

## 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," power is given to the Postmaster-General to remit any of the rates of British postage for the time being, payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers, to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury shall from time to time direct; and power is also 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 or inland postage, payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or 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 whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters and packets hereinafter mentioned.

Now, we, the undersigned, being two 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 Act, and of all other powers, enabling us in this behalf, by this Warrant, under our hands, 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 Turkey or the Black Sea (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Turkey or the Black Sea being by packet boat direct or viâ Malta), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform rate of eleven pence.

And we direct, that on every letter, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post, between any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea, and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom (the conveyance between Turkey or the Black Sea and the United Kingdom being by packet boat, direct or viâ Malta), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of postage following; that is to say:

For the conveyance of every such letter between Turkey or the Black Sea, and any part of the United Kingdom, a rate of eleven pence, and 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, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters 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 any 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 such letter exceeding half an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

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

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

And on every such 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 further direct, that on every printed British newspaper transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Turkey or the Black Sea being by packet boat direct, or viâ Malta, or by private ship direct), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such newspapers, an uniform rate of one penny; and every printed supplement or additional sheet to any such newspaper shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper, unless sent in the same cover, or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.

And we direct that no such printed newspaper shall be sent by the post at the rate aforesaid, unless the following conditions shall be observed:

1st. It shall be sent without a cover, or in a band or cover open at the sides or ends.

2nd. There shall be no word or communication printed on the newspaper after its publication or upon the cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon it, or upon the cover of it, except the name and address of the person to whom sent.

3rd. There shall be no paper or thing enclosed in or with any such newspaper.

And in case any one of such conditions shall not be fulfilled the whole paper or packet shall be charged with the letter rates of postage.

And we further direct that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters or newspapers passing by the post, between the United Kingdom and Turkey, or the Black Sea viâ France, which are to be charged with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct, that nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, nor in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's Service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the East India Company, now by law enjoy of sending and receiving by the post, letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

And we further direct that the term "packet boat" used in this Warrant shall include not only a ship of war, but also any vessel chartered or hired, or in any manner employed for or in Her Majesty's Service; and so far as respects the sea conveyance between Malta and Turkey, or the Black Sea, the said term shall also include any French packet boat, or any ship of war or other vessel belonging to or in any manner employed by

or under the Government of France; 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 recited Act.

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 two 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 3rd day of April, 1854.

*Alfred Hervey.*  
*Chichester Fortescue.*

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, 10 Geo. 4, c. 27, sec. 1, that the actual surplus revenue of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, beyond the actual expenditure thereof for the year ended the 5th day of January, 1854, amounted to the sum of three million two hundred and fifty-five thousand five hundred and four pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence;

The Commissioners for the Reduction of the National Debt hereby give notice, that the sum of eight hundred and thirteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-six pounds three shillings and seven pence, being one-fourth part of the said surplus of three million two hundred and fifty-five thousand five hundred and four pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence, will be applied under the provisions of the said Act, between the 6th day of April, 1854, and the 5th day of July, 1854, to the following purposes; viz.:

To be applied towards the reduction of the National Debt	813,876	3	7
Add Interest receivable on account of Donations and Bequests, to be applied to the purchase of Stock .....	2,617	7	9
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	£816,493	11	4

National Debt Office, April 4, 1854.

*A. Y. Spearman, Comptroller-General.*

*Whitehall, March 2, 1854.*

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Edward Futvoye, of No. 23, John-street, Bedford-row, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

Newmarket Union.—Soham Parish.

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the parish of Soham, in the county of Cambridge;—

To the Clerk or Clerks to the Justices of the Petty Sessions held for the division or divisions in which the said parish is situate;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS the population of the parish of Soham, in the county of Cambridge, according to the last census, exceeds two thousand persons:

And whereas at a meeting of the Vestry of the

said parish, held at the parish church, after a public notice in that behalf, on Friday the thirtieth day of September last, it was resolved,—

“That in accordance with the Act of Parliament 13th and 14th Victoria, cap. 57., application should be made by the Churchwardens to the Poor Law Commissioners, requesting them to make an Order, whereby that part of the said Act may be applied and put in force in this parish by which the holding of vestry and other meetings in the parish church, or in the vestry-room attached to it, may be prohibited:”

And it was at the said meeting further resolved,—

“That the Churchwardens and Overseers shall, with the sanction of the Poor Law Commissioners, be empowered to provide some other room or place for the purpose of holding any vestry and other meeting, for the transaction of any business of or relating to the parish.”

And whereas the Churchwardens of the said parish have made their application in writing to the Poor Law Board, pursuant to the above resolutions.

Now, therefore, we, the said Poor Law Board, under the authority of the several Statutes in that behalf made and provided, do hereby order and direct:

ARTICLE 1. That so much of the said Act passed in the fourteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled “An Act to prevent the holding of vestry or other meetings in churches, and for regulating the appointment of Vestry Clerks,” as relates to the providing of a room for the purpose of holding any vestry and other meetings for the transaction of any business of or relating to the said parish, shall forthwith be applied to and be put in force within the said parish of Soham.

ARTICLE 2. That a copy of this Order shall be published in the London Gazette.

Given under our hand and seal of office, this sixteenth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

*M. T. Baines, President.*

*Grenville C. L. Berkeley, Secretary.*

NOTICE is hereby given, that an application has been made to Her Majesty in Council to grant Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent to certain persons associated together for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a Company for carrying on the ordinary business of banking and bank agency and exchange in London and in Calcutta, and other places in the East Indies, and in the Eastern Archipelago, and in China, and in the British colonies eastward of the Cape, and between all these several places, and the Company shall have all other powers and privileges of a bank, except that of issuing bank notes, under the name and style of the London and Eastern Bank; and that such application has been referred by Her Majesty to the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations.—Dated this 6th day of April, 1854.

*Oliverson, Lavis, and Peachey, Frederick's-place, Old Jewry, Solicitors for the Company.*