

3. All such respective letters, so transmitted, as is mentioned in this Warrant, if exceeding one half 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 half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce in weight, three rates of postage;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce and one-half of another ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage;

And for every additional half of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid one additional rate of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of an ounce in weight shall be charged as an additional half 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 half of an ounce in weight.

4. On every letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Netherlands, or posted in the Netherlands addressed to the United Kingdom, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money, or 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 letter, 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.

5. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Netherlands, or be posted in the Netherlands addressed to the United Kingdom, without any postage having been paid thereon, either in money or postage stamps, every such letter shall be charged with the postage to which it would have been liable under or by virtue of this Warrant if the postage had been fully paid thereon when posted, together with a further and additional rate of postage of threepence.

6. If any letter shall be posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the Netherlands, or be posted in the Netherlands addressed to the United Kingdom, 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 the same would be liable under or by virtue of the provisions of this Warrant, every such letter shall be charged with the amount of the difference between the postage paid thereon and the postage to which it would have been liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, if the full amount of postage payable thereon had been paid when posted, together with the further and additional rate of postage of three pence.

7. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters passing by the post between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, *viâ* France, which are to be charged with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed, nor shall anything herein contained be deemed or construed to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges

granted by the said recited Acts, or by any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post Office, or by any Treasury Warrant issued under any of such Acts.

8. In all cases in which any letter in respect of which any rate of postage is chargeable under or by virtue of the provisions of this Warrant shall be liable to any foreign postage, such foreign postage shall be charged and paid thereon, in addition to the British postage.

9. The term "weight" used in this Warrant shall mean British weight, and the several other 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.

10. So much of a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 9th day of December, 1853, as relates to the transmission by the post of any letters *viâ* Belgium direct by packet boat, is hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

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

12. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the thirtieth day of September, 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 it is expedient to authorize the transmission by the post between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Liberia of certain packets, and for that purpose to make certain 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 any part of the United Kingdom addressed to the Republic of Liberia, or posted in the Republic of Liberia addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Liberia by British packet boat, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform single rate of postage of three pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say):—

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one half of a pound, and not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound, and not exceeding one pound and one half of another pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid six rates of postage;

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet, above the weight of one pound and one-half of another pound, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

2. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter contained (that is to say):—

3. No such packet which in length, or breadth, 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 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 numbers and prices.

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; but bags so closed that they cannot be readily opened, even although they be transparent, shall not be used for that purpose.

8. Every packet transmitted by the post under this Warrant and posted in the United Kingdom, shall be put into the Post Office at such hours in the day and under all such regulations as the Postmaster-General may appoint.

9. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid posted in the United Kingdom, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or 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.

10. If any packet transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, be sent by the post otherwise than in conformity with the conditions and regulations established by or under the authority of this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or be given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom the same shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such packet, on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with any rates of postage the Postmaster-General may think fit, not exceeding the rates that would be chargeable on such packet as an unpaid letter.

11. In order to prevent any obstacles 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.

12. 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.

13. 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 Majesty, cap. 96.

14. 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.

15. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.

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

*Luke White.*  
*Wm. Dunbar.*

### 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, by a certain Warrant under their hands, bearing date the 16th day of May, 1857, fixed, made, and established certain rates of British postage, payable on the transmission by the post of certain letters therein respectively mentioned, and it is expedient to make regulations for the prepayment of the several rates of postage payable on letters posted in, or addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, and sent

from or to any commissioned officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines), or any warrant officer, midshipman, second master, or master's assistant, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any foreign or colonial station, 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, 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 any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any commissioned officer, whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines, or any warrant officer, midshipman, second master, or master's assistant, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any foreign or colonial station, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money, or by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed, or appear on the outside of every such letter, near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon.

2. On every letter addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, and sent from any commissioned officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines) or any warrant officer, midshipman, second master, or master's assistant, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels on any colonial station, the postage thereof shall be paid at the time of the same being posted by means of the proper postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall, in every case, be affixed or appear on the outside of every such letter near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon.

3. If any letter shall be posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any commissioned officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines), or any warrant officer, midshipman, second master, or master's assistant, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels, on any station at any colony to which ordinary unpaid letters may be forwarded without any postage having been paid thereon, either in money or in postage stamps, every such letter shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of 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 any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any commissioned officer (whether in the Navy or the Royal Marines), or any warrant officer, midshipman, second master, or master's assistant, employed in any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels, on any station at any colony to which ordinary unpaid letters may be forwarded and the postage paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which such letter would be liable under and by virtue of the regulations in force relating thereto, every such last-mentioned letter shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the postage so paid thereon, or postage stamp or stamps so being thereon, or affixed thereto, and the postage to which such letter would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage of sixpence.