

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament 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 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 whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act of Parliament, 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament 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 postal convention was some time since made and entered into between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Republic of New Granada, and is still in force, and a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, was also duly made for the purpose of better carrying into effect the terms of such convention, dated the 22nd day of February, 1848, whereby it was ordered and directed that the letters and newspapers therein mentioned might be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any port in New Granada subject to the several rates of postage, and to the regulations therein contained.

And whereas it is expedient that the said Warrant dated the 22nd day of February, 1848, should be repealed, and that such rates of postage should be charged, and such other regulations made with respect to the letters and newspapers hereinafter mentioned as are hereinafter contained.

1. Now, we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said before mentioned Acts, or any 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 the said Warrant, dated the 22nd day of February, 1848, and the several rates of postage and the several orders, directions, and regulations therein mentioned and contained, shall cease and determine, and shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed and revoked.

2. And we do further order and direct as follows (that is to say), on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in, or addressed to, any part of the republic of New Granada, and transmitted between any part of the United Kingdom and any port in New Granada, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, the rates of British postage following (that is to say):—

If the sea conveyance be by packet-boat, a rate of one shilling.

And if by private ship, a rate of eight pence.

3. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in, or addressed to, any part of New Granada, transmitted by the post between

any port in New Granada and any of Her Majesty's colonies or possessions or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom (letters transmitted through the United Kingdom between New Granada and France, or any foreign country though France only excepted, which letters are to be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed), there shall be charged, taken, and paid, the rates of British postage following (that is to say):—

For the conveyance of every such letter between any port in New Granada and any part of the United Kingdom, if the sea conveyance be by packet-boat a rate of one shilling, and if by private ship a rate of eight 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 such colony or foreign country.

4. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by packet-boat or private ship (without passing through the United Kingdom) between any of Her Majesty's colonies and any of the ports of New Granada, or between the French colonies of Martinique or Guadeloupe, and any of the ports of New Granada, or between any ports in New Granada, there shall be charged, taken and paid, a rate of British postage of four pence.

5. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by packet boat between any foreign port at which such packet may touch (Martinique and Guadeloupe excepted), and any port in New Granada (without passing through the United Kingdom), there shall be charged, taken and paid a rate of British postage of one shilling.

6. All letters so respectively transmitted as aforesaid, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, (that is to say):—

On every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight of any letter so respectively transmitted as aforesaid, above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage; and every fractional part of such additional ounce shall be charged as an additional ounce in weight; 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 one-half of an ounce in weight.

7. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise 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, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the

East India Company, are now by law entitled to of sending and receiving by the post letters not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

8. And we further direct that such printed newspapers as are hereinafter mentioned may be sent by the post, according to the regulations and rates hereinafter contained (that is to say)

Newspapers published in New Granada and sent direct from New Granada to the United Kingdom or any of the British colonies (whether through the United Kingdom or not) by packet-boat, or private ship, at a rate of one penny each.

British newspapers (in whatever language they be published) sent direct from the United Kingdom to any port in New Granada, and colonial newspapers sent from any port in Her Majesty's colonies to any port in New Granada (whether through the United Kingdom or not) by packet-boat or private ship at a rate of one penny each.

Newspapers published in New Granada, and sent direct from one port in New Granada to another port in New Granada by packet-boat at a rate of one penny each.

Foreign newspapers sent direct by packet-boat between any port in New Granada and any other foreign port without passing through the United Kingdom, at a rate of two-pence each.

9. Every printed supplement or additional sheet to any 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.

10. Every printed newspaper 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 orders, directions, regulations, and conditions following (that is to say):

Every British newspaper which shall be posted in the United Kingdom shall be printed and published at intervals not exceeding 31 days between any two consecutive numbers or parts of such publication, and the same shall be registered at the General Post-office in London, and shall be posted within 15 days from the date of its publication, and the title and date of the newspaper shall be printed at the top of every page thereof.

Every printed newspaper, whether British, colonial, or foreign, shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover or in a cover and an envelope open at the ends or sides, and there shall be no word or communication printed on any such newspaper after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such newspaper 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 printed newspaper, transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall contain any letter or communication, nor any other inclosure.

Every newspaper transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, and 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.

11. If any newspaper, transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, be sent by

the post otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or under the 10th clause 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 newspaper 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 newspapers as on unpaid letters.

12. The rates of postage chargeable on letters and printed newspapers, respectively transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon.

13. The respective letters and newspapers 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, bearing date the 19th day of February, 1855, relating to re-directed rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be re-directed and again forwarded by the post.

14. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may by Warrant under their hands, duly made at any time hereafter, alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage, hereby fixed or any of the orders, directions, regulations and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, or conditions in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

15. This Warrant shall come into operation on the seventeenth day of December instant.

16. The 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.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the second day of December, 1857.

*H. Brand.
Monck.*

THE AVERAGE PRICE OF BROWN OR MUSCOVADO SUGAR,

The Produce of the British Possessions in AMERICA, Computed from the RETURNS made in the Week ending the 1st day of December, 1857,

Is *Twenty-five Shillings and One Penny Halfpenny* per Hundred Weight;

Exclusive of the Duties of Customs paid or payable thereon on the IMPORTATION thereof into GREAT BRITAIN.

No Return has been made of the Sale of BROWN or MUSCOVADO SUGAR, the Produce of the MAURITIUS, in the Week ending as above.

No Return has been made of the Sale of BROWN or MUSCOVADO SUGAR, the Produce of the EAST INDIES, in the Week ending as above.

By Authority of Parliament,

HENRY BICKNELL,
Clerk of the Grocers' Company.

Grocers'-Hall, December 4, 1857.