

otherwise closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, every such enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post Office, and either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be forwarded to the address on the packet, charged not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of postage of one penny, and the remainder of the packet, if duly prepaid by stamps, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

9. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp, or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon under or by virtue of this Warrant.

10. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions aforesaid, shall be posted without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable, under and by virtue of this Warrant, if the postage had been paid by stamps when posted. And if any such packet shall be posted, having thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, but equal in amount to one penny at the least, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the value of such 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 two pence.

11. Any packet posted in the United Kingdom, containing any razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal tubing, or ore, or such like, shall and may (notwithstanding anything in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 28th day of November, 1844, contained to the contrary) 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 hereinbefore mentioned and contained; provided that every such razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal tubing, or ore, or such like, so contained in any packet, be securely packed and guarded. And every such packet shall not only conform in every respect to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions hereinbefore contained, but the same shall also furnish sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office, and to the contents of the mail bags: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the transmission by the post within the United Kingdom of any packet containing any explosive or other dangerous material or substance.

12. If any packet sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the authority of the eleventh clause of this Warrant, shall be posted or transmitted by the post without being securely packed and guarded, and without furnishing sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office, and to the contents of the mail bags, as in such eleventh clause of this

Warrant provided (of which the Postmaster-General shall be the sole judge), every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened, and (at the option of the Postmaster-General) shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed; and every such packet, on being so returned or given up, shall be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage the Postmaster-General shall think fit, not exceeding the letter rates of postage.

13. 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 dispatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

14. 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.

15. All packets transmitted by the post under the provisions aforesaid shall in all respects (save and except as is hereinbefore mentioned and directed) be transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the same or the like orders, directions, regulations, and conditions for the time being in force, and applicable to packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom.

16. The several terms and expressions hereinbefore 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.

17. The said recited Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 20th day of March, 1865, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, and the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth, shall wholly cease and determine.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant bearing date the 16th day of October, 1857, did order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, posted in the United Kingdom might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom subject to the several rates and regulations thereafter contained.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, since the making of the said recited Warrant of the 16th day of October, 1857, have from time to time, by divers Warrants, made further regulations relating to packets transmitted by the inland book-post.

And whereas it is expedient to reduce the postage now chargeable on packets transmitted by the inland book-post in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we do further order, direct, and declare as follows, that is to say:

18. That all packets exceeding eight ounces in weight transmitted by the post under the authority