

United Kingdom and Penang, Singapore, Hong-Kong, or China, there shall be charged and taken a uniform British rate of one shilling.

2. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Penang, Singapore, Hong-Kong, or China, and any of Her Majesty's Colonies or any Foreign country, through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken a uniform British rate of one shilling for the conveyance of every such letter between Penang, Singapore, Hong-Kong, or China, and any part of the United Kingdom; 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 further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, 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, provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted from the said rate of one shilling the sum of one penny, in respect of the inland conveyance, under this clause, of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

3. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to Penang, Singapore, Hong-Kong, or China, transmitted by the post between Penang, Singapore, Hong-Kong, or China, and any of Her Majesty's Australian Colonies or New Zealand, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken a uniform British rate of one shilling.

4. 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 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.

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 an 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. On any letters posted under this Warrant addressed to China, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted; and if not, every such letter shall be detained and opened, and shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

6. On every letter posted under this Warrant addressed to Penang, Singapore, or Hong-Kong,

the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted; and if any such letter shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of one shilling; and if any such letter shall be posted, having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable under the regulations in force relating thereto, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto, and the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of one shilling.

7. Any letter which, under the regulations of this Warrant, shall be forwarded through France, shall be chargeable, in addition to the British postage, to any French transit rate which may be chargeable thereon.

8. The rates of postage chargeable on letters and packets under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon.

9. All letters transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage respectively contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, bearing date the 19th day of February 1855, relating to redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post.

10. Nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise alter, prejudice, or affect the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, nor in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which officers, seamen, and soldiers, employed in Her Majesty's Service now by law enjoy, of sending and receiving letters by the post, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

11. The British postage payable under or by virtue of this Warrant shall include any British colonial postage that may be payable.

12. The term "weight," used in this Warrant, shall mean British weight, and the term "by the post," shall include the conveyance through Egypt; and the several other 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.

13. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, or the hands of any two of them, at any time hereafter alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the second day of August one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

PALMERSTON.

WILLIAM DUNBAR.