

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 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 whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament, 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 of Parliament, 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 a Treaty hath been lately entered into between Her Majesty and the Queen of Spain for regulating the communications by post between their respective dominions, and it is expedient for the better carrying out of the same that certain regulations should be made in the manner 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 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, direct, and declare, as follows :

1. On every letter, not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, and on every letter, not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, addressed to the United Kingdom, transmitted by the post, via France, or direct by packet-boat between the United Kingdom and any place in Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, addressed to Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands, transmitted through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken for the conveyance of every such letter from any part of the United Kingdom to Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands, whether via France, or direct by packet-boat, an uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

3. All such letters so transmitted as hereinbefore in the first and second clauses of this Warrant mentioned, if exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say :

On every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight and not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one half of an ounce and not exceeding three quarters of an ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding three quarters of an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every additional quarter of an ounce in weight, of any letter so transmitted respectively as aforesaid, above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, one additional rate of postage; and every fractional part of such additional quarter of an ounce shall be charged as an additional quarter of an ounce in weight; 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 one quarter of an ounce in weight.

4. On letters posted in Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, transmitted by the post from Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, to Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, without passing through the United Kingdom, the sea conveyance of which shall be by British packet-boat there shall be charged and taken a British postage of two shillings for every ounce weight thereof.

5. On letters posted in Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, transmitted by the post from Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom, the conveyance from Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands to the United Kingdom being via France, or direct by packet-boat, there shall be charged and taken a British postage of two shillings for every ounce weight thereof.

6. On letters transmitted by British packet-boat between one port in Spain and another port in Spain there shall be charged and taken a British postage of two shillings for every ounce weight thereof.

7. On letters posted in Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands, addressed to the Philippine Islands, or posted in the Philippine Islands, addressed to Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands, which may be conveyed between Malta or Gibraltar and Hong Kong, by British packet-boats in the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean, there shall be charged and taken a British postage of two shillings for every ounce weight thereof.

8. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Cuba, and on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in Cuba, addressed to the United Kingdom, and respectively transmitted between Cuba and the United Kingdom by British packet-boat, there shall be charged and taken a British rate of postage of one shilling and sixpence.

9. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Cuba and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign countries (France and foreign countries through France, Spain, and the Balearic and Canary Islands excepted) through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken the rates of British postage following; that is to say :

For the conveyance of every such letter between Cuba and the United Kingdom, a rate of one shilling and 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