



SUPPLEMENT

TO

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TREASURY WARRANT.

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 was given to the Lords of the Treasury, by warrant under their hands, to be inserted in the London Gazette (which warrant might be rescinded, varied, or altered, as they should, from time to time, think fit) to direct that letters written on stamped paper, or enclosed in stamped covers, or having a stamp affixed thereto (the stamp in every such case being of the value or amount in such warrant to be expressed, and specially provided for the purpose under the authority of the said Act), should (if within the limitation of weight to be fixed under the provisions of the said Act, and if the stamp should not have been used before) pass by the post free of postage; and also to require, in case the stamp on which any letter should be written, or the stamp on the cover in which it should be enclosed, or to which it should be affixed, should be of less value or amount than in such warrant should be expressed, or should have been used before, such letter should be charged and chargeable with such rate of postage as such warrant should direct; and power was thereby also given to the Lords of the Treasury, to order and direct the Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes, from time to time, to provide proper and sufficient dies or other implements for expressing and denoting the rates or duties which should be directed by

any such warrant as aforesaid, and to give any other orders, and make any other regulations, relative thereto they might deem expedient:

And whereas by a warrant, under the hands of three of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 27th day of December 1839, the said Lords Commissioners, in pursuance of the power or authority in them vested in and by the said Act, fixed and limited a scale of weight of letters to be transmitted by the post, and they thereby subjected such letters, on and after the 10th day of January 1840, to the rates of postage therein contained, and directed, that no letter, exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, should be forwarded by the post between places within the United Kingdom, except in the instances therein specified:

And they ordered and directed, that on all letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom (not being letters sent to or from parts beyond the seas) there should be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one penny; and on all such letters, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, progressive and additional rates of postage (each additional rate being estimated at one penny), according to the scale of weight and number of rates thereinbefore fixed, provided that such postage should be pre-paid at the time of posting such letters, or otherwise there should be charged on such letters a double rate of postage:

And they further directed, that on all letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted