

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 from time to time by Warrant, as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any 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 whereas 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," further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and power is also given to the Postmaster-General (amongst other things), 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 might 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 power is also given to the Postmaster-General, and any officer of the post-office, to detain any letters which should be posted, or sent by the post, contrary to the regulations therein mentioned, and to open such letters, and either to return them to the senders thereof, or to 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, should from time to time direct.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have, by divers Warrants under their hands, fixed, made, and established certain rates of British postage, payable on the transmission by the post of certain colonial letters therein respectively mentioned.

And whereas the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain other Warrant under their hands, bearing date the 15th day of January, 1858, did make regulations for the prepayment of the several rates of postage payable on letters posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the colonies therein mentioned, and on letters posted in any of such colonies addressed to the United Kingdom.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the provisions of the said last-mentioned Warrant to letters posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Mauritius, and to letters posted in the Mauritius, addressed to the United Kingdom.

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 or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this present 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 as follows; that is to say:

1. On every letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Mauritius, and on every letter posted in the Mauritius addressed to the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted.

2. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Mauritius without any postage having been paid thereon, or having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps the value of which shall be less in amount than the single rate of postage to which such letter, if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, would be liable under the regulations in force relating thereto, every such letter shall, until the 30th day of June, 1859 inclusive, be forwarded charged with the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence; and from and after the said 30th day of June, 1859, every such letter instead of being forwarded shall be detained and opened, and be either returned or given up to the sender thereof.

3. If any letter shall be posted in the Mauritius addressed to the United Kingdom without any postage having been paid thereon, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

4. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Mauritius having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps the value of which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable under or by virtue of the regulations in force relating thereto but equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable on any such letter if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, every such letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps so being thereon or affixed thereto and the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence. And if any letter shall be posted in the Mauritius addressed to the United Kingdom and the postage paid thereon shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of the regulations in force relating thereto but equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable on any such letter if not exceeding half an ounce in weight, every such last-mentioned letter shall be forwarded charged with the amount of the difference between the postage paid thereon and the postage to which it would have been liable if the postage had been paid when posted, together with the further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.

5. 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.

6. 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 orders, directions, or regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other orders, directions, or regulations in lieu thereof.

7. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1859.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the eighteenth day of January, 1859.

H. G. Lennox.
Henry Whitmore.

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And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another 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 the 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, 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 it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the post of the printed newspapers 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 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 as follows:—

1. That every British newspaper not exceeding four ounces in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to the East Indies by packet-boat, viâ Southampton and Egypt, at a rate of postage of two pence each.

2. That on every newspaper transmitted under this Warrant as hereinbefore is mentioned, exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid rates of postage as follows; that is to say:—

On every such newspaper, exceeding four ounces in weight and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, a rate of three pence.

And for every additional four ounces in weight of any such newspaper, above the weight of eight ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an additional rate of postage of one penny, and every fractional part of such additional four ounces in weight shall be charged as an additional four ounces in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum of one penny.

3. That every British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to China, Hong Kong, Ceylon, the Mauritius, Java, Borneo, Japan, and Australia, may be transmitted by the post to China, Hong Kong, Ceylon, the Mauritius, Java, Borneo, Japan, and Australia, by packet-boat, viâ Southampton and Egypt, at a rate of two pence each.

4. That 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.

5. That every 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 regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinafter contained; that is to say:—

No such newspaper shall in length or breadth or width exceed the dimensions of two feet.

Every such newspaper 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.

There shall be no word or communication printed on any newspaper transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, nor any writing or marks upon any such newspaper, or upon any 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 such newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, newsvendor, or agent, by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof.

There shall be no paper or thing enclosed in or with any such newspaper.

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.

6. If any newspaper shall be sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, otherwise than in conformity with the terms, conditions, and regulations hereinbefore established, the same may be detained, and be returned or given up to the sender thereof, or the Postmaster-General may, if he think fit, forward the same to the place of its destination, charged with such rate of postage not exceeding in amount such rate as would be chargeable upon the same as a letter, as to him shall seem expedient.