

law on such letters, an uniform British rate of sixpence.

And we direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the said colony of Ascension and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (whether through any colony or foreign country, or not), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of British postage following (that is to say):

For the conveyance of every such letter between Ascension and any part of the United Kingdom, a rate of sixpence; and 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, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters 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 any 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 such letter, exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such letter, exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight, above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage, and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as one additional ounce, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

And we direct, that in all cases in which any letter in respect of which any rate of postage is chargeable by this Warrant shall pass through a foreign country, any foreign postage payable thereon shall be charged and paid thereon in addition to the British postage.

And we further direct, that nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said recited Act in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the post; nor the privilege granted by the same Act to Members of each House of Parliament to receive by the post petitions and addresses to Her Majesty, and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament, not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight, exempt from postage; nor shall anything in this Warrant contained in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's Service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the Service of the East India Company, now by law enjoy of sending and receiving by the

post letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

And we further direct that nothing in this Warrant contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters or packets posted in or addressed to France, or any foreign country through France, and transmitted between France or foreign countries through France and Ascension, all which last-mentioned letters and packets shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters, the sea conveyance of which shall be by a packet-boat belonging to, or employed by or under, the Government or Post-office of the United States of America, or the sea conveyance of which in the Mediterranean shall be by a French packet-boat; all which letters shall be charged and chargeable as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or colonial or foreign packet-boat (packet-boats belonging to or employed by or under the Government or Post-office of the United States of America and French Mediterranean packet-boats excepted), and the said term shall also include the sea conveyance by any private ship.

And we further direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April next.

Provided, lastly, and we hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant duly made at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby 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 twenty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

*Duncan.
Monck.*

INCOME TAX.

WHEREAS it has become necessary to renew the list of persons to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners appointed to act in the division of Marlborough, in the county of Wilts, as Commissioners for the general purposes of the Acts of Parliament for granting to Her Majesty duties on profits arising from property, professions, trades, and offices: Now we, two of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue, in pursuance of the powers vested in us in that behalf, do hereby convene a Meeting of the Land Tax Commissioners for the county aforesaid, being respectively qualified to act as such Commissioners, to be holden at the Townhall, Marlborough, on Saturday the 4th April next, at twelve o'clock at noon, for the purpose of choosing fit and proper persons to be Commissioners to supply vacancies amongst the Commissioners for the general purposes of the Income Tax Act for the division of Marlborough aforesaid.

Given under our hands, at the Inland Revenue Office, London, this 21st day of March, 1857.

*Chas. Pressly.
Henry Roberts.*