

8. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of April, 1860.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

*John Bagwell.*

*E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.*

### TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her 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 to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

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 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 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant, in writing (under the hands of two of them the said Commissioners, by the authority of the statute in that case made and provided), bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 16th day of February, 1859, did amongst other things order and direct, by the 4th clause thereof, that every British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Australia, might be transmitted by the post to Australia by packet-boat, viâ Southampton and Egypt, at a rate of two pence each, and by the 8th clause thereof, that if any newspaper should be posted in the United Kingdom for transmission, viâ Southampton and Egypt, addressed to Australia, having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps, the value of which should be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such newspaper would be liable under that Warrant, but equal in amount to the sum of one penny, every such newspaper should 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 such newspaper would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage of one penny.

And whereas it is expedient that so much of the said recited Warrant as imposes upon every British newspaper, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Australia, and transmitted by packet-boat, viâ Southampton and Egypt, a rate of two pence, and that so much of the said recited Warrant as imposes upon every such newspaper

an additional charge and rate of postage of one penny, as hereinbefore mentioned and recited, should be repealed, and that such newspapers should be transmitted by the post, at the reduced rate of one penny each, as hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said several before recited Acts of Parliament, or either 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. So much of the said 4th clause of the said recited Warrant of the 16th day of February, 1859, as directs that every British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Australia, may be transmitted by the post to Australia by packet-boat, viâ Southampton and Egypt, at a rate of two pence each. And so much of the said 8th clause of the said recited Warrant as directs that if any newspaper shall be posted in the United Kingdom for transmission, viâ Southampton and Egypt, addressed to Australia, 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 newspaper would be liable under the said recited Warrant, but equal in amount to the sum of one penny, every such newspaper 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 such newspaper would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage of one penny, shall be, and the same is, and are, hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, and the said rate of two pence, and also the said further and additional rate of postage of one penny, so far as they respectively relate to British newspapers transmitted to Australia as aforesaid, shall wholly cease and determine, anything in the said recited Warrant of the 16th day of February, 1859, contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

2. Every British newspaper posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Australia, may be transmitted by the post to Australia by packet-boat, viâ Southampton and Egypt, at a rate of one penny each.

3. Every newspaper 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 contained in the said recited Warrant of the 16th day of February, 1859, except so far as the said regulations, orders, directions, and conditions shall be altered or repealed by the provisions of this present Warrant.

4. 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, or 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.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the tenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

*William Dunbar.*

*E. H. Knatchbull Hugessen.*