

and issue such orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions as he should deem to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of regulating the receipt, transmission, and delivery by post of periodical publications, under the provisions of that Act, or for preventing or detecting frauds or abuses in relation thereto, and for giving effect to the purposes of that Act, and also for the said Postmaster-General, with the like consent, from time to time to rescind or revoke all or any such orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions, and to make and issue any new ones in lieu thereof; and it was provided that all periodical publications sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations established by or under the authority of that Act might be detained by the Postmaster-General and any officer of the Post Office, and after being opened the same should be either returned to the senders thereof or forwarded to the place of their destination, charged with the like rates of postage as if the same were letters transmitted by the post, and that the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, might authorize Her Majesty's Postmaster-General to charge in any such case any such less rate of postage as to him should seem fit; and it was also declared that the term "periodical publication" used in that Act, should be construed to mean and include (amongst other things) a newspaper as defined by the Acts in force relating to the stamp duties on newspapers;

And whereas certain orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions have been from time to time made and issued by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General for the time being, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, for the purpose of regulating the receipt, transmission, and delivery by post of printed newspapers and certain printed periodical publications, under the provisions of the said last hereinbefore recited Act;

And whereas by the said orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions so made and issued as aforesaid, it was ordered and declared that no newspapers transmitted by the post should have any word or communication printed thereon after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks thereupon, or upon the cover thereof, other than the name and address of the person to whom sent, and except as therein also mentioned; and it was further ordered and declared that if any of the said regulations should be disregarded, the said newspapers, in certain cases therein mentioned, should be dealt with in accordance with the regulations contained in certain Treasury Warrants relating to the transmission by the post of book packets as therein mentioned;

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said several hereinbefore recited Acts, some, or one of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, have from time to time, by divers Warrants, in writing, under their hands, duly made, issued certain regulations, orders, directions, and conditions relating to the rates of postage and the mode and time of payment thereof, and to the mode and time of sending, under and subject to and in conformity with which certain newspapers might respectively, be transmitted by the post at lower rates than the letter rates of postage, and by which regulations newspapers so transmitted are prohibited in like manner from having any word or communication printed thereon after their publication, or upon the cover thereof, or any

writing or marks upon them, or upon the covers of them, except the name and address of the person to whom sent;

And whereas in and by the said recited Warrants, some, or one of them, provision is made that where newspapers transmitted by the post, under the authority of the said respective Warrants, should not be transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the regulations, orders, directions, and conditions therein, or in some or one of them respectively mentioned and contained, such newspapers should in certain cases be chargeable with a postage of double the amount of postage to which they would have been liable as letters if the postage had been paid by stamps when posted, and in certain other cases with certain other letter rates of postage therein, or in some or one of the said Warrants respectively mentioned;

And whereas it is expedient that power should be given to the Postmaster-General to charge newspapers transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom, and newspapers, British, Colonial, or Foreign, brought into the United Kingdom by British packet-boat, or private ship, or transmitted by the post between any ports or places beyond the sea through the United Kingdom, or transmitted by British packet-boat between any ports or places beyond the sea, without passing through the United Kingdom, and with respect to which the regulation hereinbefore mentioned has been infringed, with a less amount of postage at his discretion than some of the rates of postage now chargeable thereon 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 several hereinbefore recited Acts, any 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, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. In all cases where any newspapers, British, Colonial, or Foreign, brought into the United Kingdom by British packet-boat, or private ship, or transmitted by the post between any ports or places beyond the sea through the United Kingdom, or transmitted by British packet-boat between any ports or places beyond the sea, without passing through the United Kingdom, and in all cases where any newspapers transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom shall have any word or communication printed thereon after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, or any writing or marks upon any such newspaper, or the cover thereof, other than the name and address of the person to whom sent (except the name or title of the newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, newsvender, or agent, by whom sent, printed on the cover of any such newspaper), and shall by reason thereof have become liable to any increased rate of postage under or by virtue of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force, or under or by virtue of any order, regulation, condition, or restriction heretofore made by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General for the time being, with the consent of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Postmaster-General for the time being shall, and may, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, at his discretion, in lieu of any postage heretofore charged thereupon, and payable under or by virtue of any such Warrant or Warrants, order, regulation, condition, or restriction, as last