

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, for the regulation of the duties of postage, certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and made chargeable and payable upon, for, or in respect of letters, newspapers, parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post; and by the same Act powers were 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 postage therein mentioned.

And whereas further powers were 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, chapter 85, 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by a certain Warrant in writing, under their hands, bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the 16th day of October, 1857, in exercise of the powers vested in them, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did (amongst other things) order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art posted in the United Kingdom might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of postage and regulations therein contained. And the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did further order and direct that it should be lawful for the Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant duly made, at any time thereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates of postage thereby fixed or altered, or any of the regulations thereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates of postage or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates of postage that might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the privileges granted by the said recited Warrant of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the said 16th day of October, 1857, and to authorize the transmission by the post of certain other packets, and for that purpose to make certain further and other regulations 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 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; that is to say:

1. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, of no intrinsic value, posted in the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions hereinafter mentioned and contained; that is to say:

2. On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of three pence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling.

And on every such packet, if exceeding sixteen ounces and not exceeding twenty-four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling and sixpence.

3. No such packet which shall exceed twenty-four ounces in weight, or which in length, or width, or depth shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

4. No pattern or sample, being of any intrinsic value, or being an article or thing of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

5. There shall be no enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

6. There shall be no writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade-mark, and number and price.

7. All such packets shall be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination. Nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, may be enclosed in bags of linen or of other material, which shall be tied at the neck; but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for that purpose.

8. If any packet, sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall exceed twenty-four ounces in weight, or shall in length, or width, or depth exceed the dimensions of two feet, or shall consist wholly of patterns or samples of any intrinsic value, as in the fourth clause of this Warrant mentioned, or if there shall be any writing or printing in or upon any such packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof, a trade-mark, and number and price, or if any such packets shall not be sent in covers open at the ends, so as to be easy of examination (except samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles and things as cannot be sent in open covers, and which may be enclosed in bags of linen or of other material, which shall be tied at the neck), or in case of bags being used, if such bags shall be so closed that they cannot be readily opened, every such packet shall be chargeable, and shall be treated in all respects as a letter.

9. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall contain any enclosure, sealed or otherwise, closed against inspection, or any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, every such enclosure may be taken out by any officer of the Post Office and either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be forwarded

to the address on the packet, charged not only with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of one penny, and the remainder of the packet, if duly prepaid by stamps, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

10. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid shall, in every such case, be paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps 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.

11. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be posted without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded, charged with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, if the postage had been paid by stamps when posted. And if any such packet shall be posted having thereon or affixed thereto a stamp or stamps, the value of which shall be less, in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, but equal in amount to one penny at the least, every such last-mentioned packet 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 packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of threepence.

12. In order to prevent any obstacle to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, any officer of the Post Office may delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post, whenever it may be necessary so to do, or (at his option) until the dispatch of the mail next after that, by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

13. The several 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, 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, so far as the same are applicable to such packets: Provided always that the redirected rates of postage upon such packets shall be of the same amount as the first prepaid rate payable upon any such packet, and shall be chargeable and charged accordingly.

14. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise whether any packet or any pattern or sample contained therein, transmitted under or by virtue of this Warrant, is entitled to the privileges of this Warrant, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning thereof, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive upon all parties.

15. All packets transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall, in all respects (save and except as is hereinbefore mentioned and directed), be transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the same or the like orders,

directions, regulations, and conditions for the time being in force, and applicable to packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom.

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 Majesty, chapter 96.

17. 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, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time may appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

18. This warrant shall come into operation on the first day of October next.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the eleventh day of September, 1863.

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Wm. Dunbar.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 42.)—MEDITERRANEAN.—WEST COAST OF SICILY.

Favignana Lighthouse.

DOUBTS having arisen with reference to the situation of the Lighthouse on the island of Favignana, off the west coast of Sicily, as given by the Sicilian Government in October, 1860, Staff Commander Stokes, of Her Majesty's Surveying Vessel *Crowler*, has recently determined its correct position.

The Lighthouse stands not on point Sottile as stated in the Sicilian Notice, but on point Ferro, the low rocky western extreme of the island, and navigators are hereby informed accordingly.

By command of their Lordships,
John Washington, Hydrographer.
Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
12th September, 1863.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charis:—Mediterranean General, No. 2158, and Mediterranean, No. 2718*b*; and West Coast of Sicily, No. 187. Also, Mediterranean Lights' List, No. 193; and Notice to Mariners, No. 41, dated November, 1860.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 43.)—NORWAY.—WEST COAST.

Red Light at Kobbervig.

THE Royal Norwegian Marine Department at Christiania has given notice, that on and after the 1st day of October, 1863, a harbour light will be established at the north side of the entrance to Kobbervig, at the east side of Karmö island, on the west coast of Norway.

The light will be a *fixed red* light, visible between the bearings of W. by S. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ N., and also within the harbour. The former bearing leads a quarter of a cable southward of the Kobbervig reef, and the latter a quarter of a cable northward of Haatangen. The light is placed at an elevation of 31 feet above the mean level of the sea, and in clear weather should be seen at a distance of 3 miles.

The lighthouse is in lat. $59^{\circ} 17' 15''$ N., long. $5^{\circ} 15' 45''$ East of Greenwich. The light will be