

of votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall in every case be prepaid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper British 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, 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 as to any such packet posted in the East Indies, Ceylon, the Mauritius, and Hong-Kong, the postage thereof shall, in every case, be prepaid either in money or by the proper Colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, at the time of the same being posted.

And we further direct that every such packet shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, and shall contain printed matter only, with the binding thereof, and there shall be no writing or marks upon the cover or envelope thereof, or upon or within any part of the contents thereof, other than the name and address of the person to whom the packet shall be sent, 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 may, in addition to the name and address of the person to whom it shall be sent, have printed or written thereon, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, the words "On Her Majesty's service," and also the name of the department or public office from which the packet shall be forwarded, together with the name of any public officer employed in or belonging to any such department or office who may be authorised to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the Post, as a certificate that they are on the public service.

And in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the Post, we further direct that it shall be lawful for any officer of the Post-office in the United Kingdom 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 from the time at which (or at his option until the despatch of the mail next after that by which) the same ought otherwise to have been forwarded by him.

And we further direct that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the transmission by the Post of any printed papers or other printed publications which are allowed to pass by the Post under the newspaper privilege.

And we 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 present Warrant, between the United Kingdom and the East Indies, shall exceed the weight of three pounds; or if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent, under the provisions of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom and the East Indies or the Mauritius,

shall contain any paper or thing besides a printed book and the binding thereof; or if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent under the provisions of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom and Ceylon or Hong-Kong, shall contain any paper or thing besides a printed book, or printed publication of votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures; or if any packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent under the provisions of this Warrant, shall have any writing or marks upon the same, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, except the name and address of the person to whom it is forwarded, and also as to 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, except the words "On Her Majesty's service," and the name of the department or public office from which the same shall be forwarded, with the name of any public officer employed in or belonging to any such department or office, who may be authorised to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the Post, as a certificate that they are on the public service, or shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall in length, or breadth, or width, or depth, exceed the dimensions of two feet or twenty-four inches; or as to any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent under the provisions of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom and the East Indies or the Mauritius, shall contain more than one printed book, or shall contain any printed book, the several sheets, or parts of which when more than one, shall not be sewed or bound together; or as to any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent, under the provisions of this Warrant, between the United Kingdom and Ceylon or Hong-Kong, shall contain more than one printed book, or printed publication of votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, or shall contain any printed book, or printed publication of votes or proceedings, the several sheets, or parts of which when more than one, shall not be sewed or bound together; or if the postage of any such packet, posted in the United Kingdom, shall not be duly and properly pre-paid by British stamps, when posted (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 shall be charged in such account only excepted), or if the postage of any such packet, posted in the East Indies, Ceylon, the Mauritius, or Hong-Kong, shall not be duly and properly pre-paid in money, or by colonial stamps, when posted, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, 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 any such packet, on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

And we further 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, nor to any packets sent by private ships.

And we further direct that the terms, "printed books" and "printed book" used in this Warrant,