

of the same being posted either in money or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto.

7. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, or shall be posted in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, or if any packet sent or tendered or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Queensland, or shall be posted in Queensland addressed to the United Kingdom, and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, but shall be equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under this Warrant on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight, every such respective 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 a further and additional rate of postage of fourpence; but if any such packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, or shall be posted in the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, or Saint Helena, addressed to the United Kingdom without any postage having been paid thereon, or without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such packet shall be forwarded, charged with double the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable under this Warrant if the postage thereon had been paid at the time of the same being posted.

8. In order to prevent any obstacle 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 this 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.

9. 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 question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive upon all parties.

10. 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 passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 96.

11. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may by Warrant under their hands duly made at any time hereafter alter, repeal, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any

new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time may appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

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

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

Luke White.

E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act 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, and 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 whereas, by an Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act 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," it is enacted that, in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by Warrant under their hands, to fix the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum weight in lieu thereof, and that all letters shall be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post, in conformity with any such Warrant, and also in conformity with and under and subject to all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall, from time to time direct; and it is also enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the Post Office to detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of that Act, or of the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to any regulations made under the authority of that Act, or the said first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned Act, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof or to forward them to the places of their destination, charged in either case with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct.

And whereas, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have from time to time by divers Warrants under their hands fixed and limited the dimensions of certain letters and packets transmissible by the post, and it is expedient to make such other regulations in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

Now, we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the