

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

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

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TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act 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 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 letters 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 letters, 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 also with such consent to abolish or restrict the prepayment in money of postage on letters sent by the post, either altogether, or on certain letters, and to require the prepayment thereof to be in stamps, and also to refuse to receive, or send by the post, any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made; and power is also given to the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post Office, to detain any letters which should be posted, or sent by the post, contrary to the regulations therein mentioned, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to forward them to the places of their destination, charged in either case with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, should from time to time direct.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant under their hands, bearing date the 16th day of May, 1857, fixed, made, and established certain rates of British postage, payable on the transmission by the post of certain letters therein respectively mentioned, and it is expedient to make regulations for the prepayment of the several rates of postage payable on letters posted in, or addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, and sent

from or to any commissioned officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines), or any warrant officer, midshipman, second master, or master's assistant, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any foreign or colonial station, 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, 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. On every letter posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any commissioned officer, whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines, or any warrant officer, midshipman, second master, or master's assistant, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any foreign or colonial station, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money, or by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed, or appear on the outside of every such letter, near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon.

2. On every letter addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, and sent from any commissioned officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines) or any warrant officer, midshipman, second master, or master's assistant, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any colonial station, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted by means of the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall, in every case, be affixed or appear on the outside of every such letter near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon.

3. If any letter shall be posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any commissioned officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines), or any warrant officer, midshipman, second master, or master's assistant, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels, on any station at any colony to which ordinary unpaid letters may be forwarded without any postage having been paid thereon, either in money or in postage stamps, every such letter shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of 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. If any letter shall be posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any commissioned officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines), or any warrant officer, midshipman, second master, or master's assistant, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels, on any station at any colony to which ordinary unpaid letters may be forwarded and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable under and by virtue of the regulations in force relating thereto, every such last-mentioned letter shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps so being thereon, or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such letter would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.