

Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 23rd day of October, 1865, on packets consisting of printed British newspapers, and on packets consisting of printed papers other than British newspapers, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Sweden or Norway, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Sweden or Norway as therein mentioned, together with the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, so far as they relate to or affect such packets respectively, are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

16. 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, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, or conditions in lieu thereof, and may from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

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

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

W. P. Adam.

E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament 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 were 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 by the same Act power was given to the Postmaster-General to charge such higher rates of postage on certain letters, newspapers, and other printed papers therein mentioned, as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, should from time to time deem expedient, and also to 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 by the same Act power was also 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 British postage or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters, or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such Warrant, and from time to time by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any of such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

And whereas further powers are 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, 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."

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said before-recited Acts, or one of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, have, from time to time, by divers Warrants in writing under their hands, made and issued certain regulations, orders, directions, and conditions relating to the rates of postage and the mode and time of payment thereof, and to the weight, size, and dimensions, and the mode and time of sending, under and subject to, and in conformity with which the several packets, consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, and the several other packets therein, or in some or one of the said Warrants respectively mentioned, may respectively be transmitted by the post; and it is expedient to make such further regulations with regard to certain of the said packets as are hereinafter mentioned and contained.

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, or either 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, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. In all cases where any packet, consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, or consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the colonial legislatures, or consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, may be transmitted by the post under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force, and any such packet shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, in the mode required by any such Warrant or Warrants, or shall be posted with a postage paid thereon, in the mode required by any such Warrant or Warrants, which shall be less in amount than the rate or rates of postage payable thereupon under any such Warrant or Warrants respectively, 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 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 be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage which the Postmaster-General shall think proper, not exceeding the rate or amount of postage to which such packet would have been liable as a letter, nor less than the rate of postage which such packet would have been chargeable with, if the postage thereof had been properly paid when posted.

2. The term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as the like term used in the said recited Acts.

3. 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, or revoke the orders, regulations, and directions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, regulations, orders, directions, and conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.