

time of the same being posted, shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinbefore contained, but equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under the said Schedule B, if such packet did not exceed half a pound in weight, every such packet shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon, and the postage to which such packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under the said Schedule B, on a packet not exceeding half a pound in weight; but if any such packet shall be posted in any of the colonies mentioned in the said Schedule B, without any postage having been paid thereon, or with a postage paid thereon less in amount than the single rate of postage chargeable under the said Schedule B, every such last-mentioned packet 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 every such last-mentioned 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 if the postage had been paid when posted, and such postage may be either paid by the sender, or may be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded.

9. And we do further order and 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.

10. And we do further order and direct, that the Postmaster-General shall and may have and exercise the option of sending any packets hereby authorized to be sent by the post under the provisions aforesaid, either by packet-boat, or by private ship, at the same rate of postage as by packet-boat, when and as he shall think fit.

11. And we do further order and direct, that the respective packets transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage respectively contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, bearing date the nineteenth day of February instant, relating to re-directed rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be re-directed and again forwarded by the post.

12. And we do further order and direct, that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, or in any schedule hereto annexed, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or Colonial packet-boat, and also by private ship, when sent by the Postmaster-General, in accordance with the provision last hereinbefore contained, and the option thereby given to the Postmaster-General; and that the term "East Indies" used in this Warrant, or in any schedule hereto annexed, shall be construed to mean every port or place in Asia within the limits of the charter of the East India Company (China, Hong Kong, Ceylon, the Mauritius, Java, Borneo, and Australia excepted); and that the several other terms and expressions used in this Warrant or in any schedule hereto annexed, 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.

13. And we do further order and direct that the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, or the hands of any two of them, at any time hereafter, alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

14. And we do further order and direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March next.

SCHEDULES to which the above Warrant refers.

SCHEDULE A.

Treasury Warrants, and parts of Treasury Warrants, containing orders, directions, regulations, conditions, and rates of postage, repealed and revoked.

Date of Warrant.	Extent of Repeal.
19th December, 1850	The whole.
2nd June, 1851	The whole.
11th August, 1851	The whole.
30th January, 1852	The whole.
6th February, 1852	The whole.
24th April, 1852	The whole.
6th May, 1852	The whole.
18th January, 1853	The whole.
24th January, 1853	The whole.
9th March, 1853	The whole.
12th July, 1853	The whole.
25th July, 1853	The whole.
17th September, 1853	The whole.
5th November, 1853	So much thereof and of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, as relate to the transmission by post of printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, and printed pamphlets, and the rates of postage chargeable thereupon.
31st December, 1853	The whole.
15th March, 1854	So much thereof and of the rates of postage, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, as relate to the transmission by the post of printed publications of votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures.
21st March, 1854	So much thereof and of the rates of postage, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, as relate to the transmission by the post of printed publications of votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures.