

jesty, chapter 96, as in the said recited Warrant is mentioned, anything in the said recited Treasury Warrant contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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 Act of the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96.

4. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being, by Warrant duly made, may at any time hereafter alter or repeal any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates of postage or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time 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 first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

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

Wm. Dunbar.
Luke White.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, 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 eighty-five, 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, bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 17th day of August, 1864, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did order and direct that all packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, posted in the United Kingdom, might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of postage and regulations therein contained; and the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did further order and direct that the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury might, by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time thereafter, alter, repeal, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage thereby fixed, or any of the regulations thereby made, and might make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at

what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas, since the making of the said recited Warrant, difficulties have arisen in deciding whether certain patterns or samples transmitted by the post, under the authority of the said Warrant, are of intrinsic value, and it is therefore expedient to remove the restriction upon patterns or samples of merchandize of intrinsic value, and to authorize the transmission of such patterns or samples by the post, and, for that purpose, to repeal the said recited Warrant, and the rates of postage and regulations therein mentioned, and to fix certain other rates of postage, and make certain other regulations in the manner herein-after 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 posted in the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions hereinafter mentioned and contained; that is to say:—

2. On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of two pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of fourpence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces, and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of eight pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding sixteen ounces, and not exceeding twenty-four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling.

3. No such packet which shall exceed twenty-four ounces in weight, or which in length shall exceed two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

4. 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.

5. There shall be no writing or printing 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 number and price of the pattern or sample contained therein, nor shall there be any writing or printing in any such packet, except the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark, and number and price of the pattern or sample contained therein, which shall in all such last-mentioned cases be written or printed on labels attached to the pattern or sample.

6. 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 boxes or in bags of linen or of other material, which shall be fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened,