

6. 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 fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

7. 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 orders, directions, or regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other orders, directions, or regulations in lieu thereof.

8. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March, 1860.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

William Dunbar.
John Bagwell.

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, 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 may be payable are to be paid.

And whereas by an Act passed in 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," further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury; and power is also given to the Postmaster-General (amongst other things), 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 also to refuse to receive or send by the post, any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made; and power is 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 have, by divers Warrants

under their hands, fixed, made, and established certain rates of British postage, payable on the transmission by the post of certain letters therein respectively mentioned, and it is expedient to make regulations for the prepayment of the several rates of postage payable on the letters hereinafter mentioned.

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, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this present 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 as follows; that is to say:

1. On every letter posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any part of Egypt, and transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to Egypt by British packet-boat, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

2. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Alexandria, Cairo, or Suez, without any postage having been paid thereon, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

3. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Alexandria, Cairo, or Suez, and the postage paid thereon shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable under or by virtue of the regulations in force relating thereto, 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 if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

5. Nothing hereinbefore contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the post, nor the privilege granted by the same Act to members of each House of Parliament, to receive by the post petitions and addresses to Her Majesty, and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight, nor the privilege granted to printed votes or proceedings of parliament; nor shall anything in this Warrant contained in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service now by law enjoy of sending and receiving by the post letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

6. The term "by the post" used in this Warrant, shall include the conveyance through France, the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by British packet-boat, and the several other 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.

7. 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 orders, directions, or regulations, hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other orders, directions, or regulations in lieu thereof.

8. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1860.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

John Bagwell.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her 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 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 to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

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, 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 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, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant, in writing (under the hands of two of them the said Commissioners, by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided), bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 16th day of February, 1859, did amongst other things order and direct, by the 4th clause thereof, that every British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Australia, might be transmitted by the post to Australia by packet-boat, via Southampton and Egypt, at a rate of two pence each, and by the 8th clause thereof, that if any newspaper should be posted in the United Kingdom for transmission, via Southampton and Egypt, addressed to Australia, having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which should be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such newspaper would be liable under that Warrant, but equal in amount to the sum of one penny, every such newspaper should 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 newspaper would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage of one penny.

And whereas it is expedient that so much of the said recited Warrant as imposes upon every British newspaper, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Australia, and transmitted by packet-boat, via Southampton and Egypt, a rate of two pence, and that so much of the said recited Warrant as imposes upon every such newspaper

an additional charge and rate of postage of one penny, as hereinbefore mentioned and recited, should be repealed, and that such newspapers should be transmitted by the post, at the reduced rate of one penny each, as hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said several before 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 and direct as follows:

1. So much of the said 4th clause of the said recited Warrant of the 16th day of February, 1859, as directs that every British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Australia, may be transmitted by the post to Australia by packet-boat, via Southampton and Egypt, at a rate of two pence each. And so much of the said 8th clause of the said recited Warrant as directs that if any newspaper shall be posted in the United Kingdom for transmission, via Southampton and Egypt, addressed to Australia, 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 such newspaper would be liable under the said recited Warrant, but equal in amount to the sum of one penny, every such newspaper 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 newspaper would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage of one penny, shall be, and the same is, and are, hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, and the said rate of two pence, and also the said further and additional rate of postage of one penny, so far as they respectively relate to British newspapers transmitted to Australia as aforesaid, shall wholly cease and determine, anything in the said recited Warrant of the 16th day of February, 1859, contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

2. Every British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Australia, may be transmitted by the post to Australia by packet-boat, via Southampton and Egypt, at a rate of one penny each.

3. Every newspaper transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions contained in the said recited Warrant of the 16th day of February, 1859, except so far as the said regulations, orders, directions, and conditions shall be altered or repealed by the provisions of this present Warrant.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the tenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

William Dunbar.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.