

there shall be charged and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows, (that is to say):—

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

On every letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every letter exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage, and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces shall be charged as one additional 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 this Warrant, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

5. And we do further order and direct that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by or under the said recited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

6. And we do further order and direct that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to repeal, alter, or affect three certain Warrants, respectively under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 23d day of November 1852, the 15th day of March 1854, and the 31st day of March 1855, or any or either of them, or any of the rates of postage thereby respectively fixed and established.

7. And we do further order and direct that every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, sent from or to any commissioned or non-commissioned officer, serjeant, corporal, drummer, trumpeter, fifer, or private soldier in Her Majesty's regular forces, artillery, or royal marines, or from or to any commissioned or warrant officer, midshipman, master's mate, or seaman in Her Majesty's navy, or any of Her Majesty's ships, transmitted by the post between any of the British hospitals at or near Smyrna or the Dardanelles, and any ports or places in Turkey or the Black Sea (the sea conveyance being by French packet-boat), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, a rate of twopence (which shall include any Foreign packet postage that may be payable thereon).

8. And we do further order and direct that on every letter transmitted as is lastly hereinbefore mentioned, exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in lieu of any rate of postage now payable by law on such 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 of twopence.

9. And we do further order and direct that the term "by the post" used in the said recited Warrant of the 19th day of September 1855, shall, so far as respects the conveyance of letters sent between Malta, Gibraltar, or the Ionian Islands, and Her Majesty's Colonies and Possessions in the East Indies or the Chinese Sea, without passing through the United Kingdom, include the conveyance through Egypt, but all letters sent between any of Her Majesty's Colonies and any port or place in Egypt, or between Her Majesty's Colonies and any Foreign country through Egypt, without passing through the United Kingdom, shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if the said Warrant of the 19th day of September 1855 had not been signed.

10. And we do further order, direct, and consent, that printed British Newspapers and printed Colonial and Foreign Newspapers posted in any of Her Majesty's Colonies mentioned in the Schedule to this Warrant annexed, addressed to the United Kingdom, may be sent by the post to the United Kingdom at a rate of one penny each, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable thereon.

11. And we further order, direct, and consent that all such printed newspapers shall be sent by the post in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions hereinafter contained; that is to say:—

1. Every such newspaper shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the sides.

2. There shall be no word or communication printed on any such newspaper after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, other than and except the name and address of the person to whom sent; but the name and address of the publisher, news-vender or agent by whom the same is sent may be printed on the cover of any such newspaper.

3. There shall be no paper or thing enclosed in or with any such newspaper.

4. Every such newspaper shall be put into the post-office at such hours in the day, and under all such regulations as the Postmaster-General may appoint, including therein the payment of postage when put into the post-office, if the Postmaster-General shall so require.

12. And we do further order, direct, and consent that Her Majesty's Postmaster-General shall and may charge all or any newspapers sent by the post from the Colonies mentioned in the said schedule, to the United Kingdom, otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations established by this present Warrant, with such rates or rate of postage not exceeding in amount such rates or rate as would be chargeable upon the same as letters or a letter, as to him shall seem fit.

13. And we do further order, direct, and consent that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any newspapers sent through