

much of the said Warrant, bearing date the twenty-third day of January now last past, and so much of the orders, directions, and rates of postage respectively, as is and are contained in clause six of the said Warrant, and is and are in the words hereinbefore in that behalf mentioned, recited, and set forth, shall be, and the same is and are hereby repealed and revoked.

And we do hereby 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 the said recited Warrant, bearing date the twenty-third day of January now last past, between the United Kingdom and the several places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule B to the said Warrant annexed, shall contain any letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, every such letter or enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post Office, and forwarded to the address on the packet, charged not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of postage, equal in amount to the single rate of postage which would be chargeable under the said Schedule on a packet not exceeding half a pound in weight, and the remainder of the packet, if the postage be duly paid when posted, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

And we do hereby further order and direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation at the same time as the said Warrant bearing date the said twenty-third day of January now last past, namely, on the first day of March next, and shall be construed in all respects as if it were inserted in and were part thereof.

Whitehall, Treasury-chambers, the twelfth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Alfred Hervey.
Elcho.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," by which certain scales of weight are fixed, and rates of postage made chargeable and payable upon, for, and in respect of letters transmitted and forwarded by the post, and after reciting therein that letters and packets sent by the post are chargeable by law on being redirected and again forwarded by the post, with a new and distinct rate of postage, it is thereby enacted that on every post letter redirected there shall be charged for the postage of such letter, from the place at which the same shall be redirected to the place of ultimate delivery (in addition to all other rates of postage payable thereon), such a rate of postage only as the same would be liable to if prepaid.

And whereas by the same Act the Postmaster-General is authorised to remit any of the rates of British postage or Inland 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 whereas it is expedient to make regulations by which certain rates of postage now by law payable on certain letters and packets may be remitted as hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said before-mentioned 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 the Postmaster-General may wholly remit the redirected rates of postage now payable by law on letters redirected and again forwarded by the post between places within any post town in the United Kingdom and between any places in the United Kingdom, and on packets redirected and again forwarded by the post between places within any post town in the United Kingdom and between any places in the United Kingdom, which packets shall have been originally transmitted by the post under or by virtue of two certain warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, and each respectively bearing date the 23rd day of January, 1855, or either of them, and on newspapers or other printed papers, or other things chargeable with postage, which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post, provided such respective letters, packets, newspapers, printed papers, or other things shall be redirected by an officer of the post office, and again forwarded by the post to any person within the limits of the post town or place to which such letters, packets, newspapers, printed papers, or other things shall have been originally addressed, or within the limits of any place subordinate to any such post town or place; and the Postmaster-General may also wholly remit the redirected rates of postage now payable by law on letters, packets, newspapers, printed papers, or other things redirected and again forwarded by the post, which shall be redirected by an officer of the post office, and again forwarded by the post from any place subordinate to any post town in the United Kingdom to any other place subordinate to the same post town, whether such letters, packets, newspapers, printed papers, or other things, after being so redirected shall, in the course of conveyance by the post pass through such post town or not; and the Postmaster-General may also wholly remit the redirected rates of postage now payable by law on letters, packets, newspapers, printed papers, or other things redirected and again forwarded by the post, which shall be redirected by an officer of the post office, and again forwarded by the post from one post town to another post town, both being within the United Kingdom.

And we do further order and direct, that (subject to the directions hereinbefore contained) on any post letters and packets which shall be transmitted by the post between any post towns or places in the United Kingdom, and be redirected by an officer of the post office, and again forwarded by the post; and on any post letters and packets of every description which shall be redirected by any person other than an officer of the post office, and again forwarded by the post, whether between places within any post town in the United Kingdom, or between any post towns or places in the United Kingdom, there shall be charged for the postage of every such letter or packet from the place at which the same shall be redirected to the place of ultimate delivery in addition to all other rates of postage payable thereon, such a new and distinct rate of postage as the letter or packet would have been liable to by law, if it had been originally posted at the place where it was redirected, and there properly paid by stamps or in money when posted.

And we do further order and direct, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by the said recited Act passed in the Fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, nor to affect any letters which

may now be forwarded to any other place from the place to which they were originally addressed, without being charged with more than the postage originally payable for such letters nor to annul, prejudice, or affect any privileges under which printed newspapers or other printed papers are allowed to pass by the post free of postage.

And we do further direct, that the several 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 do further direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March next.

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 regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other regulations in lieu thereof.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 19th day of February, 1855.

Alfred Hervey.
Elcho.

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 the said Act, powers were given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, and at any time thereafter 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 weight to be contained in such Warrant, and from time to time by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any of such altered rates and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid, and the power thereby given to alter and fix rates of postage is extended to any increase or reduction, or remission of postage.

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 provision fixing the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, in the 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 the 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 it is provided, that all letters shall 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 also 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 in all cases in which the British postage, chargeable on any letters sent by the post, shall exceed the sum of one penny, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, reduce such postage to any other rate of postage, they may from time to time think fit. And also that the Postmaster-General may, if he shall think fit (with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury), allow any printed words, writing, or marks (in addition to the direction), to be put on any printed newspapers or other printed papers sent by the post, or on the covers thereof, and that any such newspapers, or other printed papers shall from thenceforth be forwarded either free of postage or subject to 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. And it is also declared and enacted that the Postmaster-General and any officer of the Post-office may 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 any regulations made under the authority of that Act, or of 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 first-mentioned Act, and open such letters, and either return them to the senders thereof or 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.

And whereas the Postmaster-General hath, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, at various times, since the passing of the said two before-mentioned Acts, and in pursuance and in exercise of the powers reserved to them thereby, by divers Warrants under their hands, made and given certain orders, directions, and regulations, relating to the weight, size, and dimensions, and to the rates of postage in conformity with, and under and subject to which, certain printed papers and Parliamentary proceedings therein respectively mentioned were to be, and are, transmitted by the post, and it is expedient that such Warrants, and such orders,