

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, that certain regulations should be made in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power 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 books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, not exceeding three pounds (Prussian) in weight, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the several places in Turkey, Moldavia, or Wallachia, at which Austria maintains post-offices, or to Alexandria, in Egypt, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to any of such several places via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage (British and Foreign combined), hereinafter mentioned ; that is to say :

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

And on every such packet, 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 in weight, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, two rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding eight ounces and not exceeding twelve ounces in weight, three rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding twelve ounces and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight, 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, taken, and paid 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.

2. All packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, colonial, or foreign, not exceeding three pounds (Prussian) in weight, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to any of the said several places in Turkey, Moldavia, or Wallachia, at which Austria maintains post offices, or to Alexandria aforesaid, may be transmitted by the post from any of such colonies to any of such several places through the United Kingdom and via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned ; that is to say :

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

And on every such packet exceeding two 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 two ounces in weight, and not exceeding four ounces in weight, two rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one-half of a pound in weight, four rates of postage ;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one-half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, eight rates of postage ;

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of one pound, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four 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 two ounces in weight.

3. All packets not exceeding eight ounces (British) in weight, consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the said several places in Turkey, Moldavia, or Wallachia, at which Austria maintains post offices, or to Alexandria aforesaid, may be transmitted by the post from the United Kingdom to any of such several places, via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage (British and foreign combined) hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :—

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

And on every such packet if exceeding four ounces, and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid a uniform rate of postage of one shilling.

4. All packets not exceeding eight ounces (British) in weight, consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to any place within any of the States of the German Postal Union, may be transmitted by the post from any of such colonies to any of such places within the said States through the United King-

dom, and via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :—

On every such packet, if not exceeding two 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 two ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage.

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding eight ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four rates of postage.

5. All packets not exceeding eight ounces (British) in weight, consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to any of the said several places in Turkey, Moldavia, or Wallachia, at which Austria maintains post offices, or to Alexandria aforesaid, may be transmitted by the post from any of such colonies to any of such several places through the United Kingdom, and via Belgium, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :

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

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

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

6. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of the first and second clauses of this Warrant shall be sent open at the ends or sides, and either without a cover or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, and there shall be no written letter either closed or open, nor any written 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 packet 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 writing, figures, or manual marks whatsoever of any description upon any such packet or on the cover or envelope thereof not authorized by this Warrant, except the name and address of the person to whom the same is sent, but any packet may have any matter or thing printed on the cover thereof.

7. Every packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of the third, fourth, and fifth clauses 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 :

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 inclosure 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 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 number and price of the pattern or sample contained therein ; nor shall there be any writing in any such packet, except the name and 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 ;

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

No article which might injure the contents of the mail bags, or the persons of the officers of the Post Office, shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant ; nevertheless, any packet 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 (notwithstanding anything in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury bearing date the 28th day of November, 1844, contained to the contrary) be transmitted by the post under the authority of the third, fourth, and fifth clauses of this Warrant, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein respectively mentioned and contained relating thereto, provided that every such article or instrument so contained in any such packet shall 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 of any packet containing any explosive or other dangerous material or substance.

8. Every packet posted in the United Kingdom for transmission 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.

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

10. The postage of every packet transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted, 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.

11. If any packet authorized to be transmitted by the post under this Warrant shall be posted

in the United Kingdom insufficiently prepaid, by such packet having thereon or affixed thereto a postage stamp or stamps representing a less sum than the amount of postage duty payable thereupon, every such packet shall be charged with double the amount of the postage which shall be so insufficiently prepaid upon any such packet.

12. 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 conditions and regulations established by or under the authority of this Warrant (except only as in the last preceding clause mentioned), the same 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 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, at the option of the Postmaster-General, either be free of postage or be charged with any rate of postage he may think fit, not exceeding the rate that would be chargeable on such packet as an unpaid letter.

13. 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, 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.

14. 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 on all parties.

15. The terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art," in this Warrant used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, mean and comprise all printed books or other printed publications, printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions as prints, printed maps (whether on paper, parchment, or vellum), and photographs (when not on glass or in frames containing glass), together with any binding, mounting, or covering, of or upon or belonging to any such article or production, or any portion thereof, and including also any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book markers (whether of paper or otherwise), or other thing usually appertaining to any such article or production, or necessary for its safe transmission, which shall be sent in the same packet with any such article or production to which they or it shall belong, and also when contained in any packet consisting of unbound proof sheets only, any ordinary corrections in writing of such unbound proof sheets, the term "German Postal Union," used in this Warrant shall include Prussia, Austria, Bavaria, Saxony, Hanover, Wurtemberg, Baden, Luxemburg, Brunswick, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Oldenburg, Lubeck, and the countries and places comprised in the postal district of the Prince of Tour and Taxis; viz.:—Frankfort-on-the-Maine, the Grand Duchy of Hesse, Hesse-Electoral, Hesse-Homburg, Schaumburg-Lippe, Lippe-Detmold, Nassau, Reuss, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Saxe-Meiningen, Saxe-Weimar Eisenach, Hohenzollern, Schwartzburg-Rudol-

stadt, and Schwartzburg-Sonderhausen, 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.

16. 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.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the ninth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Henry Whitmore.
G. G. Montgomery.

Whitehall, August 5, 1867.

The Right Honourable Sir William Bovill, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed Walter Meacock Wilkinson, of Kingston-upon-Thames, in the county of Surry, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Surry.

The Right Honourable Sir William Bovill, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has also appointed Charles Amos Lister, of Salford, in the county of Lancaster, Gentleman, to be one of the Perpetual Commissioners for taking the acknowledgments of deeds to be executed by married women, under the Act passed for the abolition of fines and recoveries, and for the substitution of more simple modes of assurance, in and for the county of Lancaster.

NAVAL PRIZE MONEY.

*Department of the Accountant-General
of the Navy, Admiralty, Somerset
House, September 6, 1867.*

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested therein, that preparations are now being made for the intended distribution of the tonnage bounty awarded for a slave dhow captured on the 10th April 1865, by Her Majesty's ship "Lyra." Agents or other persons having any just and legal demand, unliquidated, against the said award, 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.

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.