

PARCEL POST.

19th August, 1889.

SAMOA AND TONGA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM VIA HAMBURG.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Acts relating to Her Majesty's Post Office, and in exercise of all powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

Definitions.

1. In this Warrant:—

- (1.) The expression "Parcel" means a Postal Packet which is posted as a Parcel in accordance with the provisions of this Warrant, or any Warrant amending the same.
- (2.) The expression "United Kingdom" includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

Places between which Parcels may be transmitted.

2. From and after the date when this Warrant comes into operation Parcels may, subject to the provisions of this Warrant, be transmitted by Post, by way of Hamburg, between the United Kingdom and Samoa and Tonga.

Rates of Postage.

3. On all Parcels transmitted by Post, under this Warrant, from the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and paid the following rates of postage, that is to say:—

On every Parcel not exceeding three pounds in weight, four shillings.

On every Parcel exceeding three pounds and not exceeding seven pounds in weight, four shillings and sixpence.

Maximum Dimensions and Weight.

4. Except by permission of the Postmaster-General, no Parcel, the dimensions of which shall exceed in any direction two feet, or which shall exceed seven pounds in weight, shall be conveyed or tendered for conveyance by post under this Warrant.

Prepayment.

5. The postage chargeable according to the rates hereinbefore respectively mentioned, shall in all cases (except as otherwise provided in this Warrant) be prepaid at the time of posting, and such prepayment shall, in the United Kingdom, be effected by means of adhesive postage stamps, or at such Post Offices, within such hours, and under and subject to such regulations, as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time prescribe, in money.

Times of Posting.

6. Parcels intended to be transmitted by post may, in the United Kingdom, be posted on any day of the week except Sunday, but shall not be posted on Sundays, or in England or Ireland on Christmas Day or Good Friday, and in Scotland on either of the two Sacramental Fast Days, except in the cases next hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

Where the delivery of Parcels on Sundays, or any of the other days aforesaid, at certain Post Offices, to addressees calling for the same, may hereafter be specially authorized by the Postmaster-General, the posting of Parcels on Sundays, or such other days as aforesaid, at such Offices respectively, shall also be permitted within such times and in such manner as may be directed by the Postmaster-General.

Mode of Posting.

7. Except as otherwise provided in this Warrant, all Parcels shall, in the United Kingdom, be posted by being handed in at a Post Office, in the manner hereinafter provided, within the hours during which such Office shall be open to the public for the posting of Parcels.

Posting at Post Offices.

8. The following provisions shall apply to the posting of Parcels at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, that is to say:—

- (1.) It shall be the duty of a person bringing a Parcel to hand it to an officer on duty at the counter in such office.
- (2.) Such Parcel must bear the name and address of the sender, and the exact direction of the addressee, and must be packed in a manner adequate for the length of the journey, and for the protection of the contents. The parcel must also be so packed as to prevent any tampering with its contents without leaving an obvious trace of its violation, and must be sealed by means of sealing-wax, lead, or otherwise with some impress or mark of the sender. Such Parcel must also be accompanied by or have affixed to it a declaration of such kind, and stating the contents of the Parcel in such manner and form, and with such other particulars as the Commissioners of Customs and the Postmaster-General may prescribe.
- (3.) Such Parcel shall be measured and weighed by such officer, and (if such Parcel do not exceed the limits of measurement or weight hereinbefore mentioned) the postage thereof, according to the respective rates hereinbefore mentioned, shall be prepaid as hereinbefore mentioned, and shall be verified by such officer, and no such Parcel shall be forwarded by the post without the before-mentioned requirements being complied with; and if any such Parcel shall be left at a Post Office without such requirements being complied with, such Parcel shall be detained, and may be returned or given up to the sender thereof, or otherwise dealt with or disposed of in any manner authorized by this Warrant.

Collection of Parcels.

9. The Postmaster-General may, if he think fit, from time to time authorize such of his officers as he may direct to receive Parcels for the post under such regulations and conditions as he may from time to time prescribe.

Irregular Posting of Parcels.

10. Any Packet transmissible by Parcel Post from the United Kingdom, which, from any words or marks thereon, or other external evidence, appears to have been intended for transmission as a Parcel, but which has not been tendered for transmission as a Parcel, but has been posted in a Post Office letter-box, or otherwise than according to the manner hereinbefore prescribed for the posting of Parcels, may, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, either be detained and returned or given up to the sender, or if the said Packet is fully prepaid with the Letter or Book Packet rate of postage, and otherwise conforms to the Regulations as to the Letter or Book Post, may be forwarded as a Letter or Book Packet (as the case may be).

Return and Disposal of Undelivered Parcels.

11. With regard to—

- (a.) Parcels which are addressed to a Post Office in the United Kingdom to be called for, or to a place in the United Kingdom