

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury having certified to the Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt, in pursuance of the Act, 10th Geo. 4th, c. 27, sec. 1, that the actual expenditure of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland exceeded the actual revenue thereof, for the year ended the 5th day of January 1849, by the sum of seven hundred and ninety-six thousand four hundred and nineteen pounds fourteen shillings and six pence;

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt hereby give notice, that no sum will be applied by them on account of the Sinking Fund, under the provisions of the said Act, between the 7th day of April 1849 and the 5th day of July 1849.

National Debt Office, April 3, 1849.

S. Higham, Comptroller-General.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the Duties of Postage," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time, and at any time after the passing of that Act, 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 weights 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 by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage should extend to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas by an Act passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the better regulation of Colonial Posts," power is given to the said Commissioners from time to time by Warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of Colonial postage payable by law for the transmission of letters by the post, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof in like manner as in the said first-mentioned Act is enacted in respect of British or Inland postage on Foreign or Colonial letters, and the power by the said last-mentioned Act given to alter and fix rates of postage, is declared to extend to any increase or reduction, or remission of postage.

And whereas by a Warrant under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the 8th day of March last, certain Packet and Inland rates of postage were fixed on letters transmitted by British packet-boats between a port in the United Kingdom and a port in British North America.

And whereas it is expedient that such rates should be repealed and that other rates should be established in lieu thereof.

Now, we the undersigned being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do in exercise of a power for this purpose, reserved to us in and by the said Warrant and of all other powers, enabling us in this behalf, by this Warrant under our hands, repeal, annul, and make void, so much of the said Warrant of the 8th day of March last, as relates to letters transmitted between a

port in the United Kingdom and a port in British North America, and the packet and inland rates of postage thereby fixed on such letters.

And we the said Commissioners do, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said recited Acts, and in and by the said Warrant, and of all other powers and authorities, enabling us in this behalf order and direct,—

That on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom, and any port or place in Her Majesty's provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, in British North America, the sea conveyance being by British packet-boats, there shall be charged and taken (in lieu of any rates of British or Colonial postage now payable by law on such letters) an uniform British rate of tenpence, and an uniform Colonial rate of twopence.

And that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any port in Newfoundland, the sea-conveyance being by British packet-boats, there shall be charged and taken (in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters) an uniform British rate of one shilling.

And we direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island or Newfoundland, land, and any of Her Majesty's Colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (conveyed by British packet-boats between the United Kingdom and Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, or Newfoundland,) there shall be charged and taken (in lieu of any rates of British or Colonial postage, now payable by law on such letters,) the rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, (that is to say,) on every such letter posted in, or addressed to, any port or place in Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, an uniform British rate of ten-pence, and an uniform Colonial rate of two-pence, for the conveyance of every such letter between the United Kingdom and any port or place in Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island. And on every such letter posted in or addressed to Newfoundland, an uniform British rate of one shilling for the conveyance of every such letter between the United Kingdom and Newfoundland. And on every such respective letter hereinbefore in this clause mentioned, there shall be charged and taken, over and above any British or Colonial rates of postage, 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 direct that, on every letter transmitted, as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive, and additional rates of postage as follows, (that is to say,)

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every letter exceeding three ounces, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, 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 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.

And we direct that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to alter or affect the rates of postage fixed by a Treasury Warrant bearing date the 9th day of May, 1843, on letters transmitted by the post between France or foreign countries or Her Majesty's Colonies via France and any part of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland, through the United Kingdom, which rates shall continue payable as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we direct that nothing herein or in the said recited Warrant of the 8th day of March last contained, shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters transmitted between the United Kingdom and the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland, by private ships, which letters shall continue to be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant and the said Warrant of the 8th day of March last had not been signed.

And we direct that nothing herein or in the said Warrant of the 8th day of March last contained, shall be deemed or construed to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Acts or any Treasury Warrants which have been issued under the same Acts or either of them, 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 direct that the 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 passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

And we further direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the 15th day of April, 1849.

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 fixed or 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 third day of April, 1849.

W. Gibson Craig.
R. M. Bellew.
H. Rich.

SUNDERLAND ORDER.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of Sunderland, in the Sunderland Union; and to all whom it may concern.

Whereas by the provisions of the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," (11 & 12 Vict., c. 123) for the prevention of Epidemic, Endemic and Contagious Diseases, and by virtue of an Order of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, bearing date the 27th day of March 1849, directing that the said act be continued in force throughout the whole of Great Britain, We, the General Board of Health, are authorized to issue such directions and regulations as the said Board shall think fit for the prevention, as far as possible, or mitigation of epidemic, endemic, or contagious diseases.

And whereas the parish of Sunderland appears to be affected by epidemic or endemic disease.

And whereas it is desirable that there should be some better defined powers for the removal of necessitous families and others to the House of Refuge, provided in the parish of Sunderland, for their reception, and also for the proper interment of the dead:

1. We, the General Board of Health, do hereby authorize and direct that on the report of the medical officer of the parish, the relieving officer shall take order for the immediate removal to the said House of Refuge, of the families of such necessitous persons as have been attacked with cholera; and likewise such necessitous persons being under the same roof, or in the vicinity of persons so attacked as the medical officer acting under the authority of the Board of Guardians may deem it requisite or desirable to remove.

2. That in case of death by cholera, or other epidemic disease, we authorize and require such medical officer to give and such relieving officer to take such order as to the said medical officer may appear needful for the proper care, removal, and interment of the body, for preventing the spread of the disease.

3. And we further authorize and require the police to render such assistance as may be necessary for effecting the removal of persons to the House of Refuge, &c., and otherwise to aid as may be needed in the execution of these directions.

Given under our hands and under the seal of the General Board of Health, this third day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.



(Signed) *Carlisle.*
Ashley.
Edwin Chadwick.
T. Southwood Smith.

NUISANCES REMOVAL AND DISEASES PREVENTION ACT, 1848.

Whereas by virtue of an Order of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, bearing date the 28th day of September 1848, the provisions of the "Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Act, 1848," were put in force throughout the whole of Great Britain, for a period of six calendar months; and whereas the General Board of Health issued directions and regulations under the authority of the said Act; and whereas by an Order of the Lords of the Privy Council, bearing date the 27th day of March 1849, the provisions of the said Act were put in force for a further period of six calendar months from that date; and whereas doubts may exist as to the continuance of