

## FOREIGN-OFFICE, May 30, 1856.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Richard Levinge-Swift, Esq. now Her Majesty's Consul at Buffalo, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Riga.

## FOREIGN-OFFICE, June 5, 1856.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Julian B. Williams, Esq. now British Vice-Consul at Seville, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Seville.

## DOWNING-STREET, June 11, 1856.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Samuel Chipman, Esq. to be Financial Secretary for the Province of Nova Scotia.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,  
June 11, 1856.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul at Naples, reporting that the export duty on Neapolitan oils has been reduced to £5 1s. 4d. per Imperial tun.

## 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 or newspapers, or any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant.

And whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the Post of the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested, in and by the said Act, 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 half an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Egypt, or posted in Egypt, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the Post between any place in the United Kingdom and Egypt, (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Egypt being via Marseilles by British packet-boat between that port and Egypt, or via Southampton by British packet-boat direct, or via Malta,) there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of sixpence.

And we direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to Egypt, and transmitted by the Post between Egypt and any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or any Foreign Country through the United Kingdom, (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Egypt being via Marseilles by British packet-boat between that port and Egypt, or via Southampton by British packet-boat direct, or via Malta,) there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any

rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of British postage following (that is to say) ;

For the conveyance of every such letter between Egypt and any part of the United Kingdom a rate of sixpence ; and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and the Colony or Foreign Country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a farther or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such Colony or Foreign Country.

And we further direct that on every letter transmitted, as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of British postage, as follows ; that is to say :

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

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

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

And on every such 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.

And we further direct that in all cases in which any letter, in respect of which any rate of postage is chargeable by this Warrant, shall pass through France, any Foreign postage payable thereon shall be charged and paid thereon in addition to the British postage.

And we further direct that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by or under the said recited Act, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post-office, and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

And we further direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Provided, lastly, and we hereby declare and direct, that the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant duly made, at any time hereafter alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed, or the regulations hereby made, and make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the 6th day of June 1856.

H. BRAND.  
DUNCAN.