

shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, in which case the same may, in addition to the name and address of the person to whom it shall be sent, have printed or written thereon, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, the words "On Her Majesty's service," and also the name of the department or public office from which the packet shall be forwarded, together with the name of any public officer employed in or belonging to any such department or office who may be authorized to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the post as a certificate that they are on the public service.

And in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, we further direct that it shall be lawful for any officer of the post-office in the United Kingdom to delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, either for the space of twenty-four hours from the time at which (or at his option until the despatch 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, and also as to any such packet sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, except the words "On Her Majesty's service," and the name of the department or public office from which the same shall be forwarded, with the name of any public officer employed in or belonging to any such department or office, who may be authorized to affix his name to letters, and packets, sent by the post as a certificate that they are on the public service, 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 pre-paid by British stamps, when posted (any such packet sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such account only excepted), or if the postage of any such packet, posted in New Zealand, shall not be duly and properly pre-paid in money, or by colonial stamps, when posted, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, 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 nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any packets sent through Egypt, or any foreign country to which a transit rate of postage would be payable thereon.

And we further order and direct, that the term, "by the post," used in this Warrant shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by packet-boat or private ship, 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, so far as respects any packet hereinbefore authorized to be sent by the post under the provisions aforesaid, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, shall come into operation on the 1st day of November next, and that so far as respects any packet hereinbefore authorized to be sent by the post, under the provisions aforesaid, which shall be posted in New Zealand, this Warrant shall come into operation on the day of the date hereof.

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 17th day of
September, 1853. *Alfred Hervey.*
Aberdeen.

In the Matter of Letters Patent granted to Thomas Robinson Williams, of Cheapside, in the city of London, Gentleman, and bearing date and sealed at Westminster the 14th day of February, at Edinburgh the 11th day of April, at Dublin the 16th day of May, respectively, in the said year of Her Majesty's reign, and granted for certain improvements in the manufacture of woollen and other fabrics, or fabrics of which wool or fur forms a principal component part, and in the machinery employed for effecting that object.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Charles Williams Allen, of the Moor, in the county of Hereford, Esquire, the Reverend Humphrey Allen, of the Hay, in the county of Brecon, Clerk, Richard Roy, of Lothbury, in the city of London, Gentleman, and Henry Morris Kemshead, of Lime-street, in the said city of London, Esquire, and Stephen Phillips, of New Broad-street, in the said city of London, Esquire, intend, under and by virtue of the Statutes 5 and 6 William the Fourth, cap. 83, 7 and 8 Victoria, c. 69, and the Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852, to apply by petition to Her Majesty in Council for a prolongation of the terms of the said several letters patent.

And notice is hereby further given, that the said Charles Williams Allen, the Reverend Humphrey Allen, Richard Roy, Henry Morris