

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," 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 whereas by an Act 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," the proviso concerning the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post as fixed in and by the said first-mentioned Act is repealed, and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by warrant under their hands, to fix a maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight, wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum of weight in lieu thereof; and all letters are to be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post in conformity with any such warrant, and also in conformity with, and under and subject to all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct; and by the said Act power is also given to the Postmaster-General to collect and receive the foreign and colonial postage charged or chargeable on any letters sent by the post, and also with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to require the postage, British, colonial, or foreign of any letters sent by the post to be prepaid, either in money or in stamps, as he may think fit, on the same being put into the Post-office, and also with such consent to abolish or restrict the prepayment, in money, of postage on letters sent by the post, either altogether or on certain letters, and to require the prepayment thereof to be in stamps, and to refuse to receive or send by the post any letters tendered contrary to any regulations thereby made; and it is also declared and enacted that it shall be lawful for the Postmaster-General and any officer of the Post-office to detain any letters which shall be posted or sent by the post contrary to the regulations of that Act, or the first-mentioned Act, or contrary to the regulations of any Treasury Warrant to be issued under or by virtue of that Act, or which had been or should be issued under or by virtue of the said first-mentioned Act, and to open such letters and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to forward them to the places of their destination, charged in either case with such rates of postage as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, shall from time to time direct :

Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said before mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant under our hands, order and direct that printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, printed pamphlets (whether British, colo-

nial, or foreign), may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the British West Indies, Newfoundland, Gibraltar, Malta, or Hong-Kong, subject to the several regulations and rates hereinafter contained (that is to say):

On every packet consisting of a single printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall be sewed or bound together, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding half a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding two pounds in weight, three shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of two shillings.

And on every such packet, if exceeding two pounds and not exceeding three pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of three shillings.

And for every additional one pound in weight of any such packet, above the weight of three pounds, there shall be charged and taken an additional rate of postage of one shilling, and every fraction of such additional pound shall be charged as an additional pound.

And we further order and direct, that no such packet, if containing more than one printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, or containing any paper or thing besides a printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, or containing any printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall not be sewed or bound together, or which packet, in length, or breadth, or width, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet or twenty-four inches, shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

And we further order and direct, that as to any packet hereinbefore authorized to be sent by the post under the provisions aforesaid, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall in every case be prepaid at the time of the same being posted, not in money but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon under or by virtue of this warrant; and as to any such packet posted in the aforesaid colonies, the postage thereof shall in every case be prepaid in money at the time of the same being posted.

And we further order and direct, that every such packet shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, and shall contain printed matter only with the binding thereof, and there shall be no writing or marks upon the cover or envelope thereof, or upon or within any part of the contents thereof, other than the name and address of the person to whom the packet shall be sent.

And in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, we further direct, that it shall be lawful for any officer of the Post-office in the United Kingdom to delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this warrant, either for the space of twenty-four hours from the time at which (or at

his option until the despatch of the mail next after that by which) the same ought otherwise to have been forwarded by him; and it shall be lawful for any officer of the Post-office in the aforesaid colonies to delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this warrant for the space of seven days from the time at which (or at his option until the despatch of the mail next after that by which) the same ought otherwise to have been forwarded by him.

And we further direct that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the transmission by the post of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or of printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, nor of printed papers or other printed publications which are allowed to pass by the post under the newspaper privilege.

And we further order and direct, that if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this present warrant, shall contain any paper or thing besides a printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, and the binding thereof, or shall have any writing or marks upon the same, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, except the name and address of the person to whom it is forwarded, or shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall in length or breadth, or width or depth, exceed the dimensions of two feet, or twenty-four inches, or shall contain more than one printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, or shall contain any printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall not be sewed or bound together, or if the postage of any such packet posted in the United Kingdom, shall not be duly and properly prepaid by stamps when posted, or if the postage of any such packet posted in any of the aforesaid colonies shall not be duly and properly prepaid in money when posted, the same shall and may be detained and opened and at the option of the Postmaster-General shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination, and any such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

And we further direct, that printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, and printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures may be sent between the United Kingdom and the East Indies or Hong-Kong, by Her Majesty's Mediterranean packet-boats, via Southampton and Syria or Egypt, at the several rates of British postage fixed by the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty on printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament sent to Her Majesty's colonies by packet-boat, and on printed votes, and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures sent to the United Kingdom from the colonies by packet-boat, but such respective votes and proceedings shall be subject to all the regulations, conditions, and penalties, prescribed by the said last-mentioned Act, in respect of printed papers sent by the Post.

And we further direct, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any packets sent through France, or any other foreign country to which a transit rate of postage would be payable thereon, nor to any packets sent by private ships.

And we further order and direct, that the term

"British West Indies" used in this warrant shall include the Bermudas, the Bahamas, and other British Islands, commonly called the West Indies, as also the colonies of British Guiana and Honduras, and their respective dependencies; and that the term "by the post," used in this warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by packet-boat; and that the several 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, 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 first day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

Provided lastly, and we do hereby declare and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two 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 nineteenth day of December 1850.

W. Gibson Craig.
C. Wood.

In the Matter of certain Letters Patent granted to John Gordon Campbell, of the city of Glasgow, in the county of Lanark, Merchant, and John Gibson, of the same city and county, Throwster, sealed at Edinburgh, the 20th day of May 1837, for "A new or improved Process or Manufacture of Silk, and Silk in combination with certain other fibrous substances;" and of a certain Disclaimer and Memorandum of Alteration therein, bearing date the 26th day of January 1844.

NOTICE is hereby given, that under and by virtue, and in pursuance, of an Act made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the 5th and 6th years of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to amend the law touching Letters Patent for inventions," and of another Act made and passed in the session of Parliament held in the 7th and 8th years of the reign of Her present Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act for amending an Act passed in the 4th year of the reign of His late Majesty, intituled 'An Act for the better administration of justice in His Majesty's Privy Council, and to extend its jurisdiction and powers,'" a petition will be presented to Her Majesty in Council by and on behalf of the said John Gibson and of Charles Campbell, of the city of Glasgow, Merchant and Silk Spinner, praying Her Majesty to grant a prolongation of the term of the said letters patent; and notice is hereby further given, that an application will be made to the Right Honourable the Lords of the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on the 10th day of February next, or on the then next day of sitting of the said Committee, to fix an early day for the hearing of the matters contained in the said Petition, and any person desirous of being heard in opposition to the prayer of the said Petition, must enter a caveat to that effect in the Privy Council Office, on or before the said 10th day of February next.

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