

of the sender thereof, and a manufacturer's or trade mark, and number and price of the pattern or sample; and every such manufacturer's or trade mark, number, and price, shall be written or printed on labels attached to such patterns or samples, or to the bags or boxes containing the same, and not on loose pieces of paper or other material;

All such packets shall be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination, nevertheless samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers may be enclosed in boxes, or in bags of linen, paper, or other material, which shall be tied with a string, or otherwise fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened, and closed bags if transparent may be used for this purpose;

No article which might injure the contents of the mail bags, or the persons of the officers of the Post-office, shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, nevertheless any packet containing any razors, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal tubing, or ore, or such like, shall and may (notwithstanding anything in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury bearing date the 28th day of November 1844 contained to the contrary,) be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein-mentioned and contained relating thereto; provided that every such article or instrument so contained in any such packet shall be securely packed and guarded, and every such packet shall not only conform in every respect to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein contained, but the same shall also furnish sufficient protection against injury to officers of the Post-office, and to the contents of the mail bags, while, at the same time, the patterns or samples may be easily examined; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorise the transmission by the post of any packet containing any explosive or other dangerous material or substance.

20. If any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations applicable thereto established by or under the 16th, 18th, and 19th clauses of this Warrant, 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 detained and opened, and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

21. In order to prevent any obstacle to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, any officer of the Post-office may 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 after the time at which the same ought to be despatched in due course of the post, or, at his option, until the despatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

22. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise whether any packet, or anything

contained therein, transmitted under or by virtue of this Warrant, is entitled to the privileges of this Warrant, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning thereof, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive on all parties.

23. All letters, printed newspapers, and other printed papers, transmitted by the post from or to Portugal, Madeira, the Azores, or the Portuguese possessions on the West Coast of Africa, or from any of Her Majesty's Colonies or Foreign Countries beyond sea by British packet-boat, without passing through the United Kingdom, and all letters, printed newspapers, and other printed papers, transmitted by the post from or to Portugal, and conveyed by British packet-boat between Gibraltar and the Mediterranean or the East Indies, or other places to the eastward of Suez, shall be charged and chargeable with the following rates of postage, that is to say:—with a rate of postage of 360 reis Portuguese currency for every British ounce weight of letters so transmitted, and with a rate of postage of 100 reis Portuguese currency for every British pound weight of printed newspapers or other printed papers so transmitted.

24. The term "printed papers," when used in this Warrant, shall mean, comprise, and include periodical works other than newspapers, books stitched or bound, prices current, sheets of music, maps, catalogues, prospectuses, announcements, and any other kind of printed papers, as also engravings, lithographs, and photographs on paper, parchment, or vellum, and also, when contained in any packet consisting of unbound proof sheets only, any ordinary corrections in writing of such unbound proof sheets; but shall not mean, comprise, or include any photographs, drawings, prints, or other articles which may be obviously of an obscene character; 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 recited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. ninety-six.

25. The rates of postage fixed by this present Warrant on the letters and packets transmitted as herein respectively mentioned, shall be in lieu of any rates now chargeable thereon under a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury bearing date the 14th day of June 1859, and the same, together with such last-mentioned Warrant, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

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

27. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the twenty-third day of July one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

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