

concerning the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, as fixed in and by the said first-mentioned Act is repealed; and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk, or an inconvenient size, being transmitted by the post, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by Warrant under their hands, to fix a maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum of weight in lieu thereof; and all letters are to be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post, in conformity with any such warrant, and also in conformity with, and under and subject to, all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions, as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury shall from time to time direct. And by the said Act power is also given to the Postmaster General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to require the postage, British, Colonial, or Foreign, of any letters sent by the post, to be pre-paid, either in money or in stamps, as he may think fit, on the same being put into the Post-office; and also, with such consent, to abolish or restrict the pre-payment in money of postage on letters sent by the post, either altogether or on certain letters, and to require the pre-payment thereof to be in stamps, and to refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made. And it is also declared and enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post-office, to detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of that Act, or the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant, to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned Act, and to open such letters and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to forward them to the places of their destination, charged, in either case, with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct.

Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers, enabling us in this behalf, by this Warrant under our hands, order and direct, that printed books (whether British, Colonial, or Foreign), may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and the East Indies, Ceylon, the Mauritius, and Hong Kong, and that on all such printed books there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law thereon, the rates of British postage following (that is to say):

On every packet, consisting of a single printed book, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall be sewed or bound together, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of eight pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding half a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling and four pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of two shillings and eight pence.

And for every additional one pound in weight, of any such packet above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged and taken an additional rate of postage of one shilling and four pence, and every fraction of such additional pound shall be charged as an additional pound.

And we further direct, that no such packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent between the United Kingdom and the East Indies, if exceeding the weight of three pounds, and no such packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent between the United Kingdom and the East Indies, Ceylon, the Mauritius, or Hong Kong, if containing more than one printed book, or containing any paper or thing besides a printed book, or containing any printed book, the several sheets, or parts of which when more than one shall not be sewed or bound together, or which packet in length or breadth or width or depth shall exceed the dimensions of two feet or twenty-four inches shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

And we further direct, that printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament may be sent by the post from the United Kingdom to Ceylon and Hong Kong, and that printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures may be sent by the post from Ceylon and Hong Kong to the United Kingdom, and that on all such printed votes and proceedings there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law thereon, the rates of British postage following (that is to say),

On every packet consisting of a single printed publication of votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall be sewed or bound together, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of eight pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding half a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of one shilling and four pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of two shillings and eight pence.

And for every additional one pound in weight of any such packet, above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged and taken an additional rate of postage of one shilling and four pence, and every fraction of such additional pound shall be charged as an additional pound.

And we further direct, that no such packet, if containing more than one printed publication of votes or proceedings, or containing any paper or thing besides printed votes or proceedings, or containing any printed publication of votes or proceedings, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall not be sewed or bound together, or which packet, in length, or breadth, or width, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, or twenty-four inches, shall be forwarded by the post, under the provisions of the said clause relating to printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament and the Colonial Legislatures.