

whereas by a warrant under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 31st day of December 1841, the said Commissioners did, in exercise of the power for such purpose vested in them by the said recited Act, amongst other things direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by packet boat between any ports or places on the western coast of South America (in addition to any other rates payable under the said warrant, for the transmission by packet boat to or from the northern or eastern coast of the Isthmus of Panama), there should be charged and taken a packet rate of one shilling; and by the said warrant, progressive and additional rates were made chargeable on such letters as aforesaid, if exceeding half an ounce in weight. Now we, the undersigned, being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in further exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested, in and by the said recited Act, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf by this warrant under our hands, order and direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted direct by British packet boat between any port in Spain, and any port in Madeira, the Canary Islands, or the Azores (without passing through the United Kingdom), there shall be charged and taken a packet rate of one shilling; and on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted direct by British packet boat, between any port in Spain, and any port (whether British or foreign) in the West Indies, or on the northern or eastern coast of the Isthmus of Panama, or elsewhere on the eastern coast of north or south America (without passing through the United Kingdom), there shall be charged and taken a packet rate of two shillings.

And we further direct, that if any letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, so transmitted as aforesaid, between Spain and any port or place on the northern or eastern coast of the Isthmus of Panama, or eastern coast of North or South America, shall be also transmitted by packet boat between any ports or places on the western coast of South America, there shall be charged and taken thereon (in addition to the said packet rate of two shillings hereby made payable), the western coast packet rate of one shilling, payable on such letters under the said recited warrant.

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 and taken progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates in the said Act contained as to letters, estimating and charging each additional rate 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 the Postmaster General may in his discretion cause the postage of any letters transmitted as is mentioned in this warrant to be paid on being put into the post office, or on being delivered to an officer of the post office, to be forwarded by the post.

And we further direct, that nothing contained in this warrant shall be deemed or construed, to annul, prejudice or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, or by an Act

made, and passed in the first year of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the management of the Post Office," and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

And whereas by the said Act it is enacted that the Postmaster General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, may allow colonial newspapers to pass by the post between places within any of her Majesty's colonies, or by packet boat or private ship from one colony to another colony, whether through the United Kingdom or not; and also allow foreign newspapers to pass through the United Kingdom, either to Her Majesty's colonies or from one foreign country to another foreign country, by packet boat or private ship; and also allow British newspapers to be sent to the colonies through a foreign country, and colonial newspapers to be sent through a foreign country to the United Kingdom free of postage, or subject to such rates of postage, and under all such regulations and restrictions as the Postmaster General, with such consent as aforesaid, may think fit.

And whereas by a warrant under the hands of three of the Commissioners of the Treasury, dated the 31st day of August now last, the said Commissioners did direct the several rates of postage therein mentioned to be charged and paid on printed newspapers conveyed between the several places therein named, and did also direct that all printed colonial newspapers might be conveyed between any of Her Majesty's colonies by packet boat free of postage, and by private ships at a sea rate of one penny each.

Now we, the undersigned, in further exercise of the several powers and authorities vested in us by the said Act, do hereby direct that on every printed newspaper (whether British, colonial, or foreign), conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between any port in Her Majesty's colonies, and any foreign port, and on every printed newspaper (whether British, colonial, or foreign), conveyed direct by packet boat between one foreign port and any other foreign port (but without in either case passing through the United Kingdom, and where such rate as after mentioned has not been already fixed for the conveyance of such newspaper by the said warrant of the 31st day of August last), there shall be charged and paid a sea postage of two pence, provided that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or affect the right to send printed colonial newspapers by packet boat between any of Her Majesty's colonies free of postage, and by private ships at a sea rate of one penny each as before mentioned.

And we further direct, that no printed newspapers shall be conveyed by packet boat or private ship at the rate of postage herein set forth, unless the same shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the sides, and there be no word or communication printed on the paper after its publication, or upon the cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon it, or upon the cover of it, except the name and address of the person to whom sent, nor any paper or thing enclosed in or with any such paper.

And we further direct, that the terms and expressions used in this present warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said recited Act.