

## TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act 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 or Inland postage, payable by law, on the transmission by the post of Foreign or Colonial letters, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by an Act passed in the 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."

And whereas it is expedient to alter the rates of postage on the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, 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 that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Mersinâ, Alexandretta, Latakia, Tripoli (in Syria), or Jaffa, or posted at Mersinâ, Alexandretta, Latakia, Tripoli (in Syria), or Jaffa, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and Mersinâ, Alexandretta, Latakia, Tripoli (in Syria), or Jaffa, viâ France (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by French packet-boats), there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, an uniform British rate of postage of two pence.

And we direct that on every letter transmitted as is hereinbefore mentioned exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say) :—

On every letter exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding three-quarters of an ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding three-quarters of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every quarter of an ounce in weight above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and every fraction of a quarter of an ounce above the weight of one ounce, shall be charged as an additional quarter of an ounce, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under the provisions hereinbefore contained, if not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight.

And we do further order and direct that nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign

of Her present Majesty, nor to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the East India Company, 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, nor to annul, prejudice, or affect any privileges under which printed newspapers, or other printed papers, are now allowed to pass by the post, or to repeal, alter, or affect the provisions of a certain Warrant under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 17th day of May 1854, as to certain letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea.

And we do further order and direct that 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.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare and direct that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter any of the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other regulations in lieu thereof.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the fourteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

*Alfred Hervey.*  
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WHITEHALL, February 14, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters-patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland unto Samuel Morton Peto, of Somerleyton-hall, in the county of Suffolk, and of Kensington Palace-gardens, in the county of Middlesex, Esq., and to the heirs-male of his body lawfully begotten.

WHITEHALL, February 14, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to grant the office of Her Majesty's Solicitor-General for Scotland, to Edward Francis Maitland, Esq., Advocate, in the room of Thomas Mackenzie, Esq., appointed one of the Lords of Session in Scotland.

WHITEHALL, February 14, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint George Stone, gent. to be Lieutenant in the Artillery Company of London, for the term of five years from the date hereof.

DOWNING-STREET, February 14, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint E. E. Rushworth, Esq., to be President and Senior Member of the Council of the Island of Montserrat; William Henry Doyle, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Bahama Islands; and Charles Augustus Berkeley, Esq., to be a Member of the Council of the Island of Saint Vincent.

ST JAMES'S PALACE, February 13, 1855.

The Duke of Cambridge has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Tyrwhitt, Scots Fusilier Guards, and Major Henry Clifton, to be His Royal Highness' Equerries.