

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 by a certain other Warrant in writing duly made and bearing date at Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the 27th day of June, 1859, after reciting the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 19th day of July, 1852, and that a Postal Convention had been then recently made and entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of His Majesty the King of Prussia, and that it was expedient that further regulations should be made for the transmission by the post, of certain letters in manner therein mentioned, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did direct, that certain other rates of British postage therein mentioned, should be charged and taken upon the transmission of letters between the United Kingdom and certain foreign countries therein also mentioned, if such respective letters should be prepaid; the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and Belgium by packet boat.

And whereas a further Postal Convention has been lately made and entered into between Her Majesty's Government, and the Government of His Majesty the King of Prussia, and it has become expedient by reason thereof to extend the provisions contained in the said recited Warrant of the 29th day of June, 1859, to letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Hanover, now chargeable with rates of postage under the said recited Warrant of the 19th day of July, 1852, 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 hereinbefore recited 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 any place in the Kingdom of Hanover, and on every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the Kingdom of Hanover, 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 half-penny, if such respective letters be prepaid; and if such respective letters be not prepaid an uniform rate of British postage of three pence half-penny.

2. And on every letter transmitted as is hereinbefore mentioned, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of postage, according to the scale of weight and number of rates following; that is to say:

On every letter so transmitted, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage:  
On every letter so transmitted, exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage:

On every letter so transmitted, exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage:

And on every letter so transmitted, exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage:

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken upon every letter so transmitted two additional rates of postage, and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces shall be charged as an additional ounce; 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 half of an ounce in weight.

3. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Kingdom of Hanover, or if any letter shall be posted in the Kingdom of Hanover, 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 the Kingdom of Hanover, via France, nor to any letters passing by the post between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Hanover, via Belgium, sent otherwise than in Prussian closed mails, nor to any letters posted in, or addressed to, any part of the Kingdom of Hanover, and transmitted by the post between any part of the Kingdom of Hanover 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 Kingdom of Hanover and the United Kingdom, nor to any letters transmitted between any foreign country, through any part of the Kingdom of Hanover 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 1st day of March, 1862.

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 rates of 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 20th day of February, 1862.

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