

## 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 eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office."

And whereas it is expedient to alter the rates of British postage now payable upon certain letters in the manner 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 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:—

1. All letters exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to the Mauritius, Penang, Singapore, Australia, or New Zealand, or posted in the Mauritius, Penang, Singapore, Australia, or New Zealand, addressed to the United Kingdom, or posted in any British colony or foreign country, addressed to any other British colony or foreign country, and respectively transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Mauritius, Penang, Singapore, Australia, or New Zealand, or by British packet boat or private ship and without passing through the United Kingdom, between any British colony or foreign country and any other British colony or foreign country, shall, in lieu of being charged with the postage payable thereon in respect of such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, according to the scale of weight and number of rates contained in, or referred to by, any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or otherwise now in force relating to any such letters, be charged with the postage payable thereon under such Warrant or Warrants respectively, or otherwise, according to the following scale of weight and number of rates, that is to say:—

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

And on every such letter if exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four rates of postage;

And for every additional half of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid one 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 Warrant shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under any such Warrant or Warrants, or otherwise, as hereinbefore mentioned, if not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight.

2. 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 firstly hereinbefore recited Act.

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

4. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

*W. H. Gladstone.*  
*Lansdowne.*

## TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, for the regulation of the duties of postage, certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for or in respect of letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post, and by the same Act powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time, and at any time thereafter by Warrant under their hands to alter and fix any of the rates of postage therein-mentioned.

And whereas further powers are 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 85, 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 eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 27, 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 it is expedient to alter the rates of postage now chargeable upon letters and newspaper and other packets transmitted by the post

between the United Kingdom and certain foreign countries, and between certain other places, and also to make provision for the transmission of certain packets by the post from and to the several places and in the manner hereinafter set forth.

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 or some or one 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. Every letter, and every packet consisting of a printed colonial or foreign newspaper, or consisting of printed papers (other than newspapers), or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, respectively posted in any of the several countries and places mentioned, and set forth in the first column of the schedule hereunder written, addressed to any of the several countries and places mentioned and set forth in the second column of such schedule, may be transmitted by the post from any of the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said first column of the said schedule, to any of the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said second column of such schedule, by the several routes and means of conveyance described and set forth in the third column of such schedule, and in respect of such transmission as aforesaid there shall be charged, taken, and paid on every such letter and packet, according to the weight thereof, respectively, the several and respective rates of postage applicable thereto as are specified in the said schedule.

2. Registered letters may be transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, from any foreign port in the West Indies to any British port in the West Indies, 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.

3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to 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 to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges to which seamen, soldiers, and others employed in Her Majesty's service are by law entitled of sending and receiving letters by the post, subject to the regulations and restrictions made and in force for the time being in respect of the same.

4. For the purposes of this Warrant every printed, colonial, or foreign newspaper transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant shall be deemed and considered a packet, and shall be charged and chargeable with a separate and distinct single rate and separate and distinct progressive rates of postage, according to the weight thereof as hereinbefore 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 every printed supplement or additional sheet to any news-

paper shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper unless sent in the same cover or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.

5. Every packet transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant (except packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize), 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 or partly written and partly printed letter, either closed or open, nor any written or partly written and partly printed 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 word or communication printed on the contents of any newspaper packet after the publication thereof, nor any writing, figures, or manual marks whatsoever of any description upon any such packet or on the cover or envelope thereof, 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-vendor, or agent by whom the same is sent may be printed on the cover thereof, and any other packet not being a newspaper packet may have any matter or thing printed or written on the cover thereof, provided such writing be not of the nature of a letter.

6. Upon every packet posted in the United Kingdom for transmission by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or 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, unless any such packet be 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, in which case the same shall be forwarded post-paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such postage account.

7. Every packet consisting of printed papers (other than newspapers) which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, may contain any number of separate books or other publications, printed letters, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum, and the books or other publications, prints, or maps, paper, parchment, or vellum, may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three; and all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, print, or map, or of a portion thereof, shall be allowed to pass by the post, whether such binding, mounting, or covering be loose or attached, as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, and whatsoever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto; but no packet shall contain any letter or communication partly written and partly printed, nor shall any packet consist of or contain any

photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents, which may be obviously of an obscene character.

8. Every packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, which shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations and conditions following; that is to say:—

There shall be no enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection and examination, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet:

No pattern or sample, being of any intrinsic value, or being an article or thing of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant;

There shall be no writing or printing in or upon any such packet or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and numbers and prices; and every such trade mark, number, and price shall be written or printed on labels attached to the patterns or samples, or to the bags containing the same, and not on loose pieces of paper or other material;

All such packets shall be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination; nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen, paper, or other material, tied at the neck; but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for this purpose.

9. No packet shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, which shall exceed two feet in length, or one foot in breadth or depth, unless under the special authority of the Postmaster-General.

10. Every packet transmitted by the post under this Warrant, shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day and under all such regulations as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

11. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be sent otherwise than in conformity with the several regulations, orders, directions and conditions hereinbefore contained applicable thereto, every such packet shall and may (except in the cases provided for by the clause next hereinafter contained, numbered 12) be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster-General be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and every such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage the Postmaster-General shall think proper, not exceeding the rate or amount of postage to which such packet would have been liable as a letter, nor less than the rate of postage which such packet would have been chargeable

with if the postage thereof had been properly paid when posted.

12. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall contain any letter or communication in the nature of a letter, whether closed or open, which shall be wholly written or partly written and partly printed, or any enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, every such letter or communication or enclosure may be taken out by any Officer of the Post Office, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be forwarded to the address on the packet, charged in either case, not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of postage equal in amount to the single rate of postage payable on such respective packets, and the remainder of the packet if the postage be duly prepaid, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

13. In order to prevent any obstacle to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post any Officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, either for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be despatched in due course of the post, or (at his option) until the despatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to have been forwarded by him.

14. 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 firstly hereinbefore recited Act.

15. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise whether any packet or anything contained therein transmitted under the provisions of this Warrant, is entitled to the provisions of this Warrant, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning thereof, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive on all parties.

16. The several rates of postage fixed by this present Warrant on the letters and packets transmitted by the post as herein respectively mentioned, and also the several regulations, orders, directions and conditions hereby made applicable to such letters and packets, shall be in lieu of those now by law chargeable thereon or applicable thereto.

17. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, or the hands of any two of them, 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.

18. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

Posted in	Addressed to	Routes and Means of Conveyance.	RATES OF POSTAGE.		
			On a Single Letter.	On a Packet consisting of a Printed Colonial or Foreign Newspaper.	On a Packet consisting of Printed Papers or consisting of Patterns or Samples.
United Kingdom... ..	Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru ... ..	Via Panama by British or foreign packet boat or partly by British and partly by foreign packet boat ... ..	For every ½oz. ... 1s. 6d.	} ... ..	} Not exceeding 1oz. ... .. 1d. Exceeding 1oz. and not exceeding 2oz. 2d. Exceeding 2oz. and not exceeding 4oz. 4d. For every additional 4oz. ... .. 4d. For any fraction of an additional 4oz. 4d.
Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru ... ..	United Kingdom ... ..		For any fraction of ½oz. ... .. 1s. 6d.		
British North American Colonies ... ..	Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru ... ..	Via Panama by British packet boat or partly by British and partly by foreign packet boat ... ..	... ..	{ For every 4oz. ... .. 2d. For any fraction of 4oz. 2d.	
Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru ... ..	British North American Colonies ... ..		... ..		
British North American Colonies or British or Foreign West Indies .	Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru ... ..	By British packet boat, via Panama, and without passing through the United Kingdom	For every ½oz. ... 1s. 0d.	} ... ..	{ For every 4oz. ... .. 4d. For any fraction of 4oz. ... .. 4d.
Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru ... ..	British North American Colonies or British or Foreign West Indies		For any fraction of ½oz. ... .. 1s. 0d.		
Costa Rica ... ..	United Kingdom ... ..	... ..	... ..	... ..	{ Not exceeding 1oz. ... .. 1d. Exceeding 1oz. and not exceeding 2oz. 2d. Exceeding 2oz. and not exceeding 4oz. 3d. For every additional 4oz. ... .. 3d. For any fraction of an additional 4oz. 3d.
United States ... ..	Chili, Bolivia, Ecuador, or Peru ... ..	Via Panama, partly by British and partly by foreign packet boat...	For every ½oz. ... 6d.	} ... ..	
Chili, Bolivia, or Ecuador	United States ... ..		For any fraction of ½oz. ... .. 6d.		

Posted in.	Addressed to.	Routes and Means of Conveyance.	RATES OF POSTAGE.		
			On a Single Letter.	On a Packet consisting of a Printed Colonial or Foreign Newspaper.	On a Packet consisting of Printed Papers or consisting of Patterns or Samples.
Any British or foreign port in the West Indies ... .. Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru ... .. United States ... ..	Any other British or foreign port in the West Indies or Colon, Panama, or Central America ... .. United States ... .. Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru ... ..	By British packet boat without passing through the United Kingdom or crossing the Isthmus of Panama ... .. Via Panama, partly by British and partly by foreign packet boat ... ..	... ..	{ For every 4oz. ... .. 1d. For any fraction of 4oz. ... 1d.	For every 4oz. ... .. 3d. For any fraction of 4oz. ... .. 3d.
			... ..	{ For every 4oz. ... .. 1d. For any fraction of 4oz. ... 1d.	For every 4oz. ... .. 3d. For any fraction of 4oz. ... .. 3d.
			... ..	{ For every 4oz. ... .. 1d. For any fraction of 4oz. ... 1d.	
Any port in the United States of Columbia ... Panama, Colon, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru.	Any other port in the United States of Columbia ... .. Any foreign country or British colony	By British packet boat and by way of United Kingdom	... ..	... ..	The rate or rates for the time being payable on a like packet so transmitted from Panama, Colon, Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru to the United Kingdom, and also the rate or rates for the time being payable on a like packet so transmitted from the United Kingdom to any foreign country or British colony;—Provided that whenever the last-mentioned rate or rates include both Inland and Sea Services, there shall be deducted therefrom such a sum as shall represent the inland rate or rates of postage for the conveyance of such packet through the United Kingdom.
Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru or any port in Central America ...	Any place in the Pacific Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, or Peru, or any port in Central America ...	By British packet boat or partly by British and partly by foreign packet boat ... ..	... ..	... ..	{ For every 4oz. ... .. 3d. For any fraction of 4oz. ... .. 3d.
Any place in the Pacific			... ..	... ..	
Colon, Panama, or any port in Central America ... ..	Any British or foreign port in the West Indies or North America ...	By British packet boat or partly by British and partly by foreign packet boat ... ..	... ..	... ..	{ For every 4oz. ... .. 3d. For any fraction of 4oz. ... .. 3d.

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

W. H. Gladstone,  
W. P. Adam.