

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, 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, 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 and 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 are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act, made and passed in the Session of Parliament, holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, 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 passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and for providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by certain Warrants in writing, under their hands, relating to the transmission by the post of letters, and newspapers, and other printed papers, between the United Kingdom and Bremen, and between Bremen and Her Majesty's colonies, and foreign countries through the United Kingdom respectively, and bearing date respectively, the 31st day of August, 1841; the 30th day of September, 1841; the 8th day of October, 1847; the 27th day of June, 1859; and the 16th day of April, 1860; did make and give certain orders, directions, and regulations relating to the transmission by the post of such letters, and newspapers, and other printed papers respectively.

And whereas a Convention hath been lately made and entered into between the General Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Post Office of Bremen, for the purpose of regulating the communications by post between the United Kingdom and Bremen; and it is expedient for the better carrying out of the same, that the said recited Warrants of the several dates hereinbefore-mentioned should be respectively repealed, and that certain other regulations should be made 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 hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, 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 and direct as follows:—

1. The said recited Warrants, bearing date respectively, the 31st day of August, 1841; the

30th day of September, 1841; the 8th day of October, 1847; the 27th day of June, 1859; and the 16th day of April, 1860; be, and the same are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, and the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth, shall wholly cease and determine, except so far as the said recited Warrants shall respectively repeal, revoke, or annul any other Warrants, or any orders, directions, regulations, or rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth, which said several last mentioned Warrants, orders, directions, regulations, or rates of postage shall remain repealed, revoked, and annulled, as if this present Warrant had not been made or signed.

2. 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 within the United Kingdom, when the said respective letters are conveyed between the United Kingdom and Bremen in closed mails via Belgium, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, 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 threepence halfpenny; and when the said respective letters are conveyed between the United Kingdom and Bremen direct, by private ship, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of British postage of fourpence halfpenny, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of sixpence.

3. On every letter, not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, posted in Bremen, addressed to any place in any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or any foreign country, transmitted by the post between Bremen and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, and on every letter, not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's Colonies, or any foreign country, addressed to Bremen, transmitted by the post between any of Her Majesty's Colonies or any foreign country and Bremen, through the United Kingdom, when the said respective letters are conveyed between the United Kingdom and Bremen, in closed mails, via Belgium, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, 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; and when the said respective letters are conveyed between the United Kingdom and Bremen direct, by private ship, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform rate of British postage of fourpence halfpenny, if such respective letters be prepaid; and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of six pence; and also on every letter mentioned in this 3rd Clause there shall be charged, taken, and paid, such a further or additional rate of British postage 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 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