

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, and at any time thereafter by Warrant, under their hands to alter and fix any of the rates of postage therein-mentioned.

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 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act of Parliament, passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 27, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and for providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications.

And whereas it is expedient to alter the rates of postage now chargeable upon letters, and newspaper and other packets, transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Guatemala, and to fix certain other rates in lieu thereof in the manner hereinafter set forth.

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 of Parliament or some or one 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 half an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Republic of Guatemala, or posted in the Republic of Guatemala, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom, and the said Republic *viâ* Panama (the sea conveyance being by British packet boat or partly by British and partly by foreign packet boat), there shall be charged and taken a uniform rate of British postage of one shilling.

2. On every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, or in any foreign country, addressed to the said Republic, or posted in the said Republic, addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, and transmitted by the post between any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, and the said Republic through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and the said Republic by British packet boat or partly by British and partly by foreign packet boat *viâ* Panama, there shall be charged and taken for such transmission thereof respectively between the United Kingdom and the said Republic a uniform rate of British postage of one shilling.

3. On every such letter so transmitted as hereinbefore mentioned between the United Kingdom and the said Republic, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

On every such letter exceeding half an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken two rates of postage;

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

And 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 additional 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 every fractional part of such additional half an ounce in weight 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.

4. On every letter transmitted by the post between any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country and the said Republic, through the United Kingdom, the said respective letters being conveyed between the United Kingdom and the said Republic by British packet boat, or partly by British and partly by foreign packet boat, *viâ* Panama, there shall be charged and taken, over and above the uniform rates of postage payable thereupon for the transmission thereof between the United Kingdom and the said Republic, such further or additional rates of postage for the conveyance of every such letter between the British colony or foreign country from or to which the same shall be forwarded, and the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival or departure of the packet boat or private ship conveying the same between such colony or foreign country and the United Kingdom, as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted in or addressed to such colony or foreign country, and transmitted to or from such port of arrival or departure in the United Kingdom: Provided that, in all cases where such additional rates include both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted therefrom a sum at the rate of one penny per half ounce for the inland conveyance of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by or under the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or either of them, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges to which officers, seamen, soldiers, and others employed in Her Majesty's service are by law entitled of sending and receiving letters by the post, subject to the regulations and restrictions made and in force for the time being in respect of the same.

6. On every packet consisting of a printed British newspaper, not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the said Republic, and transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to the said Republic *viâ* Panama, the sea conveyance being by British packet boat, or partly by British and partly by foreign packet boat, there shall be charged and taken a uniform British rate of postage of one penny; and on every packet consisting of a printed colonial or foreign newspaper, not exceeding four ounces in weight, transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom to the said Republic *viâ* Panama (the sea