

printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions as prints, maps (whether on paper or canvas or cloth, and whether printed or written), and photographs, when not on glass, or in frames containing glass, and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum (whether printed, lithographed, written upon, or plain, or any mixture of the four), together with any binding, mounting, or covering of or upon or belonging to any such article or production, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and including also any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book markers (whether of paper or otherwise), pencils, pens, or other thing usually appertaining to any such article or production, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission, which shall be sent in the same packet with any such article or production, to which they or it shall belong; and all letters, notices, and other communications (whether upon paper, parchment, or vellum), partly printed or partly lithographed and partly written, which, if wholly written, would not be considered letters or communications in the nature of letters: Provided, nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the sending by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, of any letter, notice, or other communication (whether upon paper, parchment, or vellum), partly printed or partly lithographed, and partly written, which, if wholly written, would be considered a letter or communication in the nature of a letter, nor of any packet consisting of or containing any photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents which may be obviously of an obscene character, nor of any packet comprising prints or printed matter, unless such prints or printed matter shall consist wholly of prints or printed matter on paper, parchment, or vellum; and the several other 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 first hereinbefore recited Act.

12. 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.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the thirteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

Gerard Noel.
G. G. Montgomery.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, for the regulation of the duties of postage, power is 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 such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage should extend to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

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, chapter eighty-five, 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 to alter the rates of postage now chargeable upon certain letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the East Indies, and to fix certain other rates in lieu thereof, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for that purpose vested in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, 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. On every letter, not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies, or posted in the East Indies, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and any port in the East Indies, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and any port in the East Indies by British packet-boat direct or *via* Suez, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of nine pence; and on every such letter, when conveyed *via* France and by French packet-boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British, colonial, and foreign combined), of one shilling and one penny.

2. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight transmitted by the post between any port in the East Indies and any other of Her Majesty colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between any port in the East Indies and the United Kingdom by British packet-boat direct or *via* Suez, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof respectively between the East Indies and the United Kingdom, an uniform rate of postage (British and colonial combined) of nine pence; and on every such letter when conveyed between any port in the East Indies and the United Kingdom *via* France and by French packet-boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof respectively, between the East Indies and the United Kingdom, an uniform rate of postage (British, colonial, and foreign combined) of one shilling and one penny.

3. On every such letter so transmitted as hereinbefore in the first and second clauses of this Warrant mentioned, between the United Kingdom and the East Indies, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the several further and additional and