

for your Royal Highness throughout the kingdom, as well as the great interest felt for your Royal Highness's welfare.

With heartfelt joy we hail this visit, and are persuaded that your Royal Highness will receive, with kind condescension, the humble salutations of this body corporate, who earnestly pray, that your Royal Highness may receive every blessing which Providence can bestow, and may long continue a benefit and ornament to these realms.

Thos. Clarke, Mayor.

To His Royal Highness the PRINCE ALBERT,
&c. &c.

May it please your Royal Highness,

AVAILING ourselves of the opportunity afforded by the visit of your Royal Highness to our immediate neighbourhood, we, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough of Sheffield, desire to testify the respect which we feel for your Royal Highness, to offer you our sincere congratulations, and to invite your Royal Highness to honour our borough with your presence, and inspect the numerous articles of our staple trades, and the various processes carried on in their manufacture, assuring your Royal Highness that, in so doing, every possible attention shall be paid to your Royal Highness's comfort and convenience.

In preferring this invitation, which we earnestly hope your Royal Highness may be enabled to accept, either now or on some future occasion, we trust it will not be deemed improper, if we allude to your Royal Highness's character and virtues. The encouragement which your Royal Highness has given to British industry and art, the patronage which you have extended to every scheme having for its object the amelioration of the social, moral, or intellectual condition of the people, and the attachment and devotion which your Royal Highness has constantly displayed towards your Illustrious Consort, have not failed to command the admiration and esteem of all classes and parties in this country.

That your Royal Highness may long enjoy the blessings of health and strength, and a continuance of that domestic felicity and happiness which have crowned your happy union with our gracious and beloved Sovereign, is our sincere hope and prayer.

Signed on behalf of the Corporation,
William Jeffcock, Mayor.

To His Royal Highness PRINCE ALBERT.

WE, the Master, Wardens, Searchers, Assistants, and Commonalty of the Corporation of Cutlers, in Sheffield, in the county of York, at our Common Hall, in Sheffield, assembled, are unwilling to let the opportunity afforded by your Royal Highness's visit, and that of your illustrious Consort, our beloved Queen, at Chatsworth, to pass, without renewing the assurance of our attachment and sincere regard to your Royal Highness, whose high character has most deservedly endeared you to that people, over whom, in future times, your Royal Highness's Descendants are, we trust, destined by Divine Providence to reign.

That your Royal Highness may long live to promote the happiness of our beloved Queen, and the best interests of the British empire, we sincerely pray.

Thomas Wilkinson, Master Cutler.

Whitehall, December 8, 1843.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, for presenting the Reverend John Sinclair, M. A. to the archdeaconry of Middlesex, void by the promotion of the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor John Lonsdale to the see of Lichfield.

Crown-Office, December 8, 1843.

MEMBER returned to serve in this present PARLIAMENT.

County of Kilkenny.

Pierce Somerset Butler, of Lodge-park, in the county of Kilkenny, Esq. in the room of George Bryan, Esq. deceased.

Whitehall, December 6, 1843.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed William Rowell, of Newbury, in the county of Berks, Gent. to be a Master Extraordinary in the High Court of Chancery.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act, passed in the third and fourth years 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 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 should extend to any increase or reduction or remission of postage:

And whereas, in consequence of a communication opened with the Post-office of Holland, it is considered expedient to alter the rates of postage payable on letters conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between that country and the United Kingdom:

Now we, the undersigned, being three of the 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 recited Act, and of all other powers and authorities enabling us in this behalf, direct that, on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Holland (conveyed between the United Kingdom and Holland direct by packet boat or private ship), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage of eight pence.

And we direct, that it shall be optional for the sender of any such letter as hereinbefore is mentioned, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Holland (registered letters excepted), to allow the whole of the postage thereof, British and foreign, to be charged to the receiver of the letter in Holland, or to prepay all such postage at the time of posting the letter; but such sender shall not have the option of paying the British postage thereof only, and leaving the foreign postage to be paid in Holland.

And we direct, that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's colonies, or foreign countries, through Holland (conveyed between the United Kingdom and Holland direct by packet boat or private ship), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters for the conveyance thereof between Holland and the United Kingdom, an uniform rate of British postage of eight pence for such conveyance.

And we direct, that the Postmaster-General may require the British postage, and also (if he shall so think fit) the foreign postage, from time to time payable on the letters lastly hereinbefore mentioned, to be paid on the same being put into the post-office.

And we direct, that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Holland or any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country via Holland, and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (conveyed direct by packet boat or private ship between the United Kingdom and Holland), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of British postage of eight pence for the conveyance of every such letter between Holland and any part of the United Kingdom; and also such a further or additional rate of British postage for the conveyance of every such letter between the port, in the United Kingdom, of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, as shall, from time to time, be charged and payable for British postage on letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted or delivered at the port, in the United Kingdom, of the departure or arrival

of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and such colony or foreign country.

And we further direct, that on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in this warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of postage, according to the scale of weight and number of rates in the said Act contained as to letters, estimating and charging each additional rate at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this warrant if not exceeding half an ounce in weight.

And we further direct, that such printed newspapers, as are hereinafter mentioned, may be sent by the post at the rates hereinafter set forth (that is to say),

British newspapers sent direct from the United Kingdom to Holland, or to Her Majesty's colonies; or foreign countries, through Holland, one penny each.

Newspapers published in Holland, and sent from thence direct to any part of the United Kingdom, or to Her Majesty's colonies, or foreign countries, through the United Kingdom, one penny each.

Foreign newspapers sent between foreign countries and Holland, through the United Kingdom, one penny each.

Foreign newspapers sent from foreign countries to the United Kingdom, through Holland, one penny each.

Colonial newspapers sent from the British colonies to the United Kingdom, through Holland, or from the British colonies to Holland, through the United Kingdom, one penny each.

And we further direct, that printed periodical publications (not being strictly newspapers) published in Holland or the United Kingdom, and printed proceedings of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, may be sent by the post direct between any part of the United Kingdom and Holland, according to the regulations and rates hereinafter mentioned (that is to say),

For every such publication or Parliamentary proceeding, not exceeding two ounces in weight, one penny each.

Above two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces, six pence each.

Above three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces, eight pence each.

And for every additional ounce in weight, above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and paid an additional rate of two pence.

And every fraction of such additional ounce shall be charged as a full ounce; but any such periodical publication, if printed in Holland, shall, in order to be entitled to pass by the post at the reduced rates aforesaid, be posted within Holland, and any such Parliamentary proceeding shall be posted in the United Kingdom; and, if not so posted, the same shall, respectively, be liable to the like rates of postage as would have been chargeable on such periodical publication or Parliamentary proceeding, if the same had been a letter so conveyed by the post.

And we direct, that no such printed periodical publications, as shall exceed sixteen ounces in weight, shall be forwarded by the post under this warrant.

And we declare, that the rates herein mentioned on printed newspapers, printed periodical publications, and printed Parliamentary proceedings shall be payable, whether the sea conveyance be by packet boat or private ship, provided the conveyance of such newspapers, publications, and proceedings between the United Kingdom and Holland be direct, and not through any foreign country.

And we further direct, that the Postmaster-General may cause the postage on any such printed newspapers, printed periodical publications, and printed Parliamentary proceedings, to be paid on the same being put into the post-office.

And we further direct, that all such printed newspapers, printed periodical publications, and Parliamentary proceedings, as shall be sent by the post under this warrant, shall be forwarded under and subject to all such conditions, regulations, restrictions, examinations, and penalties as by the said recited Act are directed in respect of printed newspapers, and other printed papers, sent by the post.

And we further direct, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, or by an Act made and passed in the first year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the management of the Post-office;" and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

And we further direct, that the term "periodical publications," used in this present warrant, shall include all such printed prices current, and printed commercial lists, as are not entitled to the newspaper privilege; and that all the 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 Act of the third and fourth years of the reign of Her present Majesty.

And we further direct, that this warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January 1844.

Provided lastly, and we hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the 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.

Whitehall, Treasury-chambers, the 2d day of December 1843.

HENRY GOULBURN:
J. MILNES GASKELL:
JOHN YOUNG.

Quarterly Average of the Weekly Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of England, from the 9th day of September to the 2d day of December 1843, both inclusive, published pursuant to the Act, 3 and 4 William IV. cap. 98.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Circulation	£19,121,000	Securities	£20,926,000
Deposits	10,944,000	Bullion	12,275,000
	<u>£30,065,000</u>		<u>£33,201,000</u>

11, Downing-street, December 7, 1843.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a separate building, named Ebenezer, situated at Newport, in the parish of Newport, in the county of Pembroke, in the district of the Cardigan union, being a building certified according to law as a place of religious worship, was, on the 28th day of November 1843, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of the 6th and 7th William 4, chap. 85.

Witness my hand this 2d day of December 1843,

Caleb Lewis, Superintendent Registrar.

CONTRACTS FOR BLUE SERGE, BLUE SERGE FROCKS, WORSTED CAPS, &c.

Department of the Comptroller for Victualling and Transport Services, Somerset-Place, November 21, 1843.

THE Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland do hereby give notice, that, on Thursday the 14th of December next, at one o'clock, they will be ready to treat with such persons as may be willing to contract for supplying and delivering into Her Majesty's Victualling Stores at Deptford, the under-mentioned articles, viz.

Blue Serge, in the piece, 100,000 yards, and materials for packing with the same, consisting of Black Thread, Black Tape, and Japaned Buttons; one third of each to be delivered by the 31st of January, another by the 15th of March, and the remainder by the 30th of April next.

Blue Serge Frocks, 8000 number; half to be delivered by the 29th of February, and the remainder by the 30th of April next.

Worsted Caps, 5000 number; half to be delivered by the 29th of February, and the remainder by the 30th of April next.

Samples of the articles and the conditions of the contracts may be seen at the said Office.

No tender will be received after one o'clock on the day of treaty, nor any noticed unless the party attends, or an agent for him duly authorized in writing.