

And whereas by a Warrant, under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 19th day of September, 1855, certain rates of postage were fixed on letters transmitted by the post, direct by British packet boat, between any ports in the British colonies, or between any port in the British colonies and any foreign port (not in any such cases passing through the United Kingdom).

And whereas by another Warrant, under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 10th day of November, 1855, it was directed that the term "by the post," used in the said recited Warrant of the 19th day of September, 1855, should, so far as respects the conveyance of letters sent between Malta, Gibraltar, or the Ionian Islands and Her Majesty's colonies and possessions in the East Indies or the Chinese Sea, without passing through the United Kingdom, include the conveyance through Egypt, but all letters sent between any of Her Majesty's colonies and any port or place in Egypt, or between Her Majesty's colonies and any foreign country through Egypt, without passing through the United Kingdom, should be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if the said Warrant of the 19th day of September, 1855, had not been signed.

And whereas it is expedient that further regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the letters hereinafter mentioned.

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 Gibraltar and Hong Kong, or Singapore, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of postage heretofore chargeable on such letters, or which would be chargeable thereon, under or by virtue of the said recited Warrants, or either of them, a uniform British rate of one shilling and ten pence (in which the Red Sea or Persian Gulf packet rate is included).

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 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, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

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 thirty-first day of December, 1855.

Duncan.
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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 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 whereas another Act was 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."

And whereas another Act was passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas a treaty having been lately entered into between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French for facilitating the exchange of newspapers and other printed papers between their respective dominions, it is expedient that such regulations should be made as are hereinafter contained.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament and every of them, 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 all packets consisting of printed newspapers posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the second column of the Schedule A to this Warrant annexed, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said second column of the said Schedule A. And that all such respective packets shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained, and that the single rate of postage for the transmission of such packets shall be that which is mentioned and set forth against such countries and places in the said Schedule A.

And we do further order and direct, that all packets consisting of printed papers, other than newspapers, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the second column of the Schedule B to this Warrant annexed, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to the respective countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said second column of the said Schedule B; and that all such respective last-mentioned packets shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained; and that the single rate of postage for the transmission of such packets shall be that which is mentioned and set forth against such countries and places in the said Schedule B.

And we do further order and direct, that all such respective packets, transmitted under the clauses of this Warrant hereinbefore contained, shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for the transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage which is mentioned and set forth against the said places respectively in the said Schedules A and B.

And on every such packet exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight and not exceeding half a pound in weight, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding half a pound in weight and not exceeding one pound in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and a half in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and a half and not exceeding two pounds in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every additional half a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of two pounds there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage; and every fractional part of such additional half a pound shall be charged as an additional half a pound in weight. And each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

And we do further order and direct, that all packets consisting of printed newspapers and other printed papers, posted in the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the first column of the Schedule C. to this Warrant annexed, addressed to the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the second column of such last-mentioned schedule, may be transmitted by the post from the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said first column of the said Schedule C, to the countries and places mentioned and set forth in the said second column of such schedule. And that all such respective last-mentioned packets shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained, either free or that the single rate of postage for the transmission of such packets shall be that which is mentioned and set forth against such countries and places in the said Schedule C, according as the words free of British postage or the said rate of postage shall be mentioned or set forth against the said places respectively in such schedule. And that all such respective packets, transmitted and chargeable with postage under this clause, shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:

On every such packet, if not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for the transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage which is mentioned and set forth against the said places respectively in the said Schedule C.

And on every such packet, exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say),

On every such packet, if exceeding two ounces in weight and not exceeding four ounces in weight, two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight and not exceeding half a pound in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding half a pound in weight and not exceeding one pound in weight, eight rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and a half in weight, twelve rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and a half and not exceeding two pounds in weight, sixteen rates of postage.

And for every additional half a pound in weight^a of any such packet, above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, four additional rates of postage. And every fractional part of such additional half a pound shall be charged as an additional half a pound in weight; and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding two ounces in weight.

And we do further order and direct, that as to any printed newspapers, or other printed papers, which shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant to or from British North America, via the United States, any transit rates payable thereon to the United States Government shall be charged and paid in addition to any rates of postage payable under this Warrant.

And we do further order and direct, that every packet of printed newspapers and other printed

papers which shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions and conditions hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:

Every British newspaper which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be printed and published at intervals not exceeding thirty-one days between any two consecutive numbers or parts of such publication; and the same shall be registered by the proprietor or printer thereof, at the General Post-office, in London, and shall be posted within fifteen days from the date of its publication; and the title and date of the newspaper shall be printed on the top of every page thereof.

Every packet of printed newspapers, or other printed papers, shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover or in a cover or envelope, open at the ends or sides; and there shall be no word or communication printed on the contents of any such packet after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such contents, or the cover thereof, other than and except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent,—but the name or title of any newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, news-vender, or agent by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof.

No such packet shall contain any letter or communication nor any enclosure other than printed newspapers, or other printed papers.

Every such packet, posted in the United Kingdom, shall be put into the Post-office at such hours in the day and under all such regulations as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

Upon every packet transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money, or by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet near the address or direction, 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 have 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 upon every such packet which shall be posted in any of the British Colonies or in any foreign country the postage thereof (with any transit rate payable thereon) shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

And we do further order, direct, and consent that if any packet of printed newspapers or other printed papers be sent by the post under this Warrant, otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations established by or under the authority of this Warrant, 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 the same 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 any rates of

postage the Postmaster-General may think fit, not exceeding the rates that would be chargeable on such packet as an unpaid letter.

And we do further order and direct, that the rates of postage chargeable on printed newspapers and other printed papers transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, and the freedom from postage hereby granted shall be in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon.

And we do further order and direct, that the respective packets transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage respectively contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, bearing date the 19th day of February, 1955, relating to redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post.

And we do further order and direct, that this Warrant shall not extend to any printed newspapers transmitted by the post, between the United Kingdom and any islands, ports, or places in the Mediterranean, or between the United Kingdom and the East Indies, China, or Hong Kong, in the closed mails via Marseilles, all which newspapers shall be chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we do further order and direct, that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British, colonial, or foreign packet-boat, and as to the conveyance between the United Kingdom and France the said term shall also include the conveyance by private ships; and that the term "printed newspapers," used in this Warrant, shall include all printed newspapers whether British, colonial, or foreign, and whether the foreign newspapers be printed in a foreign language or not; and that the term "British newspaper," shall mean newspapers printed in the United Kingdom whether they bear a newspaper stamp or not; and that the term "printed papers," used in this Warrant, shall include parliamentary proceedings, proceedings of the colonial legislatures, periodical works, books (stitched or bound), pamphlets, prices current, commercial lists, courses of exchange, sheets of music, catalogues, prospectuses, announcements, and notices of every kind whether British, colonial, or foreign, and whether printed, engraved, or lithographed; and that the several other terms and expressions, used in this Warrant, or in any schedule hereto annexed, 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 order and direct, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands duly made, at any time hereafter to alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

And we do further order and direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January next.

SCHEDULES TO WHICH THE FOREGOING WARRANT REFERS.

SCHEDULE A.

Postage chargeable on Printed Newspapers.

First Column.	Second Column.	Single Rate.
<i>Posted in</i> The United Kingdom	<i>Addressed to</i> France or Algeria, or Foreign Countries on the Continent of Europe, or to any of the Islands of the Grecian Archipelago, via France, or the several places in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt at which France maintains Post-offices .	} One penny

SCHEDULE B.

Postage chargeable on Printed Papers other than Printed Newspapers.

First Column.	Second Column.	Single Rate.
<i>Posted in</i> The United Kingdom	<i>Addressed to</i> France or Algeria, or Foreign Countries on the Continent of Europe, or to any of the Islands of the Grecian Archipelago, via France, or the several places in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt at which France maintains Post-offices .	} Three pence

SCHEDULE C.

Postage chargeable on Printed Newspapers and other Printed Papers.

First Column.	Second Column.	Single Rate.
France or Algeria .	British Colonies via United Kingdom .	Two pence.
Foreign Countries, via France	United Kingdom or British Colonies, via United Kingdom	} Two pence where a French transit rate is chargeable One penny where no such rate is chargeable
France or Algeria .	United Kingdom or Foreign Countries, via the United Kingdom	} Free of British postage
Malta	France, or Algeria, or Foreign Countries on the Continent of Europe, or the Islands of the Grecian Archipelago, or Countries beyond Sea, via France by British or French packet-boat	} Two pence
Malta	The several places in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, where France maintains Post-offices, by French packet	} One penny
France or Algeria .	Malta, by British packet-boat	Free of British postage
Foreign Countries, via France	Malta	} Two pence where a French transit rate is chargeable One penny where no such rate is chargeable
British Colonies .	France and Algeria, via the United Kingdom, or Foreign Countries on the Continent of Europe, or the Islands of the Grecian Archipelago, or countries beyond Sea, via United Kingdom and France	} Two pence
British Colonies .	The several places in Turkey, Syria, or Egypt at which France maintains Post-offices, via United Kingdom and France	} Two pence

Whitehall, Treasury-chambers, the thirty-first day of December, 1855.

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