

direct by any British or Colonial packet-boat, and also between the United Kingdom and the colonies of Sierra Leone, Gambia, Lagos, and the Gold Coast: So much of a certain Warrant, bearing date the 29th day of December, 1864, as relates to or affects packets transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Australia by British packet-boat direct, or via Egypt: And so much of a certain Warrant, bearing date the 30th day of December, 1864, as relates to or affects packets transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Labuan by British packet-boat. Nevertheless no Warrant or Warrants, nor any part or parts of a Warrant or

Warrants, repealed by any of the Warrants herein mentioned or referred to shall be revived by this present Warrant.

22. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands duly made, at any time hereafter alter, repeal, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or 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 that may be payable are to be paid.

23. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1866.

The SCHEDULE above referred to.

		Single Rate.
Malta	} By British packet-boat, via Southampton..	Three pence
Gibraltar		
Sierra Leone	} By British packet-boat	
Gambia		
Lagos		
Gold Coast		
Canada	} By Canadian packet-boat	Three pence (British and Colonial)
British West Indies	} By British or Colonial packet-boat	
Nova Scotia		
New Brunswick		
Prince Edward Island		
Newfoundland		
Cape of Good Hope	} By British packet-boat direct	Three pence (British and Colonial)
Natal		
St. Helena		
	} By British packet-boat, via Southampton and Suez	Four pence (British and Colonial)
Australia	} By British packet-boat direct, or via Southampton and Suez	Four pence (British and Colonial)
Ceylon		
East Indies		
Hong Kong		
Mauritius		
Labuan		

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-ninth day of December, 1865.

Luke White.

E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 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, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of postage therein mentioned.

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

year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 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 it is expedient to fix rates of postage on certain packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the several colonies hereinafter set forth, and also to make certain regulations in relation thereto as are hereinafter contained.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers or authority in us for that purpose, vested in and by the said hereinbefore 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, direct, and declare as follows :

1. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any part of either of the colonies of the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Saint Helena, or Queensland, or posted in any part of either of the said colonies, addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom, and any part of either of the said colonies in closed mails *viâ* France and *viâ* Suez (the sea conveyance being by British or colonial packet-boat) subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned ; that is to say :—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform single rate of postage (British, foreign, and colonial combined) of sixpence ;

And every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, four rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and one half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and one half of another pound, and not exceeding two pounds in weight, eight rates of postage ;

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

2. Every packet transmitted by the post under this Warrant shall be subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained ; that is to say :—

No such packet which in length shall exceed two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant ;

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 ;

No such packet, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Queensland, or posted in Queensland addressed to the United Kingdom, exceeding the weight of three pounds, shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant ;

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

There shall be no writing or printing upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, or contained therein, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, and a manufacturer's

or trade mark and number and price of the pattern or sample. And every such manufacturer's or trade mark, number, and price, shall, in the case of packets posted in the United Kingdom, be written or printed on labels attached to such patterns or samples, or to the bags or boxes 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 boxes or in bags of linen or other material, which shall be fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened ; but closed bags, if transparent, may be used for the purpose.

3. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall in length exceed two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot, or shall consist wholly of patterns or samples of any intrinsic value, or shall comprise articles or things of a saleable nature or having a value of their own apart from their mere use as patterns or samples, or being posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Queensland, or posted in Queensland addressed to the United Kingdom, shall exceed the weight of three pounds, or if there shall be any writing or printing upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, or contained therein, except as is hereinbefore mentioned, or if any such packets shall not be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination (except samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, and which may be enclosed in boxes or in bags of linen or other material, which shall be fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened, or for which closed transparent bags may be used) or in case of boxes or bags (except closed transparent bags) being used, if such boxes or bags shall be so closed that they cannot be readily opened, every such packet shall be chargeable and shall be treated in all respects as a letter.

4. 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 enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, every such enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post Office, and 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 of six pence ; 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.

5. Upon every packet transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, and posted in any part of the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall in every case 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.

6. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid posted in either of the colonies hereinbefore mentioned shall, in every case, be paid at the time

of the same being posted either in money or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto.

7. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, or shall be posted in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, or if any packet sent or tendered or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Queensland, or shall be posted in Queensland addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, but shall be equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under this Warrant on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight, every such respective packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon, or the value of the postage 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 of fourpence; but if any such packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, or shall be posted in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, addressed to the United Kingdom without any postage having been paid thereon, or without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such packet shall be forwarded, charged with double the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable under this Warrant if the postage thereon had been paid at the time of the same being posted.

8. 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 for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post whenever it may be necessary so to do, 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 be forwarded by him.

9. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise, whether any packet or any pattern or sample contained therein transmitted under or by virtue of this Warrant is entitled to the privileges 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 upon all parties.

10. 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 Majesty, cap. 96.

11. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may by Warrant under their hands duly made at any time hereafter alter, repeal, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or 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 that may be payable are to be paid.

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

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Luke White.

E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her 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, and 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 an Act 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," it is enacted that, in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, it shall be lawful for 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 weight in lieu thereof, and 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 it is also enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post Office to detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of that Act, or of the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to any regulations made under the authority of that Act, or the said 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 said first-mentioned Act, 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, shall from time to time direct.

And whereas, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have from time to time by divers Warrants under their hands fixed and limited the dimensions of certain letters and packets transmissible by the post, and it is expedient to make such other regulations in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

Now, we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the