

of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, but equal in amount to the single rate of postage of threepence, fourpence, or sixpence (as the case may be), every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon, or the value of the postage stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with, in the case of packets forwarded by British packet boat direct, or private ship, a further and additional rate of postage of threepence, and in the case of packets forwarded either *viâ* Suez or *viâ* France and Suez, a further and additional rate of postage of fourpence; but if every such packet shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, or without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, or with a postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which shall be of or represent a less amount than the single rate of postage of threepence, fourpence, or sixpence, as the case may be, chargeable under this Warrant, every such packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

12. 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 Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

13. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise whether any article, matter, or thing transmitted by the post under this Warrant is entitled to the book-post privilege, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning of this Warrant, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final.

14. The said recited Warrant, bearing date the 21st day of July, 1857, shall, so far as it relates to Cape Town aforesaid, and the said recited Warrant, bearing date the 6th day of June, 1859, shall wholly, and all other Warrants and parts of Warrants (if any) relating to the transmission by the post of such packets as will be transmissible under this Warrant, shall be, and the same are, hereby respectively, and to the extent aforesaid, repealed, revoked, and annulled; nevertheless, no Treasury Warrant, or part of a Treasury Warrant, repealed by the Treasury Warrants hereby repealed, or any one or more of them, shall be revived by this Warrant.

15. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, or the hands of any two of them, at any time hereafter alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, 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.

16. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-sixth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Luke White.

Wm. Dunbar.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 96, 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 it is provided that the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage 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 of Parliament passed in the session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 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, duly made, and bearing date the 1st day of September, in the year of our Lord 1840, did, amongst other things, direct that on all printed prices current and printed commercial lists, conveyed by packet boat or by any vessel, from any of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to any place within the United Kingdom, there should be charged and taken a rate of postage of one penny each; and on all such printed prices current and commercial lists passing through the United Kingdom there should be charged and taken a rate of British postage of two pence each; and on all printed prices current and commercial lists sent from France or China to any place within the United Kingdom, there should be charged and taken a rate of British postage of one penny each; and on all printed prices current and commercial lists sent from any foreign country except France and China to the United Kingdom, or from any of Her Majesty's colonies through France to the United Kingdom, there should be charged and taken a rate of British postage of two pence each.

And whereas it is expedient to alter and repeal the said several rates of postage so chargeable on printed prices current and printed commercial lists by the said recited Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the said 1st day of September, in the year of our Lord 1840, as aforesaid, and in lieu thereof to make other rates in certain cases, and in certain other cases to remit such rates of postage, and for that purpose to repeal so much of the said Warrant bearing date the 1st day of September, 1840, as is hereinbefore recited, in manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said before recited Acts, 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