

An Act to amend the Farmers' Estate Society (Ireland) Act, 1848.

An Act for enabling the Class A shareholders of the Saint Andrew's and Quebec Railroad Company to divide the shares in the undertaking into two classes, and for other purposes.

And thirteen private Bills.

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concerning the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post as fixed in and by the said first mentioned Act is repealed; and in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, power is given to the Commissioners of Her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, colonial, or foreign), may from henceforth be transmitted by the post, between any part of the United Kingdom and the province of Nova Scotia, 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, there 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 Nova Scotia, the postage thereof shall in every case be prepaid, either in money or by the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, 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 dispatch 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 Nova Scotia shall not be duly and properly prepaid in money or by stamps when posted, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, 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 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 "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.

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, on 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 11th day of August 1851.

W. GIBSON CRAIG.
R. M. BELLEW.

From the DUBLIN GAZETTE of Friday,
August 1, 1851.

Crown and Hanaper-Office, 1st August 1851.

ELECTION OF A TEMPORAL PEER OF IRELAND.

IN pursuance of an Act, passed in the fortieth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to regulate the mode by which the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons, to serve in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, on the part of Ireland, shall be summoned and returned to the said Parliament," I do hereby give notice, that writs, bearing teste this day, have issued for electing a Temporal Peer of Ireland, to succeed to the vacancy made by the demise of Charles William, Earl of Charleville, in the House of Lords of the said United Kingdom; which said writs are severally directed to the following Peers, who sat and voted in the House of Lords in Ireland before the Union, or whose right to vote on the election of Temporal Peers of Ireland hath, upon claims made on their behalf, been admitted since the Union by the House of Lords of the said United Kingdom; and that the said writs are ready to be delivered at this Office:

His Royal Highness Ernest Augustus, Earl of Armagh.

Augustus Frederick, Duke of Leinster.

Henry De La Poer, Marquess of Waterford.

Arthur Wills Blundell Sandys Trumbull, Marquess of Downshire.

George Hamilton, Marquess of Donegal.

Henry Francis Seymour, Marquess of Drogheda.

Thomas, Marquess of Headfort.

George John, Marquess of Sligo.

John Loftus, Marquess of Ely.

Charles William Vane, Marquess of Londonderry.

Francis Nathaniel, Marquess Conyngham.

George Thomas John, Marquess of Westmeath.

John, Marquess of Ormonde.

Ulick John, Marquess of Clanricarde.

John, Earl of Waterford.

Edmond, Earl of Cork and Orrery.

Arthur James, Earl of Fingall.

Frederick John William, Earl of Cavan.

Henry, Earl of Kerry and Shelbourne.

George, Earl of Egmont.

John George, Earl of Bessborough.

Richard, Earl of Shannon.

George John Danvers Butler, Earl of Lansborough.

James, Earl of Fife.

John Delaval, Earl of Tyrconnell.

Philip York, Earl of Arran.

James Thomas, Earl of Courtown.

Joseph, Earl of Milltown.

Francis William, Earl of Charlemont.

John, Earl of Mexborough.

Thomas, Earl of Howth.

Charles William, Earl of Sefton.