

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof,

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act, passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office."

And whereas certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act, passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, did, by virtue of the said last-mentioned Act, make and issue certain orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions, bearing date the 24th day of December, 1855, for the purpose of regulating the receipt, transmission, and delivery by post of printed newspapers, and certain periodical publications under the provisions of the said last-mentioned Act.

And whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the printed newspapers hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, and every of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided, order and direct as follows:

1. That every British newspaper, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, and addressed to the East Indies, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to the East Indies at the following British rates of postage (that is to say), by the closed mail, via Marseilles, at a rate of two pence each, and by packet-boat, via Southampton, at a rate of one penny each.

2. That on every newspaper transmitted under this Warrant, as hereinbefore is mentioned, exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

On every such newspaper exceeding four ounces in weight, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, two rates of postage.

And for every additional four ounces in weight of any such newspaper, above the weight of eight ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage, and

every fractional part of such additional four ounces in weight shall be charged as an additional four ounces in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such newspaper would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

3. That every printed supplement or additional sheet to any newspaper shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper, unless sent in the same cover, or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.

4. That every newspaper which shall be transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, conditions, and restrictions made by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 24th day of December, 1855, so far as the same are applicable thereto, and also to the several further orders and directions hereinafter-mentioned and contained.

5. That Her Majesty's Postmaster-General shall and may charge, all or any such newspapers sent by the post, otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations mentioned or referred to in this Warrant, with such rate or rates of postage not exceeding in amount such rates or rate as would be chargeable upon the same as letters or a letter, as to him shall seem fit.

6. That the rates of postage chargeable on printed newspapers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon.

7. 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, bearing date the 19th day of February, 1855, relating to redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post.

8. That the term "British Newspaper," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to have the like meaning as the term "British Newspaper," used in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 20th day of December, 1856; and that the term "East Indies," used in this Warrant, 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 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.

9. That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, to alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.