

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 rates of postage chargeable on letters, transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be in lieu of the rates of British postage now chargeable thereon, under or by virtue of a certain Warrant under the hands of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 14th day of May, 1863, and the same, together with the whole of such Warrant, are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

6. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any letters transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Ionian Islands via 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 September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the sixteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Wm. Dunbar.
Luke White.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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 11th day of September, 1863, 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 patterns or samples of merchandise of no intrinsic value, 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 the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury might, by Warrant under their hands duly made at any time thereafter, alter, repeal, revoke, or modify any of the rates of postage thereby fixed or altered, or any of the regulations thereby made, and might make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid.

And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Warrant, and the rates of postage and regulations therein mentioned, should be repealed, and that certain other rates of postage should be fixed, and certain other regulations 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 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 merchandise, 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 two-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 fourpence ;

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 eight-pence ;

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.

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 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 of the pattern or sample contained therein; nor shall there be any writing or printing in any such packet, except the address of the sender thereof, a trade mark and number, and price of the pattern or sample contained therein, which shall in all such last-mentioned cases be written or printed on labels attached to the pattern or sample.

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 boxes made of cardboard, or in bags of linen, or of other material, which shall be fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened; 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 upon any such packet, pattern, or sample, or label attached thereto, or on the cover thereof, except as in the sixth clause of this Warrant mentioned, 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 boxes made of cardboard, or in bags of linen, or of other material, which shall be fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened, or in case of boxes or bags being used, if such boxes or 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 postage 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 twopence.

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 28th day of November, 1844, in exercise of the powers reserved to them, in and by the said firstly hereinbefore recited Act, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did declare, consent, and direct (amongst other things) that no packet should be forwarded, conveyed, or delivered by the post within the United Kingdom, containing any razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, or any article, matter, or thing whatsoever, which might by pressure or otherwise be rendered injurious either to the officers of the Post Office or to the contents of the mail bags.

12. Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do hereby declare and direct that notwithstanding the said recited Warrant of the 28th day of November, 1844, any packet posted in the United Kingdom containing any razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal tubing, or ore or such like, shall and 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 herein mentioned and contained; provided that every such razor, scissors, knife, fork, or other sharp or pointed instrument, keys, watch machinery, metal, metal tubing, or ore or such like, so contained in any packet be securely packed and guarded. And every such packet shall not only conform in every respect to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein contained, but the same shall also furnish sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office, and to the contents of the mail bags: Provided always that nothing herein contained shall extend to authorize the transmission by the Post within the United King-

dom of any packet containing any explosive or other dangerous material or substance.

13. And we do further order and direct that if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the authority of the twelfth clause of this Warrant, shall be posted or transmitted by the post without being securely packed and guarded, and without furnishing sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post Office, and to the contents of the mail bags, as in such twelfth clause of this Warrant provided (of which the Postmaster-General shall be the sole judge), every such respective packet 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 it shall be addressed, and every such packet on being so returned or given up shall be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage the Postmaster-General shall think fit, not exceeding the letter rates of postage.

14. And we do further order and direct, that 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.

15. And we further order and direct, that 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.

16. And we further order and direct that 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.

17. And we further order and direct that 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 ninety-six.

18. And we further order and direct that the said recited Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 11th day of September, 1863, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled, and the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage therein mentioned and set forth, shall wholly cease and determine.

19. 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.

20. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of September next.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the seventeenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Luke White.
Wm. Dunbar.

May 30, 1864.

The Right Honourable Sir Alexander Edmund Cockburn, Bart., and Sir William Shee, Knt., two of the Justices of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, at Westminster, have appointed George Becke, of No. 8, Bedford-row, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner for administering oaths in Common Law in the said Court.

May 30, 1864.

The Right Honourable Sir William Erle, Knt., and Sir John Barnard Byles, Knt., two of the Justices of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, have appointed George Becke, of No. 8, Bedford-row, in the county of Middlesex, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner for administering oaths in Common Law in the said Court.

June 8, 1864.

The Right Honourable Sir Frederick Pollock, Knt., and Sir Gillery Pigott, Knt., two of the Barons of Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer, at Westminster, have appointed George Becke, of No. 8, Bedford-row, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner for administering oaths in Common Law in the said Court.

Whitehall, July 25, 1864.

The Right Honourable Sir William Erle, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed William Burra Arnison, of Penrith, in the county of Cumberland, 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 Cumberland.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

Department of the Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House, August 16, 1864.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the slave and tonnage bounties of the schooner, name unknown, or "Margareta," captured on the 17th March, 1863, by Her Majesty's ship "Zebra."

Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the said proceeds, are required to transmit the particulars of any such demand to the Registrar of the High Court of Admiralty, in order that the same may