

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 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 Treaty hath been lately entered into between Her Majesty and the Queen of Spain for regulating the communications by post between their respective dominions, and it is expedient for the better carrying out of the same that certain regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

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 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, direct, and declare, as follows :

1. On every letter, not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, and on every letter, not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, addressed to the United Kingdom, transmitted by the post, via France, or direct by packet-boat between the United Kingdom and any place in Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, there shall be charged and taken an uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, addressed to Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands, transmitted through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken for the conveyance of every such letter from any part of the United Kingdom to Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands, whether via France, or direct by packet-boat, an uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

3. All such letters so transmitted as hereinbefore in the first and second clauses of this Warrant mentioned, if exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say :

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

And on every letter so transmitted, if exceeding one half of an ounce and not exceeding three quarters of an ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

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

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

4. On letters posted in Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, transmitted by the post from Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, to Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, without passing through the United Kingdom, the sea conveyance of which shall be by British packet-boat there shall be charged and taken a British postage of two shillings for every ounce weight thereof.

5. On letters posted in Spain or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, transmitted by the post from Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom, the conveyance from Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands to the United Kingdom being via France, or direct by packet-boat, there shall be charged and taken a British postage of two shillings for every ounce weight thereof.

6. On letters transmitted by British packet-boat between one port in Spain and another port in Spain there shall be charged and taken a British postage of two shillings for every ounce weight thereof.

7. On letters posted in Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands, addressed to the Philippine Islands, or posted in the Philippine Islands, addressed to Spain or the Balearic or Canary Islands, which may be conveyed between Malta or Gibraltar and Hong Kong, by British packet-boats in the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean, there shall be charged and taken a British postage of two shillings for every ounce weight thereof.

8. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Cuba, and on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in Cuba, addressed to the United Kingdom, and respectively transmitted between Cuba and the United Kingdom by British packet-boat, there shall be charged and taken a British rate of postage of one shilling and sixpence.

9. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between Cuba and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign countries (France and foreign countries through France, Spain, and the Balearic and Canary Islands excepted) through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken the rates of British postage following; that is to say :

For the conveyance of every such letter between Cuba and the United Kingdom, a rate of one shilling and 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: Provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted from the said rate of one shilling and sixpence in this clause mentioned the sum of one penny in respect of the inland conveyance of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

10. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, addressed to Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, transmitted by the post without passing through the United Kingdom, the sea conveyance of which shall be by British packet boat, there shall be charged and taken a British rate of fourpence.

11. On every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, addressed to Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, transmitted through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken over and above the uniform rate of postage mentioned in the second clause of this Warrant for the conveyance from any part of the United Kingdom to Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, such a further or additional rate of British postage for the conveyance of every such letter from any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country to the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct to such port from any such colony or foreign country: Provided that in all cases in which such additional rate includes both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted therefrom the sum of one penny in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

12. All such respective letters so transmitted as hereinbefore in the eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh clauses of this Warrant mentioned, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:

On every such letter, if exceeding half 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 such letter, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

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

And for every additional ounce in weight of any such letter 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 half an ounce in weight.

13. Every letter, whatever may be the weight of it, posted in Spain, addressed to Gibraltar, and sent by the post to Gibraltar otherwise than by sea, shall be chargeable with a British rate of one penny.

14. If any letter transmitted by the post under the first clause of this Warrant shall be posted without any postage being paid thereon, either in money or by postage stamps, there shall be charged and paid on the delivery of every such letter a postage of double the amount that would have been payable on such letter had the postage thereon been paid when posted; and if any letter transmitted by the post under the first clause of this Warrant shall be posted with a postage paid thereon, less than the sum of sixpence, there shall be charged and paid on the delivery of every such last-mentioned letter the full double postage to which it shall be liable under the provisions of this Warrant, without giving credit for any postage that may have been paid thereon; and if any letter transmitted under the first clause of this Warrant shall be posted with a postage paid thereon, either in money or by postage stamps, less in amount than the sum chargeable under this Warrant, but equal in amount to the sum of sixpence, there shall be charged and paid on the delivery of every such last-mentioned letter double the amount of the difference between the postage so prepaid and the postage which should have been prepaid under the provisions of this Warrant.

15. The postage of every letter posted in the United Kingdom under the eighth clause of this Warrant, addressed to Cuba, shall be paid at the time of the letter being posted, and if any such letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom without any postage being paid thereon, or with a postage paid thereon less in amount than the sum chargeable under this Warrant, every such letter shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof.

16. Registered letters may be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant upon the payment of such additional charge or rates of postage, or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General may from time to time direct or appoint: Provided that all rates of postage and additional charges or rates, from time to time payable thereupon, shall be prepaid, and that no payment shall be made thereupon on the delivery of any such registered letters.

17. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and 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 half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

18. All packets consisting of printed British newspapers posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Spain, or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Spain, or the Balearic, or the Canary Islands, either via France or direct by packet boat, all which respective packets shall be transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto; and on every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of two pence.

19. All packets consisting of printed papers (other than British newspapers) posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Spain, or the Balearic, or the Canary Islands, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to Spain, or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, either via France, or direct by packet boat, which respective packets shall be transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto; and on every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of four pence.

20. All such respective packets transmitted under the 18th and 19th clauses of this Warrant hereinbefore respectively contained shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:

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

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces 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 the half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage.

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

And for every additional half of 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 of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of 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.

21. All packets consisting of printed newspapers, whether British, colonial, or foreign, and all other printed papers posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, addressed to Spain, or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, may be transmitted by the post from Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country to Spain, or the Balearic or the Canary Islands, through the United Kingdom, either via France, or direct by packet boat, which respective packets shall be transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto; and on every such packet, if not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for the transmission thereof as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of three pence.

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 and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, four rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound 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 the half of another pound in weight, twelve rates of postage.

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

And for every additional half of a pound in weight, 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 of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of 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.

22. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st clauses of this Warrant shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained; that is to say:

Every packet shall be sent in a cover open at the ends, or in any other manner which will admit of an examination of its contents.

It shall contain no enclosure, nor any writing, signs, or mark, either within or without, other than the name and address of the person to whom it is sent, the printed title of the publication, and the printed name and address of the publisher, or of the vendor.

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 at the top of every page thereof.

No packet transmitted by the post under this Warrant, which in length, or breadth, or width shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions aforesaid.

Every packet transmitted by the post under the 18th and 19th clauses 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, and the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted by the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case 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; and upon every such packet which shall be posted in Spain, the Balearic or the Canary Islands, the postage thereof, with any transit rate payable thereon, shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

23. If any packet transmitted by the post under the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st clauses of this Warrant, be sent otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by, or under the 22nd clause of this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened, 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.

24. All packets consisting of printed newspapers and other printed papers posted in Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, addressed to the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post to the United Kingdom, either via France, or direct by packet-boat, at the rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say,) if via France, at the rate of fivepence for every British pound net weight thereof, and if direct by packet-boat, at the rate of tenpence for every British pound net weight thereof.

25. All packets consisting of printed newspapers and other printed papers posted in Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, or posted in any foreign country, addressed to Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, may be respectively transmitted by the post through the United Kingdom, the conveyance between Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, and the United Kingdom being via France, or direct by packet-boat, and all such respective packets shall be charged, and chargeable with a rate of postage of tenpence for every British pound net weight thereof.

26. All packets consisting of printed newspapers and other printed papers posted in Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, or posted in any foreign country addressed to Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, may be respectively transmitted by the post otherwise than through the United Kingdom, the sea conveyance being by British packet boats, and all such respective packets shall be charged and chargeable with a rate of postage of five pence for every British pound net weight thereof.

27. All packets consisting of printed newspapers and other printed papers posted in Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, addressed to the Philippine Islands, or posted in the Philippine Islands, addressed to Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, which may be conveyed between Malta or Gibraltar and Hong Kong by British packet boats in the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean shall be charged with a British postage of five pence for every British pound net weight thereof.

28. The respective letters and 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, 1855, relating to redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets, which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post.

29. The rates of postage chargeable on letters, printed newspapers, and other printed papers, 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; and as to the postage to be collected and received on letters transmitted under the provisions of this Warrant from Spain, or the Balearic or Canary Islands, addressed to the United Kingdom, two reals de vellan shall be considered equivalent to the sum of sixpence sterling.

30. The term "packet boat" used in this Warrant shall include the conveyance by any British

or Spanish packet boat, and the term "printed papers" in this Warrant used shall for the purpose of this Warrant mean and comprise all printed papers of every kind other than newspapers, whether such papers be printed or lithographed, and whether plain, or illustrated with prints, drawings, maps, or music (provided such illustrations form part of the same publication), and the several other 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.

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

This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1858.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

H. G. Lennox.
Henry Whitmore.

Whitehall, July 31, 1858.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Bart., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed George William Maxsted, of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Lancaster.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Bart., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has also appointed John Edward Dalton, of Leicester, in the county of Leicester, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Leicester.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 57.) MEDITERRANEAN—COAST OF SPAIN.

Fixed Light on Cape Cullera.

THE Minister of Marine at Madrid has given notice, that on and after the 1st of August, 1858, a light would be exhibited from the lighthouse recently erected on Cape Cullera, in the province of Valencia.

The light is a *fixed white* light, illuminating seaward, between the Grao or Port of Valencia and Cape San Antonio, or on the bearings north, round westerly to S.S.E. It is placed at an elevation of 92 English feet above the level of the sea, and should be visible from the deck of a vessel in clear weather at a distance of 15 miles.