

authority of the Statute in that case made and provided, order and direct as follows :—

1. So much of the said hereinbefore mentioned 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 is hereinbefore recited and set forth, and as fixes the said rates of postage hereinbefore respectively mentioned on the printed prices current and printed commercial lists therein and hereinbefore specified and described, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, revoked and annulled, and the said several rates of postage thereby fixed and chargeable shall cease and determine.

2. On all printed prices current and printed commercial lists transmitted by the post and conveyed by packet boat, or private ship, from any of Her Majesty's colonies, or from any foreign countries to or through the United Kingdom, whether transmitted direct or through any other colony or foreign country, there shall be charged and payable the same or the like rates of postage as are charged and payable on printed newspapers transmitted by the post and conveyed in like manner from any such colony or foreign country to or through the United Kingdom. And in all cases where printed newspapers are so transmitted, and conveyed free of postage all printed prices current and printed commercial lists shall be so transmitted and conveyed in like manner free of postage.

3. The 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 passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty.

4. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, at any time hereafter by Warrant duly made, alter, or repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered or remitted, or any of the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates of postage, or any regulations in lieu thereof; and, from time to time, may appoint at what time the rates of postage that may be payable are to be paid.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-seventh 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 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 that certain regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power 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 not exceeding eight ounces in weight consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any place within any of the States of the German Postal Union, or either of the Free Hanseatic Republics of Hamburg and Bremen, or posted in any place within any of the States of the German Postal Union, or either of the Free Hanseatic Republics of Hamburg and Bremen, addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any place in any of the States of the German Postal Union, or either of the Free Hanseatic Republics of Hamburg and Bremen, in closed mails via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage (including the Belgian Transit Rate) 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 (British and Foreign combined) of fourpence ;

And 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, an uniform rate of postage (British and Foreign combined) of eightpence.

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 inclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other inclosure not authorised by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

6. There shall be no writing upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the name and address of the person for whom it is intended, the name and address of the sender thereof, a trade mark and number and price of the pattern or sample contained therein, nor shall there be any writing in any such packet, except the name and address of the sender thereof, a trade mark and number and price of the pattern or sample