

the said Act; and further, that on every letter transmitted, as is mentioned in such warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there should 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 the said warrant, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight; and power was thereby reserved to the Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands, at any time thereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates thereby altered, or the regulations thereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and, from time to time, to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas, in consequence of a communication opened with the Post Office of Oldenburg, it is considered expedient to alter the rates of postage payable under the said Act, on letters conveyed by packet boat or private ship, between the United Kingdom and Oldenburg, either direct or via the territories of Hamburg, Hanover, and Bremen, or any of them; and also the rates payable under the said warrant on letters posted in or addressed to Oldenburg, conveyed by packet boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and Oldenburg direct, or via the territories of Hamburg, Hanover, and Bremen, or any of them, and passing through the United Kingdom to or from the British colonies or Foreign countries.

Now we, the undersigned, being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said recited Act and warrant, direct, that, on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to the Duchy of Oldenburg, transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and Oldenburg, conveyed between the United Kingdom and Oldenburg direct by packet boat or private ship, or via the territories of Hamburg, Hanover, and Bremen, or any of them (conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and the territories of Hamburg, Hanover, and Bremen, or any of them), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of the rates of postage payable on such letters under the said Act, an uniform rate of British postage of six pence; and that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to the Duchy of Oldenburg, transmitted by the post between Oldenburg and any of the British colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (conveyed by packet boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and Oldenburg direct, or via the territories of Hamburg, Hanover, and Bremen, or any of them), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of the rates of postage payable on such letters under the said recited warrant, an uniform rate of British postage of six pence for the conveyance of every such letter between Oldenburg and any part of the United

Kingdom, and also such a further or additional rate of British postage 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, 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 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 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 nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any post letters passing between the United Kingdom and the Principality of Birkenfeld, or the possessions of the Duchy of Oldenburg, in Holstein.

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 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 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 Act.

And we further direct, that this warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of January 1843.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and, from time to time, to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury-chambers, the 2d day of December. 1842.

HENRY GOULBURN.  
J. MILNES GASKELL.  
ALEX. PRINGLE.