

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 it is expedient to authorize the transmission by the post, between the United Kingdom and Hayti, of certain packets, and for that purpose to make certain regulations 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 each 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 merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom addressed to Hayti, or posted in Hayti addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Hayti by British packet-boat, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform single rate of postage of three pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say):—

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and one half of another pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid six rates of postage;

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of one pound and one half of another pound, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under

this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

2. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter contained (that is to say):—

3. No such packet which, in length, or breadth, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet British shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

4. No pattern or sample being of any intrinsic value, or being an article or thing of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

5. There shall be no enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

6. There shall be no writing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and numbers and prices.

7. All such packets shall be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination: Nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen, paper, or of other material, tied at the neck; but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for that purpose.

8. Every packet transmitted by the post under this Warrant, and posted in the United Kingdom, shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day, and under all such regulations, as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

9. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in the United Kingdom, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet, near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant.

10. If any packet shall be posted, or be transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or under the authority of this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof.

11. In order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, any officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post, under the provisions of the Warrant, for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post, whenever it may be necessary so to do, or (at his option) until the despatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

12. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise, whether any packet or any pattern or sample contained therein, transmitted under or by virtue of this Warrant, is entitled to the privileges of this Warrant, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning thereof, such