

## TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 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 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 of 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 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 further powers were also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 27, for amending the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and for providing for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications.

And whereas it is expedient to reduce the British postage now payable upon letters conveyed by British packet boat between Brazil and the ports of Monte Video, and Buenos Ayres, respectively, and also between the two last-named ports, and also to make regulations for the transmission by the post between the United Kingdom and Brazil, and between certain other places, of certain packets, in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained.

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 respectively, and all and every, or some or one 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. On every letter transmitted by British packet boat between any port in Brazil, and either of the ports of Monte Video and Buenos Ayres respectively, without passing through the United Kingdom, and on every letter transmitted by British packet boat, between the two last-mentioned ports, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon in respect of such transmission respectively as aforesaid, the several rates of British postage following, that is to say:—

On every such letter, if not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, a rate of postage of four pence:

And on every such letter, if exceeding one-half of an ounce and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage:

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

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce and the 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 and taken one additional rate of postage; and every fractional part of such additional half of an ounce 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.

2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or any or either of them, or by or under any other Act of Parliament relating to the Post Office, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges which officers, seamen, and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service are by law entitled to of sending and receiving letters by the post subject to the regulations and restrictions made and in force for the time being in respect of the same.

3. On every packet consisting of a printed newspaper, price current, or commercial list, transmitted by British packet boat between any port in Brazil and either of the ports of Monte Video and Buenos Ayres respectively, without passing through the United Kingdom, or transmitted by British packet boat between the two last-mentioned ports, without passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates of British postage now chargeable by law thereon in respect of such transmission respectively as last aforesaid, the several rates of British postage following; that is to say:—

On every such packet if not exceeding four ounces in weight a rate of postage of one penny;

And on every such packet if exceeding four ounces in weight there shall be charged and taken the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned:

4. All packets consisting of printed papers (other than newspapers) posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Brazil, or posted in Brazil, addressed to the United Kingdom, or posted in any port in Brazil, addressed to either of the ports of Monte Video and Buenos Ayres respectively, or posted in either of the said two last-mentioned ports, addressed to any port in Brazil, may be respectively transmitted by British packet boat between the United Kingdom and Brazil, and between any port in Brazil and either of the ports of Monte Video and Buenos Ayres respectively, without passing through the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of British postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and

taken an uniform rate of postage of three pence ;  
 And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

5. All packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any port in Brazil or either of the ports of Monte Video and Buenos Ayres respectively, or posted in either of such two last-mentioned ports, or in any port in Brazil, addressed to the United Kingdom, or posted in any port in Brazil, addressed to either of the said ports of Monte Video and Buenos Ayres respectively, or posted in either of the said two last-mentioned ports, addressed to any port in Brazil, or posted in the said port of Buenos Ayres, addressed to the said port of Monte Video, or posted in the said port of Monte Video, addressed to the said port of Buenos Ayres, may be respectively transmitted by British packet boat between the United Kingdom and Brazil, Monte Video, and Buenos Ayres respectively, and between Brazil and Monte Video and Buenos Ayres respectively, without passing through the United Kingdom, and also between Buenos Ayres and Monte Video respectively, without passing through the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of British postage hereinafter mentioned ; that is to say :—

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

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

6. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th clauses of this Warrant, hereinbefore respectively contained, shall, if exceeding the weight of four ounces respectively, 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 eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken two rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken three rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding twelve ounces and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken four rates of postage ;

And for every additional four ounces in weight of any such packet above the weight of sixteen ounces, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage ; and in charging any additional rate of postage, every fractional part of such additional four ounces in weight shall be charged as an additional four ounces 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.

7. For the purposes of this Warrant, every printed newspaper, price current, or commercial

list, transmitted by the post under the 3rd clause of this Warrant, shall be deemed and considered a packet, and shall be charged and chargeable with a separate and distinct single rate or separate and distinct progressive and additional rates of postage according to the weight thereof, as hereinbefore respectively mentioned, notwithstanding two or more printed newspapers, prices current, or commercial lists shall be enclosed and transmitted in one and the same cover, wrapper, envelope, or bundle, and form only one parcel or bundle of newspapers, prices current, or commercial lists ; and every printed supplement or additional sheet to any such printed newspaper shall, for the purpose of charging the postage under this Warrant, be deemed a distinct newspaper, unless sent in the same cover or together with the newspaper to which it is a supplement or addition.

8. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post, under the authority of the third and fourth clauses of this Warrant, shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides ; and every packet transmitted by the post under the authority of the fourth clause of this Warrant, may contain any number of separate books or other publications, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, parchment, or vellum, and the books or other publications, prints, or maps, may be either printed, written, or plain, or any mixture of the three ; and all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, publication, print, or map, or of a portion thereof, shall be allowed to pass by the post, whether such binding, mounting, or covering, be loose or attached ; as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise), in the case of books, and whatsoever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, or usually appertains thereto ; but no packet transmitted by the post under the authority of the third and fourth clauses of this Warrant, shall contain any written letter, nor any communication in the nature of a letter, either closed or open (whether such letter or communication be addressed to or intended for the person to whom the same shall be directed or any other person), nor any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet ; nor shall there be any word or communication printed on the contents of any packet, transmitted by the post under the authority of the third clause of this Warrant, after the publication thereof ; nor any writing, figures, or marks upon any such contents, or the cover thereof, not authorized by this Warrant, except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent ; but the name or title of any newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, news-vender, or agent by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof : Provided, however, that no packet transmitted by the post, under the authority of this Warrant, shall consist of or contain any photographs, drawings, prints, or other contents which may be obviously of an obscene character.

9. Every packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, 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 regulations and conditions hereinafter contained ; that is to say :

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 ;

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; 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; 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 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 this purpose.

10. No packet which shall exceed two feet (British), in length, or one foot (British), in breadth or depth, shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, unless under the special authority of the Postmaster-General.

11. Every packet transmitted by the post under this Warrant, 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 authorized to be transmitted by the post under the provisions of the third, fourth, and fifth clauses of this Warrant, shall, in every case, be paid at the time of the same being posted.

13. If any packet shall be posted, or shall be transmitted by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, otherwise than in conformity with the several conditions and regulations applicable thereto established by or under this Warrant, the same shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof.

14. 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.

15. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise whether any packet, or anything 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. 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, cap. 96.

17. 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.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the twenty-first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

Henry Whitmore.

Gerard Noel.

## PARIS EXHIBITION OF 1867.

List of Exhibitors in MALTA to whom space has been allotted by the Local Committee.

## GROUP I.

## WORKS OF ART.

## [Class I.]—Paintings in Oil.

Schrantz, Giovanni, Valletta.—Painting representing St. Paul's shipwreck. Painting of a Gozo boat under sail.

Cortis, Ignazio Carlo, Valletta.—Painting representing the descent from the cross.

## [Class II.]—Other Paintings and Drawings.

Bellanto, Dr. Michele, Valletta.—Two water-colour paintings, of native costumes.

Vassallo, Dr. Filippo, Valletta.—Marine views and native costumes.

Ferro, Henry, Valletta.—Types of animals and plants characteristic of the place.

## [Class III.]—Sculpture and Die Sinking.

Francalanzas, Luigo, Valletta.—The following specimens of stone carving: two flower vases, one jug, two card vases, six baskets Darmanico, Giuseppe and sons, eight marble tables, inlaid in the "pietra dura" style.

Bighe, Michele, Valletta.—Specimens of native marbles: two corner stands, four flower vases.

Testa, Fortunato, Valletta.—Six stone vases for parterre or drawing-room.

Dimech, Carmelo, Valletta.—A large stone vase and six smaller, for parterre or drawing-room.

## [Class VII.]—Paper and Stationery.

Mamo, Federico, Valletta.—Specimens of illuminations in the mediæval style, and process used in painting the same.

Calleja, Antonio, Valletta.—A specimen of book-binding.

## [Class IX.]—Photographic Proofs and Apparatus.

Preziosi, Leandro, Floriana.—Various specimens of photographic portraits, native costumes, distinguished men, &c.

Zabra, Michelé, Valletta.—Photographs of the most conspicuous public buildings, the town and fortifications, military gates, country scenery.

Mically, Dr. G., Valletta.—Various specimens of photography, representing objects of local interest.

## [Class XI.]—Medical and Surgical Instruments and Apparatus.

Grima, Luigi, Senglea.—Hospital bedstead for lifting patients without touching them.

Inglott, F. V., Valletta.—Model of ventilating window for hospitals in hot climates.

## [Class XIII.]—Maps and Geographical and Cosmographical Apparatus.

Pullicino, Rev., Valletta.—Map of Malta and Gozo in relief.