

postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted or delivered at the port, in the United Kingdom, of the departure or arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same and transmitted 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 therefrom the sum of one penny, in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

3. On every letter transmitted as is hereinbefore in this Warrant mentioned, exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates following (that is to say):—

On every letter so transmitted exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

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

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

And on every letter so transmitted 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, upon every letter so transmitted, 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 one-half of an ounce in weight.

4. The respective letters 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 which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post.

5. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters passing by the post between the United Kingdom and Sweden via France, or any other foreign country, all which letters shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as are now chargeable and payable thereon, and as if this Warrant had not been signed.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said recited Act, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service 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.

7. 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 recited Act.

8. So much of the said recited Warrant of the 10th day of December, 1860, as relates to or

affects letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Sweden direct by Swedish mail packet boat, and between Sweden and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, conveyed between Sweden and the United Kingdom, direct by Swedish mail packet boat, is hereby repealed.

9. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

10. The Commissioners for the 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 altered, or any of the orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions in lieu thereof, and may from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three.

Wm. Dunbar.
Luke White.

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 it is expedient that 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 as follows:—

1. On every letter, not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the Ionian Islands, or posted in the Ionian Islands, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in the Ionian Islands, via France and Italy, there shall be charged and taken a rate of British postage of one penny.

2. On every letter, not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the Ionian Islands and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country through the United Kingdom, via France and Italy, there shall be charged and taken a British rate of postage of one penny for the conveyance of every such letter between the Ionian Islands and any part of the United Kingdom; and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, and the British 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 boat or vessel (not being a packet boat) conveying the same, and transmitted 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 therefrom the sum of one penny, in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause, of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

3. All such respective letters so transmitted as hereinbefore in 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 such letter, if exceeding one-quarter of an ounce, and not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage.

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

And on every such letter, 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 such letter 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. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by or under the said recited Act, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office or any of the privileges which officers, seamen, and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's Service, are by law entitled to, of sending and receiving by the post letters subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

5. The respective letters, 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 which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any letters transmitted by the post, between the United Kingdom and the Ionian Islands, viâ France (the sea conveyance, in the Mediterranean, being by French packet-boat).

7. 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 recited Act.

8. 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, and conditions, in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

9. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of June, 1863.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the fourteenth day of May, 1863.

William Dunbar.
Luke White.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 17.)—MEDITERRANEAN.

Lights in the Gulf of Patras.

THE Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean has reported to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the defective manner in which the coasts of the Gulf of Patras are lighted.

The mariner must therefore be on his guard, as no dependence can be placed on those lights, and it is uncertain whether at any time the lighthouse at the extremity of the mole at Patras will be found lighted or not.

The same remark applies to the light at Misolonghi.

By command of their Lordships,
John Washington, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
2nd May, 1863.

This Notice affects the Admiralty Chart—Gulf of Patras, No. 207. Also, Mediterranean Lights List, Nos. 260, 261.

NOTICE TO MARINERS:

(No. 18.)—ENGLAND—SOUTH COAST.

Buoy on the Thorn Knoll.

Notice is hereby given, that on and after the 1st day of June, 1863, a *chequered black and white* buoy will mark the Thorn Knoll, lying in the main channel to the entrance of Southampton water.

The buoy, with the words Thorn Knoll painted on it, will be placed in $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms at low water, on the north-west part of the knoll, with the north end of the large chalk pit on Portsdown hill in line with the north end of the coast guard station near Hill Head; two remarkable trees on Calshot beach touching the north end of Netley Hospital; and the N.W. Bramble buoy bearing S.E., distant two cables.

[All bearings are Magnetic. Variation $21^{\circ} 55'$ West in 1863.]

By command of their Lordships,
John Washington, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
4th May, 1863.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Dunnose to the Needles, No. 2128; and Portland to Portsmouth, No. 2450. Also, Channel Pilot, part 1, p. 157.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 19.)—ENGLAND—SOUTH COAST.

Fixed Blue Lights at Spithead.

Notice is hereby given, that on after the 11th day of May, 1863, *fixed blue lights* will be shown