

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having certified to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in pursuance of the Act, 10th Geo. 4th, c. 27, sec. 1, that the actual expenditure of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland exceeded the actual revenue thereof, for the year ended the 5th day of January 1849, by the sum of seven hundred and ninety-six thousand four hundred and nineteen pounds fourteen shillings and six pence;

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt hereby give notice, that no sum will be applied by them on account of the Sinking Fund, under the provisions of the said Act, between the 7th day of April 1849 and the 5th day of July 1849.

National Debt Office, April 3, 1849.

S. Higham, Comptroller-General.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the Duties of Postage," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time, and at any time after the passing of that Act, 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 weights 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 by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage should extend to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas by an Act passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the better regulation of Colonial Posts," power is given to the said Commissioners from time to time by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of Colonial postage payable by law for the transmission of letters by the post, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof in like manner as in the said first-mentioned Act is enacted in respect of British or Inland postage on Foreign or Colonial letters, and the power by the said last-mentioned Act given to alter and fix rates of postage, is declared to extend to any increase or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas by a Warrant under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 8th day of March last, certain Packet and Inland rates of postage were fixed on letters transmitted by British packet-boats between a port in the United Kingdom and a port in British North America.

And whereas it is expedient that such rates should be repealed and that other rates should be established in lieu thereof.

Now, we the undersigned being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do in exercise of a power for this purpose, reserved to us in and by the said Warrant and of all other powers, enabling us in this behalf, by this Warrant under our hands, repeal, annul, and make void, so much of the said Warrant of the 8th day of March last, as relates to letters transmitted between a

port in the United Kingdom and a port in British North America, and the packet and inland rates of postage thereby fixed on such letters.

And we the said Commissioners do, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said recited Acts, and in and by the said Warrant, and of all other powers and authorities, enabling us in this behalf order and direct,—

That on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom, and any port or place in Her Majesty's provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, in British North America, the sea conveyance being by British packet-boats, there shall be charged and taken (in lieu of any rates of British or Colonial postage now payable by law on such letters) an uniform British rate of tenpence, and an uniform Colonial rate of twopence.

And that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any port in Newfoundland, the sea-conveyance being by British packet-boats, there shall be charged and taken (in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters) an uniform British rate of one shilling.

And we direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island or Newfoundland, land, and any of Her Majesty's Colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (conveyed by British packet-boats between the United Kingdom and Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, or Newfoundland,) there shall be charged and taken (in lieu of any rates of British or Colonial postage, now payable by law on such letters,) the rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, (that is to say,) on every such letter posted in, or addressed to, any port or place in Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, an uniform British rate of tenpence, and an uniform Colonial rate of twopence, for the conveyance of every such letter between the United Kingdom and any port or place in Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island. And on every such letter posted in or addressed to Newfoundland, an uniform British rate of one shilling for the conveyance of every such letter between the United Kingdom and Newfoundland. And on every such respective letter hereinafter in this clause mentioned, there shall be charged and taken, over and above any British or Colonial rates of postage, 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, on every letter transmitted, as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive, and additional rates of postage as follows, (that is to say,)

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