

now recited Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there should be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional, rates of postage as therein mentioned.

And whereas other 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 it is expedient that other regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of letters between the United Kingdom and Malta 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 two hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this present 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; that is to say:—

1. On every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and Malta, *viâ* France (whether the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean be by British or by French packet boat), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of postage (British and French combined) of six pence.

2. And on every letter so transmitted, exceeding one quarter of 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 one quarter of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one half an ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding one half of an ounce, and not exceeding three quarters of an ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding three quarters of an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every quarter of an ounce in weight, above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and every fraction of a quarter of an ounce in weight, above the weight of one 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.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, at various times, since the passing of the said two before recited Acts, and in pursuance and in exercise of the powers reserved to them thereby by divers Warrants in writing under their hands duly made, and bearing date respectively at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 15th day of January, 1858, the 13th day of August, 1858, the 16th day of August, 1858, the 27th day of August, 1858, the 1st day of September, 1858, the 9th day of November, 1858, the 27th day of November, 1858, the 18th day of January, 1859, and the 13th day of March, 1859, made certain regulations for the transmission by the post of the several letters therein respectively mentioned.

And whereas it is expedient that the further regulation hereinafter mentioned should be made.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us, in and by the said two hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all others powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant, under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, by the authority aforesaid, order and direct as follows:—

3. Nothing hereinbefore or in any or either of the said lastly hereinbefore recited Warrants contained, shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said first hereinbefore 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 hereinbefore or in the said several last recited Warrants respectively 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, had, or have, or are entitled to by law, of sending and receiving by the post, letters not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

4. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands duly made, may at any time hereafter alter or repeal any of the rates hereby altered, or any of the regulations hereby made, and make and establish any new or other rates and regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

5. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1859.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the fourteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

Howard Taylor.
Henry Whitmore.

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