

or stamps, or the sum so prepaid, and the full postage to which such letter would have been liable if prepaid.

4. That every packet of whatever description (except letters) sent or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post between any places in the United Kingdom, or by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, which shall in length exceed two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot (except as hereinbefore is provided), shall and may be detained and opened, and at the option of the Postmaster General be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination, and every such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall, at the discretion of the Postmaster General, be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage he shall think proper not exceeding a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been paid when posted, nor less than the rate of postage which such packet would have been chargeable with if authorised to be transmitted by the post.

5. That so much of two several Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 22nd day of October, 1847, and the 16th day of October, 1857; and so much of the several orders and directions therein respectively contained as relate to the dimensions of letters and packets authorized to be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom shall be and the same are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

6. That this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

7. That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands at any time hereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates hereby fixed or altered, or the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

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

Wm. Dunbar.
Luke White.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, for the regulation of the duties of postage, it was enacted that all letters and newspapers, and other printed papers which should be posted in any town or place within the United Kingdom, or should be brought from parts beyond the seas to any port or place within the United Kingdom, or should be sent by the post between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas, or between any of the other places therein mentioned, or should pass through the United Kingdom, should be subject to the several regulations and rates thereafter contained, and further that letters transmitted by the post should be charged by weight according to the scale therein mentioned, and that the several numbers of rates of postage thereafter set forth should be charged

by and be paid to Her Majesty's Postmaster General for the use of Her Majesty on letters transmitted by the post, that is to say: on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight one rate of postage; on every letter exceeding half an ounce, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage; on every letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage; on every letter exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage; on every letter 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 should be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of four ounces, should be charged as one additional ounce. And it was by the said now reciting Act further enacted, that the following rates of postage (amongst others) should be charged by and paid to Her Majesty's Postmaster General for the use of Her Majesty on letters transmitted by the post, that is to say: Inland letters,—on all letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom (not being letters sent to or from parts beyond the seas), or posted in any post town in the United Kingdom, addressed to persons or places within such town or the suburbs thereof, there should be charged and paid one uniform rate of one penny, without reference to the number of sheets or pieces of paper or enclosures of which the same might be comprised, or to the distance or number of miles the same should be conveyed; and that on all such letters, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, there should be charged and paid progressive and additional rates of postage (each additional rate being estimated at one penny) according to the scale of weight and number of rates thereinbefore fixed and declared, and hereinbefore recited and mentioned; provided that such postage of one penny and such progressive and additional postage were prepaid at the time of posting such letters, or that such letters were duly and properly stamped when posted, as thereafter provided; but in case such postage on any such letters should not be prepaid, and such letters should not be duly and properly stamped, there should be charged on such letters the rate of postage thereafter mentioned. And by the said now reciting Act it was also enacted that the Postmaster-General might, at any time thereafter, charge for the use of Her Majesty on all letters, newspapers, and other printed papers sent by the post on which the postage should not be prepaid, and which should not be duly and properly stamped, and also on all letters sent by the post without being duly and properly stamped, although the postage thereon should be wholly or in part prepaid, such higher rates of postage than would otherwise by law be payable on such letters, newspapers, or other printed papers as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, should from time to time deem expedient, and might also remit any of the rates of British postage or inland postage for the time being payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury should from time to time direct.

And whereas by another Act of Parliament made and passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 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, it was enacted that, in order to prevent packets of an unwieldy bulk or an inconvenient size being transmitted by the post, it should be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, at any time or times thereafter, by Warrant under their hands, to fix the maximum weight of letters to be sent by the post, and from time to time to repeal or revoke such maximum weight wholly or in part, and declare any other maximum of weight in lieu thereof, and that all letters should be forwarded, conveyed, and delivered by the post, in conformity with any such Warrant, and also in conformity with, and under and subject to, all such orders, conditions, limitations, regulations, and restrictions as to the form, size, or dimensions thereof, whether in proportion to the weight or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General, with the consent of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, should from time to time direct; and by the said now reciting Act it was also enacted, that in all cases in which the British postage chargeable on any letters sent by the post should exceed the sum of one penny it should be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, to reduce such postage to any other rate of postage they might from time to time think fit.

And whereas by a certain Warrant under the hands of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date at Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the 22nd day of October, 1847, it was (amongst other things) ordered and directed that (except as hereinafter was provided or mentioned) if any letter exceeding four ounces in weight should be sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post between any places within the United Kingdom, or by the post of any post town in the United Kingdom, the postage of every such letter, according to the scale of weight and number and amount of rates of postage fixed and chargeable upon letters transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom, by the said Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty (being the first hereinbefore recited Act), should be prepaid in money, or such letter should be duly and properly stamped when posted.

And whereas inland letters have been heretofore, and since the passing of the said first hereinbefore recited Act, transmitted by the post, charged with rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates fixed and declared in and by the said last-mentioned Act, and it is considered expedient to remit certain of the said rates of British postage or inland postage now payable on the transmission of such post letters, and to reduce the British postage chargeable thereupon in certain cases where such postage exceeds the sum of one penny, by altering the scale of weight and numbers of rates payable on such letters exceeding one ounce in weight, pursuant to the powers given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by and contained in the said hereinbefore recited Acts, and also to alter and amend the said hereinbefore recited Treasury Warrant, bearing date the 22nd day of October, 1847, in conformity thereto, in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers and authority vested in 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 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 all inland letters transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom (not being letters sent to or from parts beyond the seas), or posted in any post town in the United Kingdom, addressed to persons or places within such town or the suburbs thereof, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid, in lieu and instead of the progressive and additional rates of postage charged according to the scale, and the several numbers of rates of postage mentioned and set forth, and authorised to be charged and paid, in and by the said hereinbefore recited Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter ninety-six, on such last-mentioned letters, the progressive and additional rates of postage, and according to the scale of weight hereinafter mentioned and set forth, each additional rate being estimated at one penny; that is to say:—

On every such inland letter exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, one additional rate of one penny, that is to say, a postage of two pence;

On every such letter exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce in weight, a postage of three-pence;

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and one half of another ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, a postage of four-pence;

On every such letter exceeding two ounces, and not exceeding two ounces and one half of another ounce in weight, a postage of five pence;

On every such letter exceeding two ounces and one half of another ounce, and not exceeding three ounces in weight, a postage of six-pence;

And for every additional half of an ounce in weight, above the weight of three ounces, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage of one penny;

And every fraction of half of an ounce in weight, above the weight of three ounces, shall be charged as an additional half ounce in weight, and shall be liable to an additional rate of postage of one penny;

Provided that such postage be prepaid at the time of posting such letters, or that such letters be duly and properly stamped when posted, as provided by the said first hereinbefore recited Act; but in case such postage on any such letters shall not be prepaid, or such letters shall not be duly and properly stamped, there shall be charged on such letters a postage of double the amount to which such letters would otherwise be liable under this present Warrant.

2. The postage of every letter exceeding four ounces in weight, directed by the said hereinbefore recited Treasury Warrant, bearing date the 22nd day of October, 1847, to be prepaid in money, or to be duly and properly stamped when posted as is hereinbefore in that behalf mentioned and recited, shall be prepaid in money, or such letter shall be duly and properly stamped according to the scale of weight and amount of rates of postage hereinbefore by this Warrant fixed and made chargeable and payable upon such letters, and not according to the scale of weight and number and amount of rates of postage fixed and chargeable upon such letters by the said recited Act of the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Ma-

jesty, chapter 96, as in the said recited Warrant is mentioned, anything in the said recited Treasury Warrant contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

3. 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 of the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96.

4. The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the time being, by Warrant duly made, may at any time hereafter alter or repeal any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the regulations hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates of postage or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at what time the rates of postage that may be payable are to be paid.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the eighteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

Wm. Dunbar.
Luke White.

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 eighty-five, 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 17th day of August, 1864, in exercise of the powers reserved to 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 order and direct that all packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, 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 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, since the making of the said recited Warrant, difficulties have arisen in deciding whether certain patterns or samples transmitted by the post, under the authority of the said Warrant, are of intrinsic value, and it is therefore expedient to remove the restriction upon patterns or samples of merchandize of intrinsic value, and to authorize the transmission of such patterns or samples by the post, and, for that purpose, to repeal the said recited Warrant, and the rates of postage and regulations therein mentioned, and to fix certain other rates of postage, and make certain 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 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 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 shall exceed two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 or in bags of linen or of other material, which shall be fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened,