

being by packet boat), there shall be charged and paid one uniform rate of postage of one penny, in addition to any rate of transit postage payable in respect of such newspaper, so far as the same shall be forwarded by land through Egypt or any other foreign country.

And we hereby further order and direct, that on every printed newspaper (whether British, colonial, or foreign) conveyed by the post between any of Her Majesty's colonies or possessions in the Mediterranean, and any port or place in China or the Phillipine Islands, and whether the sea communication shall be by packet boat or private ship, there shall be paid one uniform rate of sea postage of two pence; and if the same shall be also conveyed by land, any foreign rate of postage payable in respect of such newspaper, so far as the same shall be conveyed by land, shall be payable thereon in addition to the said rate of two pence.

And we hereby further order and direct, that on all printed pamphlets or publications, printed within the United Kingdom and sent by the post between any places within British North America, or within the British West Indies, or between any place in British North America and any place in British West Indies, there shall be charged and paid, in lieu of all other inland colonial rates of postage now payable in respect thereof, a colonial inland rate of one penny for every ounce weight thereof; and every fraction of an ounce shall be charged as one ounce.

And we further direct, that no such pamphlet or publication, exceeding the weight of sixteen ounces, shall be forwarded by the post.

Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall repeal or alter, or be construed to repeal or alter, the rate of postage fixed by a certain warrant, bearing date the eleventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, on printed pamphlets and publications printed within the United Kingdom or British North America or the British West Indies, and forwarded (whether by post or not) between the United Kingdom and British North America or the British West Indies.

And whereas by the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, seamen and soldiers, while actually employed in Her Majesty's service, and soldiers, while actually employed in the service of the East India Company, are empowered to send and receive letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, by the post, on their own private concerns, at a postage of one penny for each letter, under and subject to the regulations, restrictions, and conditions therein mentioned; and by the said Act such privileged persons are empowered to send and receive letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, by private ships, between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas, on their own private concerns, at a like postage for each letter, subject to the like conditions and regulations, in all respects, as were thereinbefore mentioned in respect of letters sent and received by such privileged persons by the post, but so that whenever the letters sent or re-

ceived by any such privileged persons should be conveyed, or intended to be conveyed, by private ships, the gratuities payable by law to the masters of such vessels, in respect of such letters, should, in all cases, be paid to the post-office in addition to such postage:

And whereas by a warrant, dated the twenty-eighth day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the like privilege of sending and receiving letters by the post are extended to seamen, while actually employed in the service of the said East India Company; and such privilege as aforesaid of sending and receiving letters by private ships, between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas, or between places beyond the seas, is also extended to such seamen as last aforesaid:

Now we, the undersigned, in exercise of all powers and authorities enabling us in this behalf, do hereby order and direct, that any such privileged person as is named in the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, and also every seaman employed abroad in the service of the East India Company, whilst actually employed in the service of such Company, may both send and receive letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, by private ships, between any two of Her Majesty's colonies, whether through the United Kingdom or not, on their own private concerns, in like manner as the privileged persons mentioned in the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, are authorized to send and receive letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, on their own private concerns, between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas, provided, that whenever the letters sent or received by any such persons privileged under this warrant shall be conveyed, or intended to be conveyed, by private ships, the gratuities payable by law to the masters of such vessels, in respect of such letters, shall in all cases be paid to the post-office in addition to such postage.

And whereas by the said warrant, of the twenty-eighth day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, it was directed, that in all cases in which a letter, addressed to any commissioned officer of the army, navy, or ordnance, or any of the departments belonging thereto respectively, employed on actual service in any of Her Majesty's colonies, or on any foreign station, should be forwarded by the post, and before the delivery of such letter at the place of its address, the officer to whom it should be addressed should, in the execution of his duty, have removed from that place to any other place (whether at home or abroad), the letter should be forwarded to the latter place, and should not be charged with more than the postage which would have been payable for the letter in case the same had been delivered at the place to which it was originally addressed:

Now we do hereby further direct, that the said last-mentioned clause shall not extend, nor be deemed or construed to extend, to any letter sent