

## 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 11th 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 18th 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 new Postal Convention has been made and entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela.

And whereas it is expedient for the better carrying out the same, that certain regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters and packets hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said 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 half an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Republic of Venezuela, or posted in the Republic of Venezuela, addressed to the United Kingdom and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the Republic of Venezuela, either direct or via the Island of St. Thomas (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Venezuela or Island of St. Thomas being by British packet-boat), there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in or addressed to any part of the Republic of Venezuela, transmitted by the post between any port in the Republic of Venezuela and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, direct or via the Island of St. Thomas, through the United Kingdom (the conveyance between the Republic of Venezuela and the United Kingdom, being direct or via the Island of St. Thomas, by British packet boat), there shall be charged and taken a British rate of postage of sixpence for the conveyance of every such letter, between any port in the Republic of Venezuela, and any part of the United Kingdom; 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 not exceeding half an ounce in weight, 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; provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted from the said rate of sixpence the sum of one penny, in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

3. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by British packet boat from any port in the Republic of Venezuela to any other foreign port, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken a British rate of postage of four pence.

4. All such respective letters, so transmitted as hereinbefore in the first, second, and third clauses of this Warrant mentioned, if exceeding half 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 such letter, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage;

And on every such letter, if exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage;

And for every additional ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage; and every fractional part of such additional ounce shall be charged as an additional 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 half an ounce in weight.

5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service are now by law entitled to, 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.

6. On every printed British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Republic of Venezuela, and on every printed newspaper posted in the Republic of Venezuela, addressed to the United Kingdom, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Venezuela direct, or via the Island of Saint Thomas, by packet-boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid in the United Kingdom the rate of British postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: if not exceeding the weight of four ounces, a rate of one penny; and if exceeding that weight, but not exceeding the weight of eight ounces, a rate of two pence; and for every additional four ounces in weight of any such newspaper above the weight of eight ounces, an