# THE FOREIGN AND COLONIAL PARCEL POST WARBANT, 1898.§ DATED DECEMBER 27, 1898.

#### 1898. No. 1116.

We, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers given to us by the Post Office Acts or any of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows :-

# Preliminary.

1. This Warrant may be cited as "The Foreign and Colonial Short title. Parcel Post Warrant, 1898."

2. The Warrants made respectively by the Treasury and by Repeal. Her Majesty's Postmaster-General and mentioned in the First Schedule to this Warrant shall be repealed, revoked, and annulled on and as from the day on which this Warrant comes into operation.

Provided that-

- (1.) Where any provision of any Warrant not comprised in the said Schedule has been repealed by any Warrant hereby repealed such repeal shall not be affected by the repeal effected by this Warrant.
- (2.) The repeal by this Warrant of any Warrant shall not affect-
  - (a) anything done or suffered before this Warrant comes into operation; or
  - (b) any legal proceeding commenced before this Warrant comes into operation in pursuance of any Warrant hereby repealed. And any such legal proceeding may be carried on and completed as if this Warrant had not been made.

3. The Schedules to this Warrant shall be deemed part of this Warrant.

#### Definitions.

4. In this Warrant-

(1.) The expression "parcel" means a postal packet which is "Parcel." posted in the British Islands as a parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant, or any Warrant amending the same, or is received in the British Islands from abroad by Parcel Post.

Schedules to be deemed part of Warrant.

<sup>§</sup> This Warrant has been amended as to Guatemala, Bolivia, British Guiana Zanzibar, Bermuda, and Finland by Statutory Rules and Orders, 1899, Nos. 12, 13, 171, and 172.

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- (2.) The expression "outgoing" applied to a parcel means posted in the British Islands for transmission abroad.
- " Incoming."
- " British Islands."

" British possession."

" Coin."

#### " Jewellery."

- (3.) The expression "incoming" applied to a parcel means received in the British Islands through the post from abroad.
- (4.) The expression "British Islands" means the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.
- (5.) The expression "British possession" means any part of Her Majesty's dominions exclusive of the British Islands.
- (6.) The expression "coin" means coin of all kinds whether or not current in the British Islands or elsewhere.
- (7.) The expression "jewellery" means—
  - (a) gold or silver in a manufactured or unmanufactured state;
  - (b) diamonds and precious stones;
  - (c) watches entirely or mainly composed of gold or silver; and
  - (d) any article of a like nature which, apart from workmanship, has an intrinsic or marketable value.
- (8.) The expression "insured parcel" means a parcel in respect of which a compensation fee is paid.

#### Places between which Parcels may be transmitted.

5. From and after the date when this Warrant comes into operation, parcels may, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, be transmitted by post between the British Islands and any place specified in the Second Schedule to this Warrant.

#### Rates of Postage on Outgoing Parcels.

6. On all outgoing parcels addressed to any place specified in the Second Schedule hereto, there shall be charged and paid the rates of postage mentioned against the name of such place in the same Schedule.

#### Maximum Weight and Dimensions.

7. Except by permission of the Postmaster-General, there shall not be forwarded, conveyed, or delivered by post, to or from any place mentioned in the said Second Schedule any parcel the weight or the dimensions of which shall exceed the weight or dimensions respectively specified against the name of such place in the said Schedule.

# Mode of Posting.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, the following provisions shall apply to the posting of outgoing parcels, that is to say :---

- (a.) The parcel must bear the name and full address of the addressee, aud must be packed in such manner and form and in accordance with such directions as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe in that behalf. The parcel must also be accompanied by or have affixed to it one or more declarations of such kind, and stating the nature and value of the contents of the parcel in such manner and form and with such other particulars as the Commissioners of Customs and the Postmaster-General may prescribe.
- (b.) The sender may also be required to fill up a despatch note giving his name and address, the name and address of the addressee, and other particulars.

Payment of Foreign Customs, and other Charges by Sender.

9. Where the sender of an outgoing parcel desires that such parcel may be delivered to the addressee free of all Foreign Customs Duties and other charges thereon, the following rules shall apply to such parcel :--

- (a.) The parcel shall be posted at a Post Office prescribed by the Postmaster-General for that purpose.
- (b.) There shall be charged and paid on such parcel, in addition to all other postage payable thereon, the amount of the Foreign Customs Duties and of all other charges payable on the delivery of such parcel, and a further rate or fee of sixpence.
- (c.) The sender shall sign an undertaking (in such form as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe) to pay on demand the amount of such Foreign Customs Duties and other charges as aforesaid.
- (d.) The sender shall also, if so required, pay, by way of deposit, at the time of posting the parcel, such sum as the Postmaster-General may prescribe in respect of such Foreign Customs Duties and other charges.

This clause shall apply only to parcels for transmission to countries or places with which the Postmaster-General has for the time being an arrangement for the collection from the senders of Customs and other charges,

#### Treatment of Parcels posted in Letter Boxes.

10. Any outgoing packet transmissible by Parcel Post which from any words or marks thereon, or other external evidence, appears to have been intended for transmission as a parcel, but which has not been tendered for transmission as a parcel but has been posted in a post office letter box, or otherwise than according to the mauner herein-before prescribed for the posting of parcels, may, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, either be detained and returned or given up to the sender, or if the said packet is fully pre-paid with the letter or open packet rate of postage, and otherwise conforms to the regulations as to the letter or open packet post, the same may be forwarded as a letter or open packet (as the case may be).

#### Return and Disposal of Undelivered Parcels.

#### 11. With regard to-

- (a) incoming parcels which are addressed to a post office to be called for, or to a place beyond the limits of the free postal delivery of any town or district, or to a ship at any port, and which are not called for or delivered within such reasonable times as the Postmaster-General may from time to time prescribe; and
- (b) incoming parcels which cannot be delivered for want of a true direction, or by reason that the addressee is dead, or cannot be found, or has refused the same, or has refused or neglected to pay any charges thereon, or for any other sufficient reason;

the following provisions shall (subject to the other provisions of this Warrant) apply, that is to say :---

- (1.) The parcel shall, as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct, be retained at or forthwith forwarded to such place as the Postmaster-General may appoint, and may if necessary be there opened and examined.
- (2.) Where the name and address of the sender can be ascertained from the parcel or any form accompanying the same, notice shall be given to the sender through the post office of the country in which the parcel was posted that the parcel will at his request, in default of any claim on the part of the addressee, be forwarded to a corrected address or returned to him by post, in either case upon the conditions herein-after mentioned.
- (3.) Where the name and address of the sender cannot be ascertained as herein-before mentioned, notice of the nondelivery of the parcel shall be given to the post office of the country in which the parcel was posted,

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- (4.) In either case the notice shall state that, in default of the receipt by the Postmaster-General of instructions as to the disposal of the parcel during a period to be specified in such notice from some person who, in the Postmaster-General's judgment, is entitled to give such instructions, the parcel will be returned to the country in which it was posted.
- (5.) The Postmaster-General may require proof to his satisfaction that an applicant for a parcel is entitled to receive the same.
- (6.) The Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, specify in any such notice or otherwise the periods during which parcels may be returned to the senders thereof, and in so doing may have regard to the origin, nature, and contents of parcels.
- (7.) Where, in the case of a parcel which cannot be delivered for want of a true direction, the sender corrects the address of the parcel, the parcel shall be forwarded to the corrected address, subject to the following conditions :—
  - (a.) Where the corrected address of the parcel is served from the same post office as the original address, no new charge shall be made with respect to the delivery of the parcel.
  - (b.) In any other case there shall be paid a new and distinct rate of postage equal in amount to the rate of postage chargeable for transmission from the original to the corrected address.
- (8.) Where the sender requests a parcel to be returned to him by post, there shall be charged upon such parcel a new and distinct rate of postage, according to the rate fixed by this Warrant.
- (9.) A parcel shall not be given up or returned by post to the sender except upon payment by him of all charges for re-direction or otherwise to which the parcel has become liable under the provisions of this Warrant, or otherwise by the law of this country, or of any foreign country or British possession.
- (10.) Where no application is made for a parcel within the period specified in any such notice as aforesaid, or an applicant fails to prove to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General that he is entitled to receive the parcel, or refuses or fails to pay the charges to which the parcel has become liable under this Warrant, the parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, direct or authorise.

### Express Delivery Fee on Outgoing Parcels.

12. Upon every outgoing parcel addressed to any country or place abroad in which delivery of parcels is effected by special messenger, marked with the words "express delivery" or with

such other words as may indicate the desire of the sender that the parcel may be delivered by special messenger (which words are herein-after referred to as an "express marking") there shall be charged and pre-paid the fee of fivepence.

# Delivery of Incoming Parcel by Special Messenger.

13.—(1.) Any incoming parcel marked with an express marking shall, in the United Kingdom, be conveyed and delivered by special messenger, subject to the regulations and conditions for the time being in force with respect to the conveyance of inland parcels in the United Kingdom.

(2.) No express fee shall be payable by the addressee of such parcel unless and in so far as the sum pre-paid thereon for express delivery of such parcel is less than the express fee payable on an inland parcel.

#### Re-direction.

14.—(1.) Any parcel may be re-directed from its original address, or any substituted address, within the British Islands, to any country or place with which a Parcel Post from the British Islands is established, and in every case of such re-direction there shall be charged on such parcel in respect of such rc-direction a new and distinct rate of postage according to the rates for the time being payable in respect of the transmission of a like parcel from the British Islands to the country or place to which it may be re-directed.

(2.) Any parcel may be re-directed from its original address, or any substituted address within the British Islands, to any other address within the British Islands, and in every case of such re-direction there shall be charged on such parcel in respect of such re-direction, and (if not previously paid) paid by the addressee thereof upon the delivery of such parcel such rate of postage as would in like case be charged upon the parcel were it an inland parcel.

(3.) No parcel re-directed to the British Islands from a place out of the British Islands shall be delivered to the addressee except upon payment of all charges for re-direction or otherwise to which the parcel has become liable by the law of the British Islands, or of any foreign country or British possession.

#### Compensation for Loss or Damage.

15. If any article of pecuniary value, enclosed in or forming part of a parcel, be lost or damaged whilst in the course of conveyance by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, the Postmaster-General may pay to any person, or to the postal administration of any British possession or foreign country, if, in the opinion of the Postmaster-General, such person or administration establishes a reasonable claim to compensation (having regard to the nature of the article, the care with which it was packed, and other circumstances) such sum as he may think just; The Foreign and Colonial Parcel Post Warrant, 1898. 833

Provided that-

- (1.) In the case of an uninsured parcel the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed one pound.
- (2.) In the case of an outgoing insured parcel where in addition to the postage payable in respect of such parcel a compensation fee of the amount specified in the first column of the Third Schedule hereto (and no more) is paid in respect of such parcel, the sum paid by way of compensation shall not exceed the sum specified in the second column of the said Schedule.
- (3.) In the case of an incoming insured parcel the sum paid by way of compensation shall be such a sum, not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds, as, having regard to the amount of the compensation fee in addition to the postage paid in respect of such parcel, may be from time to time fixed by agreement between the Postmaster-General and the British possession or foreign country from which the parcel is transmitted.

16.—(1.) A parcel containing coin or any article of jewellery or any article not for the time being transmissible in an uninsured parcel to or from the country, to which the parcel is addressed or in which it was posted, shall not be conveyed by post unless the same is insured.

(2.) The following regulations shall apply to any such parcel if posted without insurance :--

(i.) If such parcel be received in the British Islands-

- (a.) Such parcel shall be registered, and may be detained for that purpose at any post office.
- (b.) Such parcel shall be charged with a registration fee of fourpence, in addition to all other postage payable thereon.
- (ii.) If such parcel be posted in the British Islands it shall be returned to the sender.
- (iii.) No compensation shall be payable in respect of the loss or damage of such parcel or the contents thereof.

17. The Postmaster-General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss or damage of articles enclosed in or forming part of parcels, out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, but nothing contained in, or done under, or ic pursuance of, this Warrant, shall render him liable, either personally or in his official capacity, to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of, or in consequence of, any such loss or damage, whether such loss or damage be occasioned by or arise from any act or neglect of any officer of the Post Office or any other person. And the decision of the Postmaster-General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss or damage of any article enclosed in or forming part of a parcel shall be final and conclusive.

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#### Prohibitions.

18. There shall not be posted or conveyed or delivered by post any parcel containing any article or thing not authorised by the customs or other laws or regulations of the British Islands, or of the place to which the parcel is addressed, or of any country through which it may pass.

#### Non-compliance with Regulations.

19. In any case not in this Warrant expressly provided for where any parcel shall be posted or tendered for conveyance or transmitted by post, which in any respect infringes or fails to comply with the regulations herein-before contained or any of them, such parcel may be dealt with or disposed of in such manner as the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, direct or authorise.

#### Customs Regulations.

20. Parcels intended to be transmitted by post under the provisions of this Warrant shall not be posted, forwarded, conveyed, or delivered, except subject to such regulations as are referred to in section 14 of the Post Office (Parcels) Act, 1882.\*

### Application of Inland Parcel Regulations.

21. Except where otherwise provided in this Warrant, the regulations for the time being applicable to inland parcels shall (so far as the same are applicable) apply to parcels transmissible by post under the provisions of this Warrant.

#### Remission of Postage.

22. The Postmaster-General may in any case in which he may consider it just or reasonable so to do, remit any postage or any sum made payable under this Warrant.

### Commencement of Warrant.

23. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

#### Date.

Dated this 27th day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

# Stanley,

# W. H. Fisher,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

# Norfolk, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

\* 45 & 46 Vict. c. 74.

#### The First Schedule.

#### Warrants Repealed.

Short Title.	Date.
Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post Warrant, 1897	1897, 18th September.*
Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post (Amendment No. 1) Warrant, 1897.	" 29th October.†
Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post (Amendment No. 2) Warrant, 1897.	" 26th November.‡
Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post (Amendment No. 3) Warrant, 1897.	,, 30th November.§
Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post (Amendment No. 4) Warrant, 1898.	1898, 31st January.
Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post (Amendment No. 5) Warrant, 1898.	,, 20th May.¶
Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post (Amendment No. 8) Warrant, 1898.	"8th August.**
Foreign & Colonial Parcel Post (Amendment No. 7) Warrant, 1898.	" 18th November.††

Printed in Statutory Rules and Orders, 1897, pp. 547-561.
† Printed in Statutory Rules and Orders, 1897, p. 561.
‡ Printed in Statutory Rules and Orders, 1897, p. 562.
§ Printed in Statutory Rules and Orders, 1897, p. 563.
I Statutory Rules and Orders, 1898, No. 574.
¶ Statutory Rules and Orders, 1898, No. 793.

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# The Second Schedule.

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