

And on every such letter, if exceeding three quarters of an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage ;

And for every additional quarter of an ounce in weight of any such letter, above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage, and every fractional part of such additional quarter of an ounce, shall be charged as an additional quarter of an 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 one quarter of an ounce in weight.

4. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by or under the said recited Act, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office, or any of the privileges which officers, seamen, and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service are by law entitled to, of sending and receiving by the post letters subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

5. The rates of postage chargeable on letters, transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be in lieu of the rates of British postage now chargeable thereon, under or by virtue of a certain Warrant under the hands of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 14th day of May, 1863, and the same, together with the whole of such Warrant, are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Ionian Islands via France (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by French packet boat).

7. 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 recited Act.

8. 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 fixed, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

9. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the sixteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

*Wm. Dunbar.*  
*Luke White.*

#### TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, for the regulation of the duties of postage, certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of, letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers, transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the

post, and by the same Act powers were 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 postage therein mentioned.

And whereas further powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act of Parliament passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant in writing under their hands, bearing date at Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the 11th day of September, 1863, in exercise of the powers vested in them, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did (amongst other things) order and direct that all packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, posted in the United Kingdom, might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of postage and regulations therein contained. And the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did further order and direct that the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury might, by Warrant under their hands duly made at any time thereafter, alter, repeal, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage thereby fixed or altered, or any of the regulations thereby made, and might make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Warrant, and the rates of postage and regulations therein mentioned, should be repealed, and that certain other rates of postage should be fixed, and certain other regulations 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, that is to say :—

1. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise, of no intrinsic value, posted in the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions hereinafter mentioned and contained, that is to say :—

2. On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of two-pence ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of fourpence ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of eight-pence ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding sixteen ounces, and not exceeding twenty-four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling.