

**TREASURY MINUTE for regulating the RATES of POSTAGE.**

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act for the further regulation of the Duties on Postage, until the 5th day of October 1840," power is given to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands, to alter, fix, reduce, or remit all or any of the rates of British or Inland or other Postage payable by law on the transmission of Post Letters, and to subject such letters to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such warrant (without reference to the distance or number of miles the same may be conveyed), and to fix and limit the weight of letters to be sent by the Post; and, from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered or reduced 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 may be payable are to be paid, that is to say, whether on posting the letter or on the receipt thereof, or at either of those times, at the option of the sender; provided, that all such warrants should be inserted in the London Gazette ten days, at least, before coming into operation, and should, within fourteen days after making the same, be laid before both Houses of Parliament (if then sitting), or otherwise, within fourteen days after Parliament should meet:

And whereas an Act was passed in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter 34, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the Duties of Postage;" and another Act was passed in the same session, chapter 76, intituled "An Act to impose rates of Packet Postage on East India Letters, and to amend certain Acts relating to the Post Office;" and another Act was passed in the first and second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter 97, intituled "An Act for imposing rates of Postage on the Conveyance of Letters by Packet Boats, between places in the Mediterranean, and other parts."

Now, we the undersigned (being three of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury), do, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said first-mentioned Act, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant, under our hands, order and direct, that this present warrant shall come into operation on the 5th day of December next, and that all Letters (not being by law specially exempted from Postage), which, on or after that day shall be posted in any town or place within the United Kingdom, or within any of the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, or shall be brought from parts beyond the seas to any port or place within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, by any packet boat or private vessel, shall be subject to the several regulations and rates hereinafter contained.

And we further order and direct, that, on and after the said 5th day of December next, the present practice of charging the rates of Postage on Letters transmitted by the General Post,

consisting of more than one sheet of paper, or containing any enclosure, shall be wholly discontinued; and thenceforth all Letters, of whatever description, transmitted through the General Post, and legally chargeable with Postage, shall be charged by weight, as hereinafter mentioned.

And we hereby fix and limit the following scale of weight of Letters to be transmitted through the General Post, and we subject such Letters, on and after the said 5th day of December next, to the following rates of Postage (that is to say):

On every Letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken one rate of postage.

On every Letter, exceeding half an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken two rates of postage.

On every Letter, exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken four rates of postage.

On every Letter, exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken six rates of postage.

And on every Letter, exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken eight rates of postage; and for every ounce, in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as one additional ounce.

And we order and direct, that no Letter exceeding sixteen ounces in weight shall, in any case, be forwarded by the General Post between places within the United Kingdom and the said Islands, or from the said United Kingdom and the said Islands to parts beyond the seas, except Letters franked, or by law specially exempted from postage, or Letters posted as Franks, although chargeable with postage, and except Letters forwarded by, or addressed to, some Public Office or Department, or Letters arriving in the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, from parts beyond the seas, or plantation accounts, patterns and samples of goods, deeds, books, pamphlets, and other printed papers, forwarded by Post in conformity with the regulations, from time to time, in force respecting the same, between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and the British Colonies or Foreign parts, and except bankers' parcels forwarded pursuant to the regulations of the said Act of the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 34.

And we hereby fix and limit the following rates of postage to be paid to Her Majesty's Postmaster-General for the use of Her Majesty, on and after the fifth day of December next, on the Letters next hereinafter mentioned; and we order and direct the same to be charged and paid accordingly (that is to say):

*Inland Letters.*

On all Letters not by law specially exempted from postage, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the General Post between

places within the United Kingdom, or between the said Islands, or between the United Kingdom and the said Islands (not being Letters sent to or from parts beyond the seas), there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of four pence, without reference to the number of sheets or pieces of paper, or enclosures, of which the same may be comprised, or to the distance or number of miles the same shall be conveyed.

On all such Letters, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of postage (each additional rate being estimated at four pence) according to the scale of weight, and number of rates herein-before fixed and declared.

#### *Packet Letters.*

On all Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted, by Packet Boat, between any place within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, and any other of the British dominions or colonies (except the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, the Mauritius, and the East Indies), there shall be charged and taken one rate of Postage of one shilling, and if exceeding such weight, then progressive and additional rates of Postage according to the scale of weight herein-before contained, each additional rate being estimated at one shilling.

#### *Ship Letters.*

That all Letters transmitted under the authority of the Postmaster-General by private vessels or packet-boats between places in the United Kingdom, or between the United Kingdom and the said Islands, or between the said Islands, shall be considered as forwarded by the General Post between such places, and be charged accordingly.

That on all Letters transmitted by vessels not being packet-boats between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and any place beyond the seas (except Ceylon, the Mauritius, the Cape of Good Hope, and the East Indies), there shall be charged and taken the rates of postage following (that is say), if posted at the port of departure within the United Kingdom or the said Islands, or if addressed to, and delivered at, the port of the ship's arrival within the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, one rate of eight pence; and if posted at any other place within the United Kingdom or the said Islands than the port of departure, or if addressed to, and delivered at, any other place within the United Kingdom or the said Islands than the port of the ship's arrival, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, a rate of one shilling; and if exceeding such weight, then progressive additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at eight pence or one shilling, respectively, as the case may be.

#### *Foreign Letters.*

That on all Foreign Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by post between the United Kingdom or the said Islands and parts

beyond the seas, and on all Colonial Letters, not exceeding that weight, transmitted by post between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and any of Her Majesty's dominions or colonies (through France), there shall be charged and taken the same rates of British postage (both inland and packet rates); as are by law now payable in respect of single letters so transmitted, (the inland rates on such letters being charged and calculated according to the distance or number of miles the same shall be conveyed, where the same are now so charged and calculated), and on every letter so transmitted, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of inland and packet postage according to the scale of weight hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each rate at the amount now payable for every such single letter, and charging the inland rates as aforesaid.

#### *East India Letters.*

That on all Letters transmitted between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, the Mauritius, or the East Indies, there shall be charged and taken the like rates of sea postage as are now by law payable in respect of such letters, and also the like rates for the inland conveyance of such letters within the United Kingdom and the said Islands as would be payable if such letters had been transmitted by post within the United Kingdom or the said Islands, exclusively, according to the scale of weight and rates hereinbefore fixed and declared.

AND we order and direct, that all additional rates now payable by law on letters transmitted by post, to or from Ireland, by way of Holyhead, in respect of the Menai Bridge, and by way of Conway and Chester, in respect of Conway Bridge, and by way of Milford and Waterford, and also the additional rate of one halfpenny on letters conveyed by the post in any part of Scotland by a mail carriage with more than two wheels, shall, on and after the said fifth day of December next, be wholly remitted, and shall cease to be payable.

That all additional rates for Letters originally sent by the General Post, to places within the United Kingdom or the said Islands, directed beyond the limits of the delivery of the General Post, and delivered by any Twopenny Post or Penny Post, or originally sent by any Twopenny or Penny Post, and afterwards passing through the General Post, shall be remitted and cease to be payable, except on letters franked or exempted by law from the General Post rates, but subject to the Twopenny or Penny Post rates, which letters shall still continue liable to, and chargeable with, the Twopenny and Penny Post rates, when transmitted by any such Post.

That on all Letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not being by law specially exempted from the Twopenny and Penny Post rates, transmitted by any Twopenny or Penny Post, in London or Dublin, (and not having passed through, or being intended to pass through, the General Post,) there shall, on and after the said fifth day of December next, be charged and taken a rate of one penny only,

provided such postage be pre-paid at the time of posting the same. But in case any letter, not being by law specially exempted as aforesaid, transmitted by any such Twopenny or Penny Post, shall not be pre-paid when posted, or shall exceed half an ounce in weight, there shall be taken the same rate of postage as is now payable by law thereon.

That on all Letters not specially exempted from Pennv Post rates, transmitted by any Penny Post in the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, other than London and Dublin, and not having passed through, or being intended to pass through, the General Post, there shall, on and after the fifth day of December next, be taken a rate of one penny as at present.

That no Letter shall be sent by any such Twopenny or Penny Post exceeding four ounces in weight, unless the same shall have originally passed, or shall be intended to pass, through the General Post; and in such last-mentioned case not exceeding the weight of sixteen ounces, unless specially authorised by this warrant as aforesaid.

That all printed newspapers, Parliamentary proceedings, printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, printed prices current, commercial lists, periodical publications posted at Falmouth, unstamped publications, bankers' parcels, patterns, samples, plantation accounts, deeds, books, pamphlets, and other printed papers; soldiers' and seamen's letters, and other letters, articles, and things which may now by law be sent by post, under certain regulations, free of postage, or at reduced rates of postage, shall continue to have the benefit of all the exemptions and privileges they now enjoy, and shall, if forwarded in conformity with such regulations, be charged with the same respective amounts of postage, as are now, by law, payable in respect thereof, subject nevertheless to all the regulations and liabilities now in force respecting the same.

That if any such newspapers, and other printed papers, letters, articles, and things (periodical publications, bankers' parcels, plantation accounts, deeds, books, and pamphlets excepted), shall become chargeable with, and liable to, the full Letter rates of Postage, such rates (and the treble duty on newspapers and other printed papers in such cases as the same shall by law become payable), shall be charged and taken according to the scale of weight and rates hereinbefore specified.

That the rates on the said periodical publications, bankers' parcels, plantation accounts, deeds, books, and pamphlets shall be charged according to the scale and limitation of weight now established and fixed, and with the same amount of Postage as would, by law, be chargeable and payable if this warrant had not been made. But in case any such rates shall exceed the rates of postage to which the said publications and articles would become liable if charged according to the scale of weight, and rates of postage hereinbefore specified, then the same shall be charged with postage under this Warrant, according to the scale and rates aforesaid, (bankers' parcels being in such last-mentioned case charged with the same amount of postage to which any other letters or packets of the same weight would be subject and liable, on being transmitted by the General Post.)

That on all Letters transmitted by packet-boat between any ports in the British possessions in the West Indies, and any port in Columbia or Mexico, pursuant to the said Act of the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 34, and on all letters transmitted by packet boat between any ports or places in the Red Sea or Persian Gulf, and the East Indies, in-pursuance of the said Act of the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 76, and on all letters transmitted by packet-boat between places in the Mediterranean and other places, pursuant to the said Act of the first and second years of Her present Majesty, cap. 97, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight respectively, there shall be taken the like rates of postage as are by law now payable in respect of such letters being single letters, and, in case the same shall exceed half an ounce in weight, there shall be taken progressive and additional rates of postage on such letters, according to the scale of weight hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at the amount payable for every such single letter.

And we further order and direct, that in all cases in which the rate of four pence hereby authorised to be charged on letters transmitted by the post, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, shall exceed the duty of postage which would be payable by law, according to the existing rates on single letters so transmitted in case this Warrant had not been made, there shall be taken on such letters the like rates of postage only, and no more, as would by law be payable according to the existing rates, by distance or otherwise, in respect of such single letters, and on any such letters exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid the progressive additional rates, according to the scale hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at the amount payable according to the existing rates, by distance or otherwise, for every such single letter: provided always, and we hereby declare, that nothing herein contained shall extend to or be in anywise construed to affect the rates of postage payable under an Act passed in the year 1764 (being the 5th Geo. 3, cap. 23) on letters transmitted by the post within or between any of the British dominions in America or the West Indies, and not passing to or from the United Kingdom or the Islands hereinbefore mentioned, or to alter the mode of charging such letters: so far as such rates are now payable by law.

That on all General Post Letters posted within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, but not including letters addressed to France (which, with reference to existing Treaties between His late Majesty King William the Fourth, or Her present Majesty, and His Majesty the King of the French, are to be excepted), if exceeding one ounce in weight, the postage shall be payable by the sender at the time of posting the same; and if any such letter shall be posted without the postage being so pre-paid, there shall be taken, on every such letter, double the postage to which such letter would otherwise have been liable according to the several and respective progressive and additional rates, and scale of weight hereinbefore mentioned; and in all other cases the rates of postage from time to time payable under this Warrant, shall be paid, and pay-

able, in the manner prescribed and directed by the said Act of the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 34, sec. 2.

That the terms and expressions used in this Warrant, shall be construed according to the respective interpretations of the terms and expressions contained in an Act, passed in the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 36, intituled "An Act for consolidating the laws relative to offences against the Post Office of the United Kingdom, and for regulating the judicial administration of the Post Office laws, and for explaining certain terms and expressions employed in those laws," so far as those interpretations are not repugnant to the subject, or inconsistent with the context of such terms and expressions, and the Ionian Islands shall be entitled to all the benefits and advantages hereby granted in favour of Her Majesty's colonies, and the rates of Postage between such Islands and the United Kingdom, and the Islands firstly hereinbefore mentioned, shall be chargeable and payable as on Letters forwarded to and from Her Majesty's colonies.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare, that it shall be lawful for the Lords Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and, from time to time, to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable, are to be paid.

As witness our hands this 22d day of November 1839.

MELBOURNE.  
F. BARING.  
H. TUFNELL.

*Church Commissioners' Office,  
November 20, 1839.*

**T**HE following is a copy of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, for dividing the parish of Aston, in the county of Derby, into two distinct and separate parishes, under the 16th section of the 58th Geo. 3, cap. 45:

At the Court at Windsor, the 21st day of October 1839, present, the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council:

**WHEREAS** by an Act, passed in the 58th year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes," it is, amongst other things, enacted, "that in every case in which the Commissioners appointed for carrying into execution the purposes of the said Act, shall be of opinion that it will be expedient to divide any parish into two or more distinct and separate parishes for all ecclesiastical purposes whatever, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, with the consent of the Bishop of the diocese in which such parish is locally situated; signified under his hand and seal, to apply to the patron or patrons of the church of such parish

for his or their consent to make such division, and for such patron or patrons to signify his or their consent thereto, under his hand and seal; and the said Commissioners shall, upon the consent of the said patron or patrons so signified, represent the whole matter to His Majesty in Council, and shall state in such representation the bounds by which it is proposed, with such consent as aforesaid, to divide such parish, together with the relative and respective proportions of glebe land, tithes, moduses, or other endowments, which will by such division arise and accrue, and remain and be within each of such respective divisions, and also the relative proportions of the estimated amount of the value or produce of fees, oblations, offerings, or other ecclesiastical dues or profits, which may arise and accrue within each of such respective divisions; and if, thereupon, His Majesty in Council shall think fit to direct such division to be made, such Order of His Majesty in Council shall be valid and good in law for the purpose of effecting such division; provided always, that no such division of any parish into distinct parishes shall completely take effect until after the death, resignation, or other avoidance of the existing incumbent of the parish to be divided;" and whereas by an Act, passed in the 59th year of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;" and by another Act, passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;" and by another Act, made and passed in the 1st and 2d year of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled 'An Act to amend the Acts for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;" and also by another Act, made and passed in the 2d and 3d year of His said late Majesty, intituled "An Act to render more effectual an Act, passed in the 59th year of His late Majesty King George the Third, intituled 'An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches in populous parishes;" further provisions are made for carrying such divisions into effect:

And whereas the said Commissioners have made a representation to Her Majesty in Council, in the words following, viz.

"To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

"Your Majesty's Commissioners for building new churches, appointed by virtue of an Act, passed in the 58th year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act for building, and promoting the building, of additional churches, in populous parishes;" and continued by an Act, passed in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of His Majesty King