

## TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth 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 eleventh 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 it is expedient, that certain regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power reserved to us, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament and every 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 books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, not exceeding three pounds (Prussian) in weight, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the several places in Turkey, Moldavia, or Wallachia, at which Austria maintains post-offices, or to Alexandria, in Egypt, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to any of such several places via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage (British and Foreign combined), hereinafter mentioned ; that is to say :

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform single rate of postage of six pence ;

And on every such packet, exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows ; that is to say :

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, two rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, three rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding twelve ounces and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every additional four ounces in weight of any such packet above the weight of sixteen ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage, and in charging any additional rate of postage every fractional part of such additional four ounces in weight shall be charged as an additional four ounces in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable

under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

2. All packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, not exceeding three pounds (Prussian) in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to any of the said several places in Turkey, Moldavia, or Wallachia, at which Austria maintains post offices, or to Alexandria aforesaid, may be transmitted by the post from any of such colonies to any of such several places through the United Kingdom and via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned ; that is to say :

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

And on every such packet exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage, as follows (that is to say) ;

On every such packet, if exceeding two ounces in weight, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, two rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one-half of a pound in weight, four rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one-half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, eight rates of postage ;

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

3. All packets not exceeding eight ounces (British) in weight, consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the said several places in Turkey, Moldavia, or Wallachia, at which Austria maintains post offices, or to Alexandria aforesaid, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to any of such several places, via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage (British and foreign combined) hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform single rate of postage of six pence ;

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

4. All packets not exceeding eight ounces (British) in weight, consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to any place within any of the States of the German Postal Union, may be transmitted by the post from any of such colonies to any of such places within the said States through the United King-