



SUPPLEMENT

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WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the last session of Parliament, intituled "An Act for the further regulation of the Duties on Postage, until the 5th day of October 1840," power is given to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands, to alter, fix, reduce, or remit all or any of the rates of British or Inland or other Postage payable by law on the transmission of Post Letters, and to subject such letters to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such warrant (without reference to the distance or number of miles the same may be conveyed), and to fix and limit the weight of letters to be sent by the Post; and, from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered or reduced 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, that is to say, whether on posting the letter or on the receipt thereof, or at either of those times, at the option of the sender; and, by the same Act, power is also given to the Lords of the Treasury, by warrant under their hands, to suspend, wholly or in part, any Parliamentary or official privilege of sending and receiving Letters by the Post free of postage, or any other franking privilege of any description whatsoever; provided, that all such warrants should be inserted in the London Gazette ten days, at least, before coming into operation, and should, within fourteen days after making the same, be laid before both Houses of Parliament (if then sitting), or otherwise, within fourteen days after Parliament should meet:

And whereas by a warrant, under the hands of three of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 22d day of November 1839, the said Lords Commissioners did, in exercise of the

power or authority for such purpose vested in them by the said Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, fix and limit the scale of weight therein mentioned of letters to be transmitted through the General Post, and they subjected and charged such letters, on and after the 5th day of December then next and now instant, to the rates of postage therein mentioned, and they thereby made the several other orders and regulations respecting the conveyance of letters by the Post therein contained; and they thereby declared, that it should be lawful for the Lords Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands at any time thereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates thereby altered, or the regulations thereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and, from time to time, to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid.

Now, we the undersigned (being three of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury), do, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said Act and warrant, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant, under our hands, order and direct, that the said warrant, of the 22d day of November now last, and the rates thereby fixed and directed to be charged, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed from and after the 9th day of January 1840 (except as to any Letters posted in or brought into the United Kingdom on or before that day, and also except as to any duties of postage which shall have become due under or by virtue of such warrant, which may be recovered as if the same had continued in force.)

And we hereby further order and direct, that this present warrant shall come into operation on the 10th day of January 1840; and that all Letters

which, on or after that day, shall be posted in any town or place within the United Kingdom, or shall be brought from parts beyond the seas to any port or place within the United Kingdom, or shall be sent between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas, or between any of the other places hereinafter mentioned, shall be subject to the several regulations and rates hereinafter contained.

And we further order and direct, that Letters transmitted by the Post shall not in future be charged with the British rates of postage, according to the number of inclosures, but by weight, as hereinafter mentioned.

And we hereby fix and limit the following scale of weight of Letters to be transmitted by the Post, and we subject such Letters, on and after the said 10th day of January 1840, to the following rates of Postage (that is to say):

On every Letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken one rate of postage.

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

On every Letter, exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken four rates of postage.

On every Letter, exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken six rates of postage.

And on every Letter, exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as one additional ounce.

And we order and direct, that no Letter exceeding sixteen ounces in weight shall, in any case, be forwarded by the Post between places within the United Kingdom, except addresses to Her Majesty, Parliamentary petitions, printed votes and proceedings in Parliament, Letters addressed to, or despatched by, any of the Government offices or departments, or any public officer having now the privilege of franking by virtue of his office, deeds, if transmitted under all such regulations and restrictions as the Postmaster-General shall from time to time appoint, and letters to and from places beyond the seas.

And we hereby fix and limit the following rates of Postage to be paid to Her Majesty's Postmaster-General for the use of Her Majesty, on Letters posted and transmitted by the Post, on and after the 10th day of January 1840; and we order and direct the same to be charged and paid accordingly; that is to say:

Inland Letters.

On all Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the Post, between places within the United Kingdom (not being Letters sent to or from parts beyond the seas), there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one penny, without reference to the number of sheets or pieces of paper, or enclosures of which the same may be comprised, or to the distance or

number of miles the same shall be conveyed; and that on all such Letters, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of postage (each additional rate being estimated at one penny), according to the scale of weight and number of rates herebefore fixed and declared; provided, that such postage of one penny, and such progressive and additional postage be pre-paid at the time of posting such Letters; but, in case such postage on any such Letters shall not be pre-paid when posted, there shall be charged on such Letters a postage of double the amount to which such Letters would otherwise have been liable under this present warrant.

That all Letters forwarded under the authority of the Postmaster-General, by private vessels or packet boats, and transmitted between places in the United Kingdom, shall be considered as forwarded by the Post between such places, and be charged accordingly.

Colonial Letters, by Packet.

That on all Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any place within the United Kingdom, wherever situate, and any other of the British dominions or colonies, by packet boat, and not through France (including, however, Letters to and from the East Indies by way of Falmouth and Alexandria), there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of British postage of one shilling; and, if exceeding such weight, then progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates herebefore contained, each additional rate being estimated at one shilling.

Ship Letters.

That on all letters transmitted by vessels not being packet boats, between the United Kingdom and any place beyond the seas (including Ceylon, the Mauritius, the Cape of Good Hope, and the East Indies), there shall be charged and taken for British postage the rates following, at whatever place within the United Kingdom the same may be posted or delivered, that is to say, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, one uniform rate of eightpence; and if exceeding such weight, then progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight, and number of rates herebefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at eightpence.

Foreign Letters.

That on all letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by post,

Between any part of the United Kingdom and France, or any other Foreign country through France (Letters to and from any of Her Majesty's colonies or dominions excepted), there shall be charged and taken uniform rates of postage of the like amounts, as are now payable by law on single Letters transmitted between London and any such Foreign country.

Between the United Kingdom and Foreign parts (except France and any Foreign country through France), or between the United Kingdom and any of Her Majesty's colonies or dominions through a

Foreign country, or between any ports, islands, or places out of the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken the like rates of British postage as are by law now payable; in respect to single Letters so transmitted (Letters on which uniform rates of postage between any such places are now legally payable, being still liable to, and charged therewith, according to the respective amounts thereof); and the said Letters, whether at present rated from or to the port of departure and arrival of the packet conveying the same or not, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, be deemed and considered to be so rated, and the rates shall be charged and taken accordingly.

And on every Letter so transmitted (Letters chargeable with uniform rates of postage as aforesaid excepted), which shall be posted within the United Kingdom at any other place than the port of departure of the packet, by which the same shall be forwarded, or which shall be addressed to, or delivered at, any other place within the United Kingdom than the port at which the packet bringing the same shall arrive, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, an inland rate of twopence shall be charged and taken, in addition to the rates of British postage, now payable thereon as aforesaid.

And on every Letter, so transmitted as hereinbefore respectively mentioned, exceeding half an ounce in weight (Letters on which uniform rates are payable as aforesaid included), there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of British postage, according to the scale of weight and number of rates hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at the amount hereinbefore directed to be charged and taken on every Letter so transmitted not exceeding half an ounce in weight, and charging the inland rate (if any) as aforesaid.

And we further order and direct, that in all cases in which the British rates hereinbefore directed to be charged on Letters transmitted by Post between the United Kingdom and foreign parts, or between the United Kingdom and any of Her Majesty's colonies or dominions through a foreign country, or between any places out of the United Kingdom, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, shall exceed the duty of postage which would be payable by law according to the existing rates on single Letters so transmitted in case this warrant had not been made, there shall be charged and taken on such Letters the like rates of postage only and no more as would by law be payable according to the existing rates by distance or otherwise in respect of such single Letters; and on any such Letters exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid the progressive additional rates according to the scale of weight and number of rates hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at the amount payable according to the existing rates for every such single Letter.

That with reference to the existing Treaties between His late Majesty King William the Fourth, Her present Majesty, and His Majesty the King of the French, Letters between the United Kingdom and France may be sent without being pre-paid; but

in all other cases of Letters sent out of the United Kingdom, it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General to require the postage thereof to be paid by the sender on the tender or delivery of such Letters at the Post-office, or other place appointed by the Postmaster-General for the receipt of such Letters for the purpose of transmission by the Post (subject, nevertheless, to the regulations and enactments in this respect contained in the Act of the first Victoria, cap. 34, sec. 14).

And we order and direct, that all additional rates at any time heretofore payable by law on letters transmitted by post to or from Ireland by way of Holyhead in respect of the Menai-bridge, and by way of Conway and Chester in respect of Conway-bridge, and by way of Milford and Waterford, and also the additional rate of one halfpenny on Letters conveyed by the Post in any part of Scotland by a mail carriage with more than two wheels, shall be wholly remitted and shall cease to be payable.

That all additional rates for Letters originally sent by the General Post to places within the United Kingdom, directed beyond the limits of the delivery of the General Post, and delivered by any twopenny or penny or convention Post, or originally sent by any twopenny or penny or convention Post, and afterwards passing through the General Post, shall also be remitted and cease to be payable.

That on and after the said 10th day of January next, the privilege of sending and receiving Letters by the post free of postage, whether Parliamentary, official, or of any other description whatsoever (except as hereinafter provided), as well under an Act, passed in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled "An Act for regulating the sending and receiving of Letters and packets by the post free from the duty of postage" (being the 1 Vict. c. 35), as under any other Act or Acts now in force, or under any other authority whatsoever, shall be wholly suspended during the time this Warrant shall be in force; and that all Letters to which any such privileges now extend (except as aforesaid), shall thenceforth be charged, and chargeable with the like rates as any other Letters transmitted by the post will be chargeable with, under or by virtue of this present Warrant.

That the printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, may be forwarded by the Post between places in the United Kingdom, or between the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's colonies (but not through France, nor to the East Indies, via Falmouth and Alexandria), subject, nevertheless, to all the regulations and restrictions in force under the said Act of the 1st Victoria, cap. 34, which votes and proceedings shall be charged with the rates of postage following (that is to say):

If not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and paid a rate of one penny.

If exceeding two ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and paid a rate of two pence.

And for every additional two ounces in weight above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged an additional rate of postage of one penny.

And every fraction of an ounce above the weight of two ounces shall be charged an additional rate of postage of one penny; provided always, that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General (if he shall see fit), to delay the transmission of any such printed votes or proceedings, for any space of time, not exceeding twenty-four hours from the time at which such votes and proceedings would otherwise have been forwarded.

That the privilege of forwarding addresses to Her Majesty free of postage, and the privilege, by the said Act of the 1st Victoria, c. 35, granted to Members of each House of Parliament, of receiving petitions addressed to either House of Parliament, not exceeding six ounces each in weight, free of postage, and all the privileges and exemptions by law granted in respect of printed British newspapers duly stamped, and of foreign newspapers, and of colonial newspapers (including those of the islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, Man, and the Ionian Islands), whether stamped or not, and letters to and from soldiers and seamen employed in Her Majesty's service abroad, and transmitted to and from the United Kingdom (provided that such Letters do not exceed half an ounce in weight), shall continue in force, subject to the existing regulations and liabilities respecting the same.

That if any such printed votes or proceedings, Parliamentary petitions, printed newspapers and letters of soldiers and seamen, shall become chargeable with and liable to the full Letter rates of Postage, such rates (and the treble duty on newspapers in such cases as the same shall by law become payable), shall be charged and taken according to the scale of weight and rates herein-before specified.

That, except in the cases herein-before specified, all privileges whatsoever of sending Letters free of Postage, or at a reduced rate of Postage, shall be wholly suspended, during the time this present warrant shall be in operation: provided that the letters of owners, charterers, and consignees (resident in the United Kingdom) of vessels inward bound, and the owners, consignees, and shippers of goods on board vessels outward bound, shall have the like exemption from Postage as such Letters are now entitled to, under the provisions of the first Victoria, cap. 34, and that printed colonial newspapers, not stamped, may be brought into the United Kingdom by packet boats free of Postage.

Provided always, and we hereby declare, that nothing in this warrant contained shall extend to or be in anywise construed to affect the rates of postage payable under an Act passed in the year 1764 (being the 5th Geo. 3, c. 25), on letters transmitted by the post within or between any of the British dominions in America or the West Indies, and not passing to or from the United Kingdom, or to alter the mode of charging such letters, so far as such rates are now payable by law.

That on all foreign letters addressed to places within Her Majesty's dominions, the Postmaster-General may charge the foreign postage, in addition to the British postage; and he may account for and pay

over to the foreign countries entitled to receive the same the amount of all such foreign postage.

That the gratuities now payable by law to masters of vessels on letters and newspapers conveyed by them, for or on behalf of the Post-office, between places within the United Kingdom, shall, on and from the said 10th day of January 1840, be reduced; and the sum of two shillings and sixpence only, and no more, shall from thenceforth be payable for each and every number of one hundred of such letters and newspapers, and for any less number in the like proportion; and a gratuity of one penny for each letter, and of one halfpenny for each newspaper, shall also be payable to the masters of vessels bound to Ceylon, the Mauritius the Cape of Good Hope, and the East Indies, on letters and newspapers conveyed by them for or on behalf of the Post-office, subject, nevertheless, to all the regulations and conditions now by law applicable to letters and newspapers conveyed by private ships, and the delivery thereof to the Post-office.

That the terms and expressions used in this Warrant, shall be construed according to the respective interpretations of the terms and expressions contained in an Act, passed in the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 36, intitled "An Act for consolidating the laws relative to offences against the Post Office of the United Kingdom, and for regulating the judicial administration of the Post Office laws, and for explaining certain terms and expressions employed in those laws;" and the said firstly herein-before mentioned Act of the second and third years of Her present Majesty, so far as those interpretations are not repugnant to the subject, or inconsistent with the context of such terms and expressions; but so that for all the purposes of this present Warrant, the Islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, shall be deemed and considered to be comprehended within the term or expression of "the United Kingdom," and Honduras and the Ionian Islands within the term or expression of "British Dominions or Colonies," wherever such terms or expressions shall be found or used in this present Warrant; and that the word "Post," wherever used in this Warrant, shall extend to and include as well any General, as any Twopenny or Penny or Convention Post.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare, that it shall be lawful for the Lords Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter, to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and, from time to time, to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable, are to be paid.

As witness our hands this 27th day of December 1839.

MELBOURNE.
F. BARING.
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