

General, with their consent, should from time to time think fit.

And whereas by a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 30th day of June, 1855, it was ordered and directed that the several printed newspapers and publications therein mentioned might be transmitted by the post between any part of the several places mentioned in the schedule thereto annexed, either free or at the rates of postage in the now reciting Warrant expressed and contained.

And whereas it is expedient that the newspapers hereinafter mentioned should be transmitted by the post, free of postage.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power reserved to us in and by the said recited 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, direct, and consent that British newspapers shall and may be transmitted by the post from any place in the United Kingdom to Prussia, Hamburg, Bremen, Lubeck, or Oldenburgh (the sea conveyance between the United Kingdom and such countries being direct by private ship) free of postage, any thing in the said recited Warrant of the 30th day of June, 1855, contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

And we do further order and direct that the British newspapers hereinbefore mentioned shall be transmitted by the post under this Warrant in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions under which British newspapers, posted in the United Kingdom, are now or may hereafter be transmitted by the post to places beyond the seas.

And we further order and direct, that the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands duly made, at any time hereafter, alter or revoke any of the orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other regulations, conditions, and restrictions in lieu thereof.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the nineteenth day of September, 1855.

Duncan.
H. Brand.

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," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury from time to time, and at any time after the passing of that Act, 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.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said recited 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 direct by British packet-boat between any ports in the British colonies, or between any ports in the British colonies and any foreign port (not in any such cases passing through the United Kingdom) there shall be charged and taken (in lieu of the rates heretofore chargeable for the sea conveyance of such letters) a packet postage of four pence.

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.

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 the rates of postage chargeable on such letters as aforesaid, for the sea conveyance thereof, shall be charged in addition to any inland colonial rates that may be payable thereon.

And we further direct, that nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise alter, prejudice, or affect the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, nor in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which officers, 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 letters by the post, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

And we further direct that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall include the conveyance through Egypt.

And we further direct, that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1856.

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 nineteenth day of September, 1855.

Duncan.
H. Brand.