

IN THE EXCHEQUER OF PLEAS:

*Michaelmas Term.—Eighth Victoria.**Monday the 25th day of November 1844.*

This Court will, on Tuesday the 10th day of December next, at ten in the morning, hold a Sitting, for the purpose of giving judgment in Cases pending in the New Trial and Special Papers, and also to give judgment in all motions for Rules Nisi for New Trials, or otherwise, in which judgment has not yet been given.

By the Court.

Read in open Court, the 25th November 1844,
Saml. Dare, Master.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act 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 it is provided that the power thereby given should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage:

And whereas, in consequence of a communication opened with the post office of Belgium, it is considered expedient to alter the rates of postage payable on letters conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between that country and the United Kingdom:

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 of all other powers and authorities enabling us in this behalf, direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Belgium (conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium direct by packet boat or private ship), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage of eight pence.

And we direct, that it shall be optional for the sender of any such letter as hereinbefore is mentioned posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Belgium (registered letters excepted), to allow the whole of the postage thereof, British and foreign, to be charged to the receiver of the letter in Belgium, or to prepay all such postage at the

time of posting the letter; but such sender shall not have the option of paying the British postage thereof only, and leaving the foreign postage to be paid in Belgium.

And we direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's colonies, or foreign countries, through Belgium (conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium direct by packet boat or private ship), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters for the conveyance thereof between Belgium and the United Kingdom, an uniform rate of British postage of eight pence for such conveyance.

And we direct, that the Postmaster-General may require the British postage, and also (if he shall so think fit) the foreign postage, from time to time payable on the letters lastly hereinbefore mentioned to be paid on the same being put into the post office.

And we direct, that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Belgium or any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, via Belgium, and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom, conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and Belgium, there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage of eight pence for the conveyance of every such letter between Belgium 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 direct, that it shall be optional for the sender of any such letter as lastly hereinbefore mentioned, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, where posts have been or shall be established by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, addressed to Belgium (registered letters excepted), to allow the whole of the postage thereof, colonial, British, and foreign to be charged to the receiver of the letter in Belgium, or to prepay all such postage at the time of posting the letter; but such sender shall not have the option of paying the colonial and British postage thereof only, and leaving the foreign postage to be paid in Belgium.

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