

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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 postage or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or of 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 from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, 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 reduce the rates of postage now chargeable upon certain letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Prince Edward Island, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament respectively, and each 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, declare, and direct as follows; that is to say:—

1. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Prince Edward Island, or posted in Prince Edward Island addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Prince Edward Island by British packet-boat or by private ship, and without passing through a foreign country, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and Colonial combined) of threepence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, or in any foreign country, addressed to Prince Edward Island, or posted in Prince Edward Island addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, and transmitted by the post between any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country and Prince Edward Island, through the United Kingdom, the said letter being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Prince Edward Island by British packet-boat or by private ship, and without passing through a foreign country, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof respectively, between the United Kingdom and Prince Edward Island, an uniform rate of postage (British and Colonial combined) of twopence.

3. On every such letter so transmitted as hereinbefore mentioned between the United Kingdom and Prince Edward Island, exceeding one half of

an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every such letter exceeding one half of an ounce and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage.

And on every such letter exceeding one ounce and not exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

And on every such letter exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every additional half of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of an ounce in weight shall be charged as an additional half of an ounce in weight, 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 one half of an ounce in weight.

4. On every letter transmitted by the post between any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country and Prince Edward Island, through the United Kingdom, the said letter being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Prince Edward Island by British packet-boat or by private ship, and without passing through a foreign country, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, over and above the uniform rates of postage payable thereupon under the provisions of this Warrant hereinbefore contained for the transmission thereof between the United Kingdom and Prince Edward Island, such further or additional rates of postage for the conveyance of every such letter between the British colony or foreign country from or to which the same shall be forwarded and the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival or departure of the packet-boat or private ship conveying the same between such colony or foreign country and the United Kingdom as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted in or addressed to such colony or foreign country, and transmitted to or from such port of arrival or departure in the United Kingdom.

5. The postage of every letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Prince Edward Island, or posted in Prince Edward Island addressed to the United Kingdom, shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, but if any such letter shall be posted for transmission by the post under the authority of this Warrant, without any postage having been paid thereon, or with a postage paid thereon less in amount than the rate or rates of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such letter shall be charged with the deficient postage, together with a further and additional rate of postage of threepence.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any letters posted in or addressed to France, or to any letters transmitted through France otherwise than in closed mails, nor in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by or under the