

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act 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 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 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 present 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 it is expedient to alter the rates of British postage now payable upon certain letters in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said recited Acts 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:—

1. All letters exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to the Mauritius, Penang, Singapore, Australia, or New Zealand, or posted in the Mauritius, Penang, Singapore, Australia, or New Zealand, addressed to the United Kingdom, or posted in any British colony or foreign country, addressed to any other British colony or foreign country, and respectively transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Mauritius, Penang, Singapore, Australia, or New Zealand, or by British packet boat or private ship and without passing through the United Kingdom, between any British colony or foreign country and any other British colony or foreign country, shall, in lieu of being charged with the postage payable thereon in respect of such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, according to the scale of weight and number of rates contained in, or referred to by, any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or otherwise now in force relating to any such letters, be charged with the postage payable thereon under such Warrant or Warrants respectively, or otherwise, according to the following scale of weight and number of rates, that is to say:—

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

And on every such letter if exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid three rates of postage;

And on every such letter if exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four rates of postage;

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

2. 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 firstly hereinbefore recited Act.

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

4. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the seventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

W. H. Gladstone.
Lansdowne.

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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, 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