

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 herein-after 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,

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

7. 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 exceed two feet, or in breadth or depth one foot, 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 fifth 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 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 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 fit, 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 authorized to be transmitted by the post.

8. 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.

9. The postage of all such packets as aforesaid 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 Kingdom of any packet containing any explosive or other dangerous material or substance.

12. 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 eleventh 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 eleventh 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.

13. 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 despatched, in due course of the post, whenever it may be necessary so to do, or (at his option) until the despatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought, in due course of the post, to be forwarded by him.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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 96.

17. And we further order and direct that the said recited Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 17th day of August, 1864, 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.

18. 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.

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

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

Wm. Dunbar.
Luke White.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION ACT, 1864.

IN pursuance of the above-mentioned Act notice is hereby given that a Certificate of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for War has been granted relative to the Lock Wards of the Royal Albert Hospital, at Plymouth, such Certificate being dated the 22nd day of March, 1865.—Dated this 22nd day of March, 1865.

By order of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty,
W. G. Romaine.

By order of the Secretary of State for War,
Edward Lugard.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General
of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-
House, March 17, 1865.*

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the tonnage bounty, &c., of the "America," captured on the 5th of April, 1864, by Her Majesty's ship "Ariel."

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 be examined, taxed, and allowed by that Officer, and paid under the sanction of the Judge of the said Court.

Agents and all other persons holding powers of attorney, prize orders, assignments, or other instruments, by virtue of which they may be legally entitled to claim the share belonging to any captor, are requested, with as little delay as possible, to transmit the same, accompanied by the usual documents, to the Prize Branch of the Department of the "Accountant-General of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset-House."

Due notice will be given, by future advertisements in the London Gazette, of the date proposed for the commencement of distribution; and, at the same time, the amount of an individual's share in the respective classes will be announced.

India Office, March 23, 1865.

THE Secretary of State for India in Council hereby gives notice,—

That the amount for which Tenders for Bills of Exchange will be received at the Bank of England, on Wednesday, the 5th April, 1865, on the terms stated in the Advertisement issued from this Office on the 10th November, 1863, will be Rupees 30,00,000, of which not more than Rupees 12,00,000 will be drawn on the Government of Bombay.

Dufferin.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a separate building, named Capel-yr-Uchdir, situate at New Tredegar, in the parish of Bedwellty, in the county of Monmouth, in the district of Bedwellty, being a building certified according to law as a place of religious worship, was, on the 18th day of March, 1865, duly registered for solemnizing marriages therein, pursuant to the Act of 6th and 7th Wm. IV., cap. 85.

Witness my hand this 21st day of March, 1865.

R. Waters, Superintendent Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an agreement authorised by 18 and 19 Vict., c. 63, s. 13, for the dissolution of a Friendly Society, called the General Provident Sick and Burial Society, held at the City-road Academy, City-road, Hulme, Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, was transmitted to the Registrar of Friendly Societies in England, on the 12th day of March, 1865.

John Tidd Pratt, Registrar of Friendly Societies in England.

London, 12th day of March, 1865.