

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 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 from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

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 Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, 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, do by this Warrant (under the hands of two of us the said Commissioners, by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided) 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 the colony of Newfoundland (direct or through any other colony, or through any foreign country) there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, an uniform British rate of sixpence.

And we direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Newfoundland and any other of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (whether through any colony or foreign country or not), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of British postage following; that is to say:

For the conveyance of every such letter between Newfoundland and any part of the United Kingdom, a rate of sixpence; 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 direct that in all cases in which any letter, in respect of which any rate of postage is chargeable by this Warrant, shall pass through a foreign country any foreign postage payable thereon, shall be charged and paid thereon in addition to the British postage.

And we further direct, that printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament may be sent by the post from the United Kingdom to the colony of Newfoundland, direct or through any other colony, and that printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures may be sent by the post from Newfoundland to the United Kingdom direct, or through any other colony, and that on all such printed votes and proceedings there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law thereon, the rates of British postage following; that is to say:

On every packet, consisting of a single printed publication of votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or the Colonial Legislatures, 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 an uniform rate 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 an uniform rate 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 an uniform rate of two shillings.

And for every additional one pound in weight of any such packet, above the weight of two 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 direct, that no such packet, if containing more than one printed publication of votes or proceedings, or containing any paper or thing besides printed votes or proceedings, or containing any printed publication of votes or proceedings, 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 of the said clause relating to printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament and the Colonial Legislatures.

And we further direct, that as to any packet of printed votes or proceedings hereinbefore authorised 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 British 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, unless any such packet be sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, in which case the same shall be forwarded post paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such postage account; and as to any such packet posted in Newfoundland, the postage thereof shall in every case be prepaid, either in money or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto at the time of the same being posted.

And we further direct, that every such packet of printed votes or proceedings shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, 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, unless any such packet be sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, in which case the same may, in addition to the name and address of the person to whom it shall be sent, have printed or written thereon, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, the words "On Her Majesty's Service," and also the name of the department or public office from which the packet shall be forwarded, together with the name of any public officer employed in or belonging to any such department or office, who may be authorised to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the post, as a certificate that they are on the public service.

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 of printed votes or proceedings, 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 we further direct that if any packet of printed votes or proceedings, 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 printed votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, 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; and also as to any such packet sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, except the words "On Her Majesty's Service," and the name of the department or public office from which the same shall be forwarded, with the name of any public officer employed in or belonging to any such department or office who may be authorised to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the post, as a certificate that they are on the public service, 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 publication of votes or proceedings, or shall contain any printed publication of votes or proceedings 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 British stamps when posted (any such packet sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such account, only excepted), or if the postage of any such packet, posted in Newfoundland shall not be duly and properly prepaid in money or by colonial 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 printed votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures sent either through a foreign country or by private ships.

And we further direct that nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said recited Act in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the post nor the privilege granted by the same Act to Members of each House of Parliament to receive by the post petitions and addresses to Her Majesty, and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament, not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight exempt from postage; nor shall any thing in this Warrant contained 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 nothing in this Warrant contained, shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters or packets posted in, or addressed to, France, or any foreign country through France, and transmitted between France or foreign countries through France and Newfoundland, all which last-mentioned letters and packets shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters or printed votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or the Colonial Legislatures, the sea conveyance of which shall be by a packet boat belonging to or employed by or under the Government or Post Office of the United States of America, or the sea conveyance of which in the Mediterranean shall be by a French packet boat, all which letters, printed votes, and proceedings shall be charged and chargeable as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct, that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or colonial or foreign packet boat (packet boats belonging to or employed by or under the Government or Post Office of the United States of America, and French Mediterranean packet boats excepted), and, as to letters, the said term shall also include the sea conveyance by any private ship.

And we further direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of August next.

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 first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

*Alfred Hervey.
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Whitehall, June 23, 1854.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Adolphus Frederick Millns, of New Windsor, in the county of Berks, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

In the Matter of Letters Patent granted to Charles Payne, of Belmont-place, Vauxhall, in the county of Surrey, for certain "improvements in Salting Animal Matters within England, Wales, and the town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, sealed in England the 13th day of October, 1840, in Scotland the 11th day of November, 1840, and in Ireland, the 25th day of March, 1841.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council have appointed Wednesday, the 12th (and not the 13th, as before advertised) day of July next, at half-past 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, for the hearing of the petition of the above-named Charles Payne for a prolongation of the term of the said letters patent.

Dated this 30th day of June, 1854.

Gough and Son, 10, Craig's-court, Charing-cross, Solicitors for the above-named Charles Payne.

In the Matter of certain Letters Patent granted to William Ryder, of Bolton, in the county of Lancaster, Roller and Spindle Maker, bearing date the 8th day of February, 1841, for certain "improved Apparatus for Forging, Drawing, Moulding, or Forming Spindles, Rollers, Bolts, and various other like Articles in Metal."

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council have appointed Friday, the 1st day of December, 1854, at half-past 10 o'clock, A.M., for hearing the matter of the Petition of William Ryder, of Bolton, in the county of Lancaster, for a prolongation of the term of the above letters patent.

Dated this 30th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1854.

Gregory, Faulkner, and Co., Solicitors, Bedford Row, London, Agents for Rushton and Armitstead, of Bolton, Solicitors for the said William Ryder.

In the Matter of the Joint Stock Companies' Winding-up Acts, 1848 and 1849, and of the Royal Bank of Australia.

By direction of Richard Richards, Esq., the Master of the High Court of Chancery charged with the winding up of this Company,

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notice is hereby given, that the said Master purposes, on Wednesday the 5th day of July next, at twelve o'clock at noon, at his chambers, in Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, London, to proceed to make a call on all the contributories of the said Company settled on the lists of contributories as holders of shares in the said bank; and that the Master purposes that such call shall be for one hundred pounds per share.

All persons interested are entitled to attend at such day, hour, and place, to offer objections to such call.—Dated the 28th day of June, 1854.

R. Richards.

Patent Law Amendment Act, 1852.

Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions.

NOTICE is hereby given, that—

419. Adam Dixon, of Smethwick, in the county of Stafford, Engineer, has given notice at the Office of the Commissioners of his intention to proceed with his application for letters patent for the invention of "improvements in railway axle boxes and bearing springs."

420. And Adam Dixon, of Smethwick, in the county of Stafford, Engineer, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in timber scaffolding, or stageing."

As set forth in his petitions, both recorded in the said office on the 21st day of February, 1854.

437. And Thomas Danson Pruday, of Rupert-street, Haymarket, in the county of Middlesex, Cook, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improved apparatus for cooling liquids and edible substances."

As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 23rd day of February, 1854.

449. And Benjamin Joseph Green, of Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, Corrugated Leather and other Elastic Manufacturer, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in the manufacture of corrugated elastic materials."

As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 24th day of February, 1854.

459. And Charles William Siemens, of Adelphi Chambers, in the county of Middlesex, Engineer, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in electric telegraphs."—Partly a communication.

As set forth in his petition, recorded in the said office on the 25th day of February, 1854.

478. And Theobald Denny, of Strasbourg, in the Empire of France, and of 4, South-street, Finsbury, London, Engraver, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in engraving."

491. And John Soden Holbeche, of Sutton Coldfield, in the county of Warwick, Builder, has given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in the construction of invalid bedsteads, which said improvements are also applicable for couches, chairs, and reclining seats, or beds for invalid carriages."

As set forth in their respective petitions, both recorded in the said office on the 28th day of February, 1854.

509. And Hugh Ellis and John Ellis, both of Salford, in the county of Lancaster, Engineers and Millwrights, have given the like notice in respect of the invention of "improvements in machinery or apparatus for stretching and finishing woven fabrics."