

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.

4. 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):

5. 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.

6. No such packet posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to New South Wales, exceeding the weight of three pounds, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

7. 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.

8. There shall not be any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure, not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet.

9. 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 numbers and prices.

10. 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.

11. Every packet transmitted by the post under the provisions of 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.

12. 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, 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.

13. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in Australia, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in money or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto.

14. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be sent otherwise than in conformity with the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions hereinbefore contained, every such packet shall and may (except as hereinafter otherwise provided) be detained and opened and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof, and every such packet on being so returned or given up shall, at the option of the Postmaster-General, be either free of postage or be charged with any rate of postage he may think fit, not exceeding the postage to which it would have been liable as a letter, and such postage (if any) shall be paid by the sender of the packet.

15. 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 in the United Kingdom 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 not less in amount than the single rate of postage chargeable under the provisions of this Warrant, on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded, charged with the amount of the difference between the value of the 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 postage equal in amount to such single rate of postage as aforesaid.

16. 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, either for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post, 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.

17. In all cases in which any question shall 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.

18. The term "Australia," used in this Warrant, shall be construed to mean and include the colonies hereinafter named; that is to say: New South Wales, Tasmania, Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia, and New Zealand, but shall neither mean nor include the colony of Queensland; 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 Majesty, chapter ninety-six.

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 paid.

20. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twentieth day of December, 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 pay-

able 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 Labuan 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 each 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 Labuan, or posted in Labuan addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Labuan, 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 (British and colonial combined), of four pence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for the transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned

2. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandise, of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to Labuan, or posted in Labuan, addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and Labuan in closed mails, *viâ* France (the sea conveyance being 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 (British, colonial, and foreign combined) of sixpence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

3. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, if exceeding four ounces 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 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;

4. 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):—

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

9. 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, paper, or of other material, 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.

10. 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.

11. 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, 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.

12. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid, posted in Labuan, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, either in moneys or by the proper colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto.

13. If any packet sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall in length or depth or width exceed the dimensions of two feet, or shall consist wholly of patterns or samples of any intrinsic value, as in the sixth 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 name and address of the person for whom it is intended, the name and address of the sender thereof, a trade mark and numbers and prices), 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, paper, or of other material 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.

14. 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 un-paid letter, but also with a further and additional rate of postage equal in amount to the single rate of postage chargeable under the provisions of this Warrant on a packet not exceeding four ounces in weight, and the remainder of the packet, if duly prepaid by stamps, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

15. 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 in the United Kingdom or in Labuan, 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 packet would be liable under and by virtue of this Warrant, every such last-mentioned packet 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 packet would be liable as aforesaid, together with a further and additional rate of postage of four pence; but if any such packet shall be posted in the United Kingdom or Labuan without any postage having been paid thereon, or without having thereon or affixed thereto any postage stamp, every such respective 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 when posted.

16. 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.

17. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise whether any packet, or any pattern or sample contained therein, transmitted under and 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.

18. 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 Majesty, chapter ninety-six.

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 January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

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

Wm. Dunbar.

E. H. Knatchbull-Hugessen.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 70.)—GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE—PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Fixed Light on Sea Cow Head.

THE Government of Prince Edward island has given notice, that a light has recently been established on Sea Cow Head or Salutation point, on the south-east side of entrance to Bedeque bay, on the south-west coast of Prince Edward island, Northumberland strait.

The light is a *fixed* white light; at an elevation of 80 feet above the level of high water, and in clear weather should be seen from a distance of about 14 miles.

The tower is in lat. 46° 19' N., long. 63° 48' 30" West of Greenwich.

By command of their Lordships,

Geo. Henry Richards, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,
23rd December, 1864.

This Notice affects the following Admiralty Charts:—Gulf of St. Lawrence, No 2516; Gulf of St. Lawrence, sheets 8 and 9, Nos. 1747, 2034; Bedeque Harbour, No. 1942; and St. John's Newfoundland to Halifax, No. 2666. Also, St. Lawrence Pilot, Vol. 2. p. 88.

India Office, December 30, 1864.

THE Secretary of State for India in Council hereby gives notice, that he has received a Madras Gazette, containing the following Notice