

shall, and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be dealt with and chargeable in like manner, as is hereinbefore directed, with respect to any packet not open at the ends or sides, or exceeding in length, or breadth, or width, the dimensions of two feet.

11. And we do hereby further order and direct, that the 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 fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

12. And we do further direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March next.

13. Provided lastly, and we do hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant, under their hands at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed or 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.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Alfred Hervey.
W. E. Gladstone.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act 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 whereas by the said 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 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 of 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 may be payable are to be paid, and the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage is extended to any increase or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas by an Act, 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," the provision fixing the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, in the first-mentioned Act, is repealed; and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by Warrant under their

hands, to fix the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight, wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum of weight in lieu thereof; and it is provided, that all letters shall be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post in conformity with any such Warrant, and also in conformity with and under and subject to all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct. And by the said Act power is also 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 may 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 also to refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made. And it is also declared and enacted that in all cases in which the British postage, chargeable on any letters sent by the post, shall exceed the sum of one penny, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, reduce such postage to any other rate of postage, they may from time to time think fit. And also that the Postmaster-General may, if he shall think fit (with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury), allow any printed words, writing, or marks (in addition to the direction), to be put on any printed newspapers or other printed papers sent by the post, or on the covers thereof, and that any such newspapers, or other printed papers shall from thenceforth be forwarded either free of postage or subject to such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct. And it is also declared and enacted that the Postmaster-General and any officer of the Post-office may detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of that Act, or the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to any regulations made under the authority of that Act, or of the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the first-mentioned Act, and open such letters, and either return them to the senders thereof or 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 shall, from time to time, direct.

And whereas the Postmaster-General hath, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, at various times, since the passing of the said two before-mentioned Acts, and in pursuance and in exercise of the powers reserved to them thereby, by divers Warrants under their hands, made and given certain orders, directions, and regulations, relating to the weight, size, and dimensions, and to the rates of postage in conformity with, and under and subject

to which, certain printed papers and Parliamentary proceedings therein respectively mentioned were to be, and are, transmitted by the post, and it is expedient that such Warrants, and such orders, directions, regulations, and rates should be altered, repealed, and revoked, and that other orders, directions, regulations, and rates should be made and given, and consolidated and incorporated in one Warrant.

1. Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said two before-mentioned Acts, 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 and direct that the several Warrants and parts of Warrants mentioned and set forth in the Schedule A to this Warrant annexed, and the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage in such several Warrants and parts of Warrants respectively mentioned and set forth, shall cease and determine, and shall be, and the same are, hereby respectively repealed and revoked.

2. And we do further order and direct, that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the several places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule B to this Warrant annexed; and that all such respective packets shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under, and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained; and that, as respects certain of the said places in the said Schedule B mentioned, such transmission may also be by the routes mentioned against such places in such schedule; and that the single rate of postage for the transmission thereof shall be that which is mentioned and set forth against the said places respectively in the said Schedule B; and that all such respective packets so transmitted shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:

On every such packet so transmitted under the provisions of this Warrant as aforesaid, if not exceeding half a pound in weight there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage which is mentioned and set forth against the said places respectively, in the said schedule B.

And on every such packet exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

On every such packet, if exceeding half a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, two rates of postage.

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

And on every such packet, if exceeding two pounds and not exceeding three pounds in weight, six rates of postage.

And for every additional one pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of three pounds, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional pound shall be charged as an additional

pound in weight, and each progressive and additional rate, chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding half a pound in weight.

No such packet, which in length or breadth or width, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet shall be forwarded by the post, under the provisions aforesaid.

No such packet, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to the United Kingdom, exceeding the weight of three pounds, shall be forwarded by the post, under the provisions aforesaid.

The terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art" in this Warrant used, shall for the purposes of this Warrant mean and include all books, whether printed, written, or plain; publications or compilations, whether in print or in manuscript, almanacks, prints, maps, whether on paper or canvas or cloth, and whether printed or written, and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum, whether printed, written upon or plain, together with any binding, mounting, or covering of or upon or belonging to any book or publication or work, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book markers, pencils, pens, or other articles usually appertaining to any such book, publication, or work, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission; and that every such packet 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 that there shall be no letter, either closed or open, nor any enclosure, sealed or otherwise, closed against inspection, sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any letter or any communication in the nature of a letter, written or printed on the cover or envelope of any such packet.

Upon every packet transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom, and the several places mentioned and set forth in the said Schedule B, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but 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; and upon every such packet which shall be posted in any of the colonies respectively mentioned and set forth in the said Schedule B to this Warrant annexed, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

3. And in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, we do further order and direct, that it shall be

lawful for any officer of the Post Office to 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 dispatched in due course of the post, or (at his option) until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

4. And we do further order and direct, that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the transmission by the post of printed newspapers or other printed publications which are allowed to pass by the post under the newspaper privilege.

5. And we do further order and direct, that if any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to the United Kingdom, shall exceed the weight of three pounds, or if any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom and the several places mentioned and set forth in the said schedule B, shall, in length, or breadth, or width, exceed the dimensions of two feet, or if the postage of any such packet, posted in any of the colonies respectively mentioned in the said schedule B, to this Warrant annexed, shall not be duly and properly paid when posted, or if any packet or the cover or envelope of any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall not be open at the ends or sides, or if there shall be any letter, or any communication in the nature of a letter, written or printed on any such cover or envelope, every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom 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 a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, and such double postage may be either paid by the sender, or be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded.

6. And we do further order and direct, that if any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom and the several places mentioned and set forth in the said schedule B, shall contain any letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, every such letter or enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post Office and forwarded to the address on the packet, charged not only with the full rates of postage equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under the said schedule on a packet not exceeding half a pound in weight, and the remainder of the packet, if the postage be duly paid when posted, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

7. And we do further order and direct, that if any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, respectively between the United Kingdom and the several places mentioned and set forth in the said schedule B (any such packet 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, and the postage thereof being charged in such account, only excepted), shall be posted in the United Kingdom, having thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinbefore contained, but equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under the said schedule, if such packet did not exceed half a pound in weight, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage, equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under the said schedule on a packet not exceeding half a pound in weight; but if any such packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom, without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, or having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the single rate of postage chargeable under the said schedule, every such last-mentioned packet shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be dealt with and chargeable in like manner as is hereinbefore directed with respect to any packet not open at the ends or sides, or exceeding in length, or breadth, or width, the dimensions of two feet.

8. And we do further order and direct, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any packets sent through France, or any other foreign country, to which a transit rate of postage would be payable thereon.

9. And we do further order and direct, that the Postmaster-General shall and may have and exercise the option of sending any packets hereby authorized to be sent by the post under the provisions aforesaid, either by packet-boat, or by private ship, at the same rate of postage as by packet-boat, when and as he shall think fit.

10. And we do further order and direct, that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, or in any schedule hereto annexed, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or Colonial packet-boat, and also by private ship, when sent by the Postmaster-General, in accordance with the provision last hereinbefore contained, and the option thereby given to the Postmaster-General; and that the term "East Indies" used in this Warrant, or in any schedule hereto annexed, shall be construed to mean every port or place in Asia within the limits of the charter of the East India Company (China, Hong Kong, Ceylon, the Mauritius, Java, Borneo, and Australia excepted); and that the several other terms and expressions used in this Warrant or in any schedule hereto annexed, 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 fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

11. And we do further order and direct that 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.

12. And we do further order and direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March next.

SCHEDULES to which the above Warrant refers.

SCHEDULE A.

Treasury Warrants, and parts of Treasury Warrants, containing orders, directions, regulations, conditions, and rates of postage, repealed and revoked.

Date of Warrant.	Extent of Repeal.
19th December, 1850	The whole.
2nd June, 1851	The whole.
11th August, 1851	The whole.
30th January, 1852	The whole.
6th February, 1852	The whole.
24th April, 1852	The whole.
6th May, 1852	The whole.
18th January, 1853	The whole.
24th January, 1853	The whole.
9th March, 1853	The whole.
12th July, 1853	The whole.
25th July, 1853	The whole.
17th September, 1853	The whole.
5th November, 1853	So much thereof and of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, as relate to the transmission by post of printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, and printed pamphlets, and the rates of postage chargeable thereupon.
31st December, 1853	The whole.
15th March, 1854	So much thereof and of the rates of postage, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, as relate to the transmission by the post of printed publications of votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures.
21st March, 1854	So much thereof and of the rates of postage, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, as relate to the transmission by the post of printed publications of votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures.
13th April, 1854	The whole.
21st June, 1854	So much thereof and of the rates of postage, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, as relate to the transmission by the post of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures.

Date of Warrant.	Extent of Repeal.
1st July, 1854	So much thereof and of the rates of postage, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, as relate to the transmission by the post of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures.
28th September, 1854	So much thereof and of the rates of postage, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained as relate to the transmission by the post between the United Kingdom and New South Wales, of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures.

SCHEDULE B.

Places between any part of which and any part of the United Kingdom packets, consisting of books and publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, and printed publications of votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, may be transmitted by the post, and the single rates of postage chargeable and payable for the transmission thereof, under the regulations and conditions mentioned and prescribed in the foregoing Treasury Warrant; and also the routes by which they may be transmitted, respectively, between the United Kingdom and certain of the said places, or to or from the said United Kingdom from or to certain of the said places.

Canada - - -	Six pence
Prince Edward Island	Six pence
Bermuda - - -	Six pence
St. Helena - - -	Six pence
The Gold Coast in Africa	Six pence
Antigua - - -	Six pence
Grenada - - -	Six pence
Berbice - - -	Six pence
Demerara - - -	Six pence
Trinidad - - -	Six pence
Carriacou - - -	Six pence
Tobago - - -	Six pence
Montserrat - - -	Six pence
Nevis - - -	Six pence
Tortola - - -	Six pence
Dominica - - -	Six pence
St. Kitts - - -	Six pence
St. Lucia - - -	Six pence
St. Vincent - - -	Six pence
Jamaica - - -	Six pence
Bahamas - - -	Six pence
Honduras - - -	Six pence
Malta - - -	Six pence
Gibraltar - - -	Six pence
Ionian Islands - - -	Six pence

East Indies - - -	Eight pence	} Direct by packet-boat, or through Egypt, so long as no transit rate of postage be payable thereon.
Ceylon - - -	Eight pence	
Mauritius - - -	Eight pence	
Hong Kong - - -	Eight pence	

Nova Scotia - - Six pence
 New Brunswick - - Six pence
 Newfoundland - - Six pence
 Barbadoes - - Six pence
 New Zealand - - Six pence
 New South Wales - - Six pence
 South Australia - - Six pence
 Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope - - Six pence

Island of Heligoland Six pence { Direct, or via the territory of Ham-
 burgh.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Alfred Hervey.
W. E. Gladstone.

Provisional Order.

Cannock and Penkridge Road.

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Cannock and Penkridge Turnpike Road, acting under the powers of the Local Act of the 7th of George the Fourth, cap. 9, have made application to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, pursuant to the Act of the session holden in the 14th and 15th years of the reign of Her present Majesty, cap. 38, for a Provisional Order upon the terms following; viz. :—

To reduce the rate of interest on the mortgage debt, charged or secured on the tolls or revenues of the said road, from the sum of five pounds per centum, per annum, to the sum of one pound per centum, per annum; and to extinguish the whole of the arrears of interest due upon the said debt.

And whereas the said application is dated the eighteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and is signed by three of the said trustees, who therein certify that the persons entitled to more than two-thirds of the money charged or secured on the tolls of the said road, and remaining unpaid, have signified their consents in writing under their hands to the said application.

And whereas it appears desirable to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, that the aforesaid application should be granted upon the terms herein set forth.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the power and authority of the said Act of the 14th and 15th of Victoria, cap. 38, given to me as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, I do by this Provisional Order under my hand declare, subject to the confirmation hereof by Parliament, that, from the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, the rate of interest shall be reduced from five pounds to one pound per centum, per annum, upon the bonded or mortgage debt of one thousand four hundred pounds, charged or secured upon the tolls or revenues of the said road; and that the whole of the arrears of interest due and remaining unpaid upon the said debt, at that date, shall be extinguished.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

(Signed) *Palmerston.*

Whitehall, January 17, 1855.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER.

Hilary Term, 18th Victoria.

Wednesday, the 24th day of January, 1855.

This Court will hold Sittings on Monday the 5th, Tuesday the 6th, Wednesday the 7th, Thurs-

day the 8th, and Friday the 9th days of February next, and will at such Sittings proceed in disposing of the business then pending in the Paper of New Trials and in the Special Paper, and will also hold a Sitting on Tuesday the 13th day of February next, and will, on the said 13th day of February next, proceed in giving judgment in all matters then standing for judgment.

Fred. Pollock.
J. Parke.
E. H. Alderson.
Samuel Martin.

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the British Possessions in AMERICA, Computed from the RETURNS made in the Week ending the 23rd day of January, 1855,

Is Nineteen Shillings and Four Pence Farthing
 per Hundred Weight;

Exclusive of the Duties of Customs paid or payable thereon, on the IMPORTATION thereof into GREAT BRITAIN;

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the MAURITIUS, Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence Three Farthings
 per Hundred Weight;

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the EAST INDIES, Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is Twenty-five Shillings and Five Pence
 per Hundred Weight;

THE AVERAGE PRICE of the three foregoing Descriptions of SUGAR, jointly,

Computed as above, and Exclusive of Duty,

Is Nineteen Shillings and Nine Pence Three Farthings
 per Hundred Weight.

By Authority of Parliament,

HENRY BICKNELL,
Clerk of the Grocers' Company.

Grocers'-Hall, January 26, 1855.

NOTICE.

*County Courts' Registry, No. 2, New Street,
 Spring Gardens.*

REDUCTION OF FEES.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to order that the following reduced fees should be taken for Searches, &c., namely :

Table of Fees.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
For every search for a judgment or petition for protection made at the Registry	0	6
For forty searches, to be made within two months (<i>to be paid in advance</i>)	10	0
For every certificate of search, obtained either through the Clerk of the Court or by a letter to the Registrar	2	0
For having the record of any judgment removed from the register (<i>to be paid to the Clerk of the Court</i>)	1	6

The registry of county courts' judgments was established to afford to traders a ready means of ascertaining the solvency of parties, and to enable executors and administrators to discover what judgment debts they are bound to satisfy.

In the registry can be found the name, address,