

any place in the United Kingdom and Norway (the sea conveyance being by private ship) there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage heretofore chargeable on such letters, an uniform British rate of postage of four pence.

2. And on every letter, transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows ; that is to say :—

On every such letter exceeding half an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight two rates of postage ;

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and not exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce in weight three rates of postage ;

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight four rates of postage ;

And for every half an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of two ounces there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and in charging any additional rate of postage every fractional part of such additional half an ounce shall be charged as an additional half an ounce in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

3. Nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise alter, prejudice, or affect the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, nor in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which officers, seamen, and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service now by law enjoy of sending and receiving letters by the post, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

4. The several 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 present Majesty.

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

6. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, alter or repeal any of the rates hereby altered or the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

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

Luke White.
W. P. Adam.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the 4th year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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 11th year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, 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 vested in them in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, have, from time to time, by divers Warrants under their hands relating to the colonial book post and the colonial pattern post, authorised and directed that packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, and packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, might be transmitted by the post to and from the United Kingdom and certain of Her Majesty's colonies, at certain rates of postage, and under and subject to certain conditions, regulations, and restrictions in and by the said several Warrants respectively specified and mentioned.

And whereas it is expedient to reduce the postage now chargeable on certain packets transmitted by the colonial book post and the colonial pattern post, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the 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, direct, and declare as follows, that is to say :—

1. That all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures exceeding eight ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or possessions, or posted in Malta or Gibraltar addressed to the United Kingdom and respectively transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to any of Her Majesty's colonies or possessions, and from Malta or Gibraltar to the United Kingdom, under the authority of certain Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 21st day of July, 1857, the 2nd day of September, 1857, the 13th day of April, 1859, the 19th day of June, 1858, the 1st day of July, 1859, the 11th day of June, 1860, the 25th day of March, 1862, the 8th day of January, 1863, the 25th day of July, 1863, the 26th day of December, 1864, the 11th day of March, 1865, the 27th day of December, 1865, and the 19th day of March, 1866, or under the authority of some or one of such Warrants respectively, or under the authority of any other Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force relating to the colonial book post ; and all