

or stamps, or the sum so prepaid, and the full postage to which such letter would have been liable if prepaid.

4. That every packet of whatever description (except letters) sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post between any places in the United Kingdom, or by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, which shall in length exceed two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot (except as hereinbefore is provided), shall and may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster General be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination, and every such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall, at the discretion of the Postmaster General, be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage he shall think proper not exceeding a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, nor less than the rate of postage which such packet would have been chargeable with if authorised to be transmitted by the post.

5. That so much of two several Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 22nd day of October, 1847, and the 16th day of October, 1857; and so much of the several orders and directions therein respectively contained as relate to the dimensions of letters and packets authorized to be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom shall be and the same are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

6. That this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

7. That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands at any time hereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed or altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the seventeenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Wm. Dunbar.
Luke White.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, for the regulation of the duties of postage, it was enacted that all letters and newspapers, and other printed papers which should be posted in any town or place within the United Kingdom, or should be brought from parts beyond the seas to any port or place within the United Kingdom, or should be sent by the post between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas, or between any of the other places therein mentioned, or should pass through the United Kingdom, should be subject to the several regulations and rates thereafter contained, and further that letters transmitted by the post should be charged by weight according to the scale therein mentioned, and that the several numbers of rates of postage thereafter set forth should be charged

by and be paid to Her Majesty's Postmaster General for the use of Her Majesty on letters transmitted by the post, that is to say: on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight one rate of postage; on every letter exceeding half an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage; on every letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage; on every letter exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage; on every letter exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage; and for every ounce in weight, above the weight of four ounces, there should be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of four ounces, should be charged as one additional ounce. And it was by the said now reciting Act further enacted, that the following rates of postage (amongst others) should be charged by and paid to Her Majesty's Postmaster General for the use of Her Majesty on letters transmitted by the post, that is to say: Inland letters,—on all letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom (not being letters sent to or from parts beyond the seas), or posted in any post town in the United Kingdom, addressed to persons or places within such town or the suburbs thereof, there should be charged and paid one uniform rate of one penny, without reference to the number of sheets or pieces of paper or enclosures of which the same might be comprised, or to the distance or number of miles the same should be conveyed; and that on all such letters, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, there should be charged and paid progressive and additional rates of postage (each additional rate being estimated at one penny) according to the scale of weight and number of rates thereinbefore fixed and declared, and hereinbefore recited and mentioned; provided that such postage of one penny and such progressive and additional postage were prepaid at the time of posting such letters, or that such letters were duly and properly stamped when posted, as thereafter provided; but in case such postage on any such letters should not be prepaid, and such letters should not be duly and properly stamped, there should be charged on such letters the rate of postage thereafter mentioned. And by the said now reciting Act it was also enacted that the Postmaster-General might, at any time thereafter, charge for the use of Her Majesty on all letters, newspapers, and other printed papers sent by the post on which the postage should not be prepaid, and which should not be duly and properly stamped, and also on all letters sent by the post without being duly and properly stamped, although the postage thereon should be wholly or in part prepaid, such higher rates of postage than would otherwise by law be payable on such letters, newspapers, or other printed papers as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, should from time to time deem expedient, and might also remit any of the rates of British postage or inland postage for the time being payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury should from time to time direct.

And whereas by another Act of Parliament made and 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