

between any place within the United Kingdom and the Cape de Verde Islands, in the Atlantic, there shall be charged and taken a rate of packet postage of one shilling and eight pence, and also a rate of inland postage of two pence for the distance any such letter may be conveyed by the post beyond the port of arrival or dispatch within the United Kingdom.

Third. And inasmuch as, by the said first-mentioned Act, it is provided, that it shall in all cases be optional with the parties sending any letters by the post to forward the same free of postage, by means of a proper stamp or stamps thereon or affixed thereto, in manner thereinbefore provided, or to forward the same in like manner as the same might otherwise have been forwarded under that Act; but, nevertheless, in case any letters, addressed to places out of the United Kingdom, should have thereon or affixed thereto any stamp or stamps being less in amount or value than the rates of postage to which such letters would be liable under the said Act, such letters, if the postage thereon should be required by the Postmaster General under the provisions of the said Act to be paid when posted, should not in any case be forwarded by the post, but should, so far as might be practicable, be returned to the senders thereof through the Dead Letter Office; and if the postage on such letters should not be so required to be paid when posted, the same might be forwarded charged with such postage as if no stamp had been thereon or affixed thereto; now we hereby order and direct, that in case any letters, addressed to places out of the United Kingdom, shall have thereon or affixed thereto any stamp or stamps being less in amount or value than the rates of postage to which such letters would be liable by law, and if the postage on such letters be not required by the Postmaster General to be paid when posted, then, in lieu of the same being forwarded charged with such postage as if no stamp had been thereon or affixed thereto as in the said Act provided, the same shall and may be forwarded charged with such amount of postage as shall be equal to the difference between the value of the stamp or stamps thereon or affixed thereto and the postage to which the same would be liable if no stamp had been thereon or affixed thereto, but the provisions made by the said last-recited enactment shall in no other respects be hereby altered or varied.

Fourth. And we hereby further order and direct, that on all letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by packet boat between any port or place in the British West Indies and the island of Madeira, passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of British postage of one shilling.

Fifth. 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 paid progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates following (that is to say):

On every such letter, exceeding half an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such letter, exceeding three ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight, above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as one additional ounce.

Sixth. And we further direct, that all printed votes and proceedings of Parliament may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and the cities of Hamburgh, Bremen, or Lubeck, at the rates and subject to the conditions following (that is to say):

On all such votes or proceedings of Parliament, if not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of British postage of one penny.

If exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, one uniform rate of British postage of six pence.

If exceeding three ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, one uniform rate of British postage of eight pence.

And for every additional ounce in weight, above the weight of four ounces, and up to and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight (the limit of weight beyond which such Parliamentary proceedings are not to be forwarded by the post under the provisions of this warrant), there shall be charged and paid an additional rate of two pence.

And for any lesser weight than two ounces, there shall be charged as for two ounces.

Provided that all such votes or proceedings of Parliament, sent by the post between the United Kingdom and the city of Hamburgh, be transmitted direct by packet boat or private ship; and that all such votes or proceedings of Parliament, sent by the post between the United Kingdom and the city of Bremen, be transmitted by packet boat or private ship direct or via Cuxhaven, or some port or place within the territories of Hanover; and that all such votes or proceedings of Parliament, sent by the post between the United Kingdom and the city of Lubeck, be transmitted by packet boat or private ship direct or via Hamburgh.

Seventh. And we further direct, that no printed votes or proceedings of Parliament shall be conveyed by the post under the regulations of this present warrant, unless the same shall be sent without a cover or in a cover open at the sides,