margam trees, their length open north of Scar House, bearing E. $\frac{3}{4}$ S.

A mill on the back high land, twice its length open north of New House, Porthcawl, bearing S E.

East Scarweather buoy bearing S. $\frac{1}{2}$ W., $1\frac{7}{10}$ ths mile.

Tuskar beacon bearing S.E. by S., 5 miles.

Mumbles lighthouse bearing N.W. $\frac{3}{4}$ N., $8\frac{2}{10}$ ths miles.

Fairy.—A *chequered black and white* can buoy, marked *Fairy*, has been placed to the Northward of the Fairy rock in 4 fathoms.

Margam trees, in line with the inner end of the woodwork of Porthcawl pier, bearing N.N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E.

Tuskar beacon, twice its length, open of Nash Point, bearing S.S.E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E., $1\frac{3}{10}$ ths mile.

Porthcawl pier lighthouse, bearing N.N.E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E., half a mile.

West Nash buoy, bearing W. by S. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., 3 miles.

East Scarweather buoy, bearing N.W. by W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W., $2\frac{7}{10}$ ths miles.