his option until the despatch of the mail next after that by which) the same ought otherwise to have been forwarded by him; and it shall be lawful for any officer of the Post-office in the aforesaid colonies to delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this warrant for the space of seven days from the time at which (or at his option until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which) the same ought otherwise to have been forwarded by him.

And we further direct that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the transmission by the post of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or of printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, nor of printed papers or other printed publications which are allowed to pass by the post under the newspaper privilege.

And we further order and direct, that if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this present warrant, shall contain any paper or thing besides a printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, and the binding thereof, or shall have any writing or marks upon the same, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, except the name and address of the person to whom it is forwarded, or shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall in length or breadth, or width or depth, exceed the dimensions of two feet, or twenty-four inches, or shall contain more than one printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, or shall contain any printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall not be sewed or bound together, or if the postage of any such packet posted in the United Kingdom, shall not be duly and properly prepaid by stamps when posted, or if the postage of any such packet posted in any of the aforesaid colonies shall not be duly and properly prepaid in money when posted, the same shall and may be detained and opened and at the option of the Postmaster-General shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination, and any such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

And we further direct, that printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures may be sent between the United Kingdom and the East Indies or Hong-Kong, by Her Majesty's Mediterranean packet-boats, viâ Southampton and Syria or Egypt, at the several rates of British postage fixed by the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty on printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament sent to Her Majesty's colonies by packet-boat, and on printed votes, and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures sent to the United Kingdom from the colonies by packet-boat, but such respective votes and proceedings shall be subject to all the regulations, conditions, and penalties, prescribed by the said last-mentioned Act, in respect of printed papers sent by the Post.

And we further direct, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any packets sent through France, or any other foreign country to which a transit rate of postage would be payable thereon, nor to any packets sent by private ships.

· And we further order and direct, that the term

"British West Indies" used in this warrant shall include the Bermudas, the Bahamas, and other British Islands, commonly called the West Indies, as also the colonies of British Guiana and Honduras, and their respective dependencies; and that the term "by the post," used in this warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by packet-boat; and that the several other terms and expressions used in this warrant, shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects, as they would have had if inserted in the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

And we further direct, that this warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March one

thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

Provided lastly, and we do hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed or 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 nineteenth day of December 1850.

W. Gibson Craig. C. Wood.

In the Matter of certain Letters Patent granted to John Gordon Campbell, of the city of Glasgow, in the county of Lanark, Merchant, and John Gibson, of the same city and county, Throwster, sealed at Edinburgh, the 20th day of May 1837, for "A new or improved Process or Manufacture of Silk, and Silk in combination with certain other fibrous substances;" and of a certain Disclaimer and Memorandum of Alteration therein, bearing date the 26th day of January 1814.

OTICE is hereby given, that under and by virtue, and in pursuance, of an Act made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the 5th and 6th years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to amend the law touching Letters Patent for inventions," and of another Act made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for amending an Act passed in the 4th year of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled 'An Act for the better administration of justice in His Majesty's Privy Council, and to extend its jurisdiction and powers." a petition will be presented to Her Majesty in Council by and on behalf of the said John Gibson and of Charles Campbell, of the city of Glasgow, Merchant and Silk Spinner, praying Her Majesty to grant a prolongation of the term of the said letters patent; and notice is hereby further given, that an application will be made to the Right Honourable the Lords of the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on the 10th day of February next, or on the then next day of sitting of the said Committee, to fix an early day for the hearing of the matters contained in the said Petition, and any person desirous of being heard in opposition to the prayer of the said Petition, must enter a caveat to that effect in the Privy Council Office, on or before the said 10th day of February next.

Evans and Clode, No. 2, Grays-inn-square, Agents for the Petitioners.