

able 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 half of an ounce in weight.

3. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to any of the countries or places hereinbefore in the first clause of this Warrant mentioned, or if any letter shall be posted in any of such countries or places, addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such letter shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the sum paid for postage thereon and the rate of postage payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant as an unpaid letter, after deducting the amount of postage so paid thereon, as aforesaid.

4. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters passing by the post between the United Kingdom and any of the countries or places hereinbefore in the first clause of this Warrant mentioned, *via* France, nor to any letters passing by the post between the United Kingdom and any such countries or places *via* Belgium, sent otherwise than in closed mails, nor to any letters posted in or addressed to any part of any of the countries or places hereinbefore in the first clause of this Warrant mentioned, and transmitted by the post between any part of any such countries or places and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, nor to any letters transmitted between any foreign country through any part of the first clause of this Warrant mentioned and the United Kingdom, nor to any letters transmitted between any foreign country through any part of any of the last-mentioned countries or places and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, and conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet-boat, all which said respective letters shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as are now chargeable and payable thereon, and as if this present Warrant had not been made.

5. The 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 recited Warrant of the 19th day of July, 1852.

6. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

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

Whitehall, Treasury-chambers, the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine.

Palmerston.

W. E. Gladstone.

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, 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 make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided, that the power thereby given, should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by an 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant in writing, under their hands duly made, and bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 19th day of July, 1852, did direct that certain rates of British postage therein mentioned, should be charged and taken upon the transmission of letters between the United Kingdom and any place in the German Postal Union, and between any foreign country through any part of the German Postal Union, and any place in the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet-boat.

And whereas a postal convention having been recently made and entered into, between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Hanseatic Republic of Bremen, it has become expedient that further regulations should be made, for the transmission by the post of certain letters, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now, we the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said two before mentioned Acts or either 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. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Bremen, and on every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in Bremen, addressed to any place in the United Kingdom (the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium, by Packet-boat), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage, of two-pence halfpenny, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of three-pence halfpenny.

2. And on every letter transmitted as is hereinbefore mentioned, exceeding one half of an ounce