

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, 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 whereas 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," further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and power is also given to the Postmaster-General (amongst other things) to collect and receive the Foreign and Colonial postage charged or chargeable on any letter sent by the post; and also, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to require the postage, British, Colonial, or Foreign, of any letter sent by the post to be prepaid either in money or in stamps, as he might think fit on the same being put into the post-office.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, by divers Warrants under their hands, fixed, made, and established certain rates of British postage payable on the transmission by the post of certain Colonial letters therein respectively mentioned.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain other Warrant under their hands, bearing date the 15th day of January, 1858, did make regulations for the prepayment of the several rates of postage payable on letters posted in the United Kingdom addressed to any of the Colonies therein mentioned, and on letters posted in any of such Colonies addressed to the United Kingdom.

And whereas it is expedient that further regulations should be made as to the letters 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, 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. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Malta or Gibraltar, without any postage having been paid thereon, every such letter shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

2. If any letter shall be posted in Malta or Gibraltar, addressed to the United Kingdom, without any postage having been paid thereon, every such letter shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

3. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Malta or Gibraltar, or be posted in Malta or Gibraltar, 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 the regulations in force relating thereto, every such letter shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the postage paid thereon and the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

4. The several 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 Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

5. 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 orders, directions, or regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other orders, directions, or regulations in lieu thereof.

6. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1862.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the sixteenth day of June, 1862.

William Dunbar.
Luke White.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 12.)—EAST INDIES—MALABAR COAST.

Revolving Light at Alipey.

INFORMATION has been received at the Admiralty, that on and after the 28th day of March, 1862, a light would be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected by the Rajah of Travancore, at Alipey, 29 miles southward of Cochin, on the Malabar coast, East Indies.

The light is a *revolving* white light, attaining its greatest brilliancy every *minute*. It is placed at an elevation of 100 feet above the mean level of the sea, and should be seen in clear weather from a distance of 15 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses, of the second order.

The tower is 85 feet high, of red brick colour, and said to stand in lat. 9° 38' N., long. 76° 20' East of Greenwich.

By command of their Lordships.

John Washington, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London.

9th June, 1862.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Indian Ocean, Nos. 748a, 748b, 2483, and India, West Coast, No. 2738.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 13.)—AUSTRALIA—EAST COAST.

Revolving Light at Port Stephens.

THE Government of New South Wales has given notice, that on and after the 1st day of May, 1862, a light will be exhibited from a lighthouse recently erected on Stephens point, at the south side of entrance to port Stephens, east coast of Australia.