

## 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, power is 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 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 are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act made and 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 a Convention hath been lately made and concluded between the General Post Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the General Post Office of the Kingdom of Greece, for the purpose of regulating the communications by post between the United Kingdom and Greece, and it is expedient, for the better carrying out of the same, that certain regulations should be made 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, declare, and direct as follows; that is to say:

1. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Greece, or posted in Greece, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Greece, either via France and by French packet boat, or via France and Italy and by Italian or Austrian packet boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of eight pence, if such letter be prepaid, and if such letter be not prepaid, an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of ten pence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, posted in Greece, addressed to any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, or posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country, addressed to Greece, and transmitted by the post between Greece and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any foreign country

through the United Kingdom, the said letter being conveyed between Greece and the United Kingdom either via France and by French packet boat, or via France and Italy and by Italian or Austrian packet boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for such transmission thereof respectively between Greece and the United Kingdom, an uniform rate of British postage of one penny, if such letter be prepaid, and if such letter be not prepaid, an uniform rate of British postage of two pence.

3. On every such letter so transmitted as hereinbefore mentioned, between the United Kingdom and Greece, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned (that is to say):—

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage;

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding one ounce, and not exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce in weight, three rates of postage;

On every such letter so transmitted, exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage;

And for every half of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of two 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 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.

4. On every letter transmitted by the post between Greece and any of Her Majesty's colonies, or any foreign country, through the United Kingdom, the said letter being conveyed between Greece and the United Kingdom, either via France and by French packet boat, or via France and Italy, and by Italian or Austrian packet boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid over and above the uniform rate or rates of postage payable thereupon for the transmission thereof respectively between Greece and the United Kingdom as hereinbefore provided, such further or additional rates of postage, for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet boat or private ship conveying the same, and the colony or foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet boat or private ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or foreign country, provided that in all cases where such additional rates include both inland and sea services, there shall be deducted therefrom such a sum as shall represent the inland rate or rates of postage for the conveyance of every such letter through the United Kingdom.

5. If any letter transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Greece, or shall be posted in Greece, addressed to the United

Kingdom, and the postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall represent a less amount than the rate or rates of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, if prepaid, every such letter shall be charged with postage as an unpaid letter, and the amount of such postage paid thereon, or stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall be allowed and deducted in charging such postage thereon.

6. Registered letters may be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant upon the payment of such additional charges or rates of postage, or otherwise, as the Postmaster General may from time to time direct or appoint in that behalf, provided that all rates of postage and additional charges or rates from time to time payable thereupon shall be prepaid, and that no payment shall be made thereupon on the delivery of any such registered letters.

7. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions or privileges granted by the said firstly hereinbefore recited Act, or to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the privileges to which seamen, soldiers, and others employed in Her Majesty's service, are now by law entitled 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.

8. On every packet, consisting of a printed British newspaper, not exceeding four ounces in weight posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Greece, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Greece, the said packet being conveyed either via France and by French packet boat, or via France and Italy and by Italian or Austrian packet boat, there shall be charged, taken, and paid an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of four pence, and in respect of every additional four ounces or fraction of four ounces of any such packet above the weight of four ounces there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an additional rate of postage of four pence; and every such packet shall be transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto.

9. All packets consisting of printed papers other than British newspapers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value not exceeding one ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to Greece and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Greece, the said respective packets being conveyed either via France and by French packet boat or via France and Italy and by Italian or Austrian packet boat may be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission of every such packet an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of one penny.

10. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the ninth clause of this Warrant, shall if exceeding the weight of one ounce respectively be subject to the several further and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :

On every such packet so transmitted if exceeding one ounce in weight, and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two rates of postage ;

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

And for every additional four ounces in weight of any such packet above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid four additional rates of postage, and in charging any additional rates of postage, every fractional part of every additional four ounces 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 one ounce in weight.

11. All packets consisting of printed newspapers or other printed papers, or consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize of no intrinsic value, not exceeding two ounces in weight posted in any of Her Majesty's colonies, addressed to Greece may be transmitted by the post from any of Her Majesty's colonies to any place in Greece through the United Kingdom, the said respective packets being conveyed from the United Kingdom to Greece either via France and by French packet boat, or via France and Italy and by Italian or Austrian packet boat, in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereinafter mentioned and contained relating thereto, and there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission of every such packet an uniform rate of postage (British and foreign combined) of three pence.

12. All packets transmitted respectively under the authority of the 11th clause of this Warrant shall, if exceeding the weight of two 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 so transmitted, 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, four rates of postage ;

And for every additional four ounces in weight of any such packet above the weight of eight ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid two additional rates of postage ; and 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 two ounces in weight.

13. As to all packets hereinbefore in the 8th, 9th, and 10th clauses of this Warrant authorized to be sent by the post, the postage thereof 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 thereupon under or by virtue of this Warrant (unless any such packet be sent from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty which shall have a postage account with the General Post Office in London, in which case the same shall be forwarded post paid, and the postage thereof shall be charged in

such postage account); and if any such packet shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, every such packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof; and 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 an unpaid letter. But if any such packet shall be posted with a postage paid thereon which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such last mentioned packet shall be forwarded, charged with double the amount of the deficient postage.

14. For the purposes of this Warrant, every printed British newspaper transmitted by the post under the eighth 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 newspapers shall be enclosed and transmitted in one and the same cover, wrapper, envelope, or bundle, and form only one parcel or bundle of newspapers; and every printed supplement or additional sheet to any such 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.

15. Every packet transmitted by the post under the provisions of the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th clauses of this Warrant, except packets consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize, shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations and conditions following; that is to say:

Every British newspaper shall be printed and published at intervals not exceeding thirty-one days between any two consecutive numbers or parts of such publication, and the same shall be registered at the General Post Office in London, and shall be posted within fifteen days from the date of its publication, and the title and date of the newspaper shall be printed at the top of every page thereof.

Every packet shall be 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 authorised by this Warrant, sent in or with any such packet, nor shall there be any word or communication printed on the contents of any newspaper packet after the publication thereof, nor any writing, figures, or marks upon any such contents or the cover thereof not authorised 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-vendor, or agent by whom the same is sent, may be printed on the cover thereof, and any packet of printed papers other than a printed

newspaper, may have any matter or thing printed on the cover thereof.

No packet shall be transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant which shall exceed the weight of three pounds, or which shall exceed two feet in length, or one foot in width or depth.

Every packet transmitted by the post under the provisions of 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.

16. The term "printed papers" when used in this Warrant shall mean, comprise, and include any number of separate books or other publications, prints or maps, whether printed, engraved, or lithographed, and whether on paper, parchment, or vellum, and also photographs on paper, parchment, or vellum, and all legitimate binding, mounting or covering of a book, publication, print, or map, or of a portion thereof, 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; and also when contained in any packet consisting of unbound proof sheets only, any ordinary corrections in writing, of such unbound proof sheets but shall not mean, comprise, or include any photographs, drawings, prints or other articles which may be obviously of an obscene character, 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 firstly hereinbefore recited Act.

17. Every packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be so transmitted in conformity with and under and subject to the several orders, directions, regulations and conditions following; that is to say:

No such packet shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant which shall exceed the weight of three pounds or which shall exceed two feet in length or one foot in width or depth;

There shall be no enclosure sealed or otherwise closed against inspection and examination nor any other enclosure not authorized by this Warrant sent in or with any such packet;

No such pattern or sample of merchandize shall be of any intrinsic value, and no article so transmitted shall be of a saleable nature or such as has any mercantile value either by reason of its quality or its quantity or of which any use might be made otherwise than as a pattern or sample of merchandize;

There shall be no writing or printing upon any such packet or the cover thereof or contained therein except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the address of the sender thereof and a manufacturer's or trade mark and number and price of the pattern or sample, and every such manufacturer's or trade mark, number, and price shall be written or printed on labels attached to such patterns or samples or to the bags or boxes containing the same, and not on loose pieces of paper or other material.

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, paper, or other material, which shall be tied with a string or otherwise fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened, and closed bags if transparent may be used for this 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.

18. No packet shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions of the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th clauses of this Warrant in regard to which the several orders, directions, regulations, restrictions, and conditions, hereinbefore in the 15th and 17th clauses of this Warrant respectively contained relating to the same shall not be complied with in all respects.

19. 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 despatched in due course of the post (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.

20. 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 on all parties.

21. The several rates of postage fixed by this present Warrant on the letters and packets transmitted by the post as herein respectively mentioned shall be in lieu of those now chargeable by law thereon.

22. The several 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 firstly hereinbefore recited Act.

23. 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, or revoke, any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, or conditions in lieu thereof, and may from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

24. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

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

*Lansdowne.*  
*J. C. Vivian.*

*Whitehall, September 17, 1869.*

The Right Honourable Sir William Bovill, Knt., Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, at Westminster, has appointed Samuel Hall, of Bacup, in the county of Lancaster, Gentleman, to be one of the Per-

petual 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.

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven, section five, do hereby grant to the Incumbent of the vicarage of Defford-cum-Besford, in the county of Worcester, and in the diocese of Worcester, and to his successors, Incumbents of the same vicarage, one yearly sum or stipend of twenty pounds, such yearly sum or stipend to be payable out of the common fund under our control, and to be calculated as from the twenty-ninth day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and to be receivable, in equal half-yearly portions, on the first day of May and on the first day of November in each and every year: Provided always, that if at any time lands, tithes, or other hereditaments sufficient to produce the said yearly sum or stipend, or any part thereof, shall be annexed by us to the said vicarage, in substitution for such yearly sum or stipend, or for such part thereof, our liability for the payment of such yearly sum or stipend, or of such part thereof, as the case may be, shall thereupon and thereafter cease and determine.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our common seal, this twenty-fifth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

(L.S.)

WE, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the twenty-ninth and thirtieth years of Her Majesty, chapter one hundred and eleven, sections five and eleven, do hereby grant to the Incumbent of the vicarage of Fir Tree, in the county of Durham, and in the diocese of Durham, and to his successors Incumbents of the same vicarage, one yearly sum or stipend of one hundred pounds, such yearly sum or stipend to be payable out of the common fund under our control, and to be calculated as from the twenty-second day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, and to be receivable in equal half-yearly portions on the first day of May and on the first day of November in each and every year: And we do also hereby grant and appropriate out of our said common fund, to the said vicarage of Fir Tree, one capital sum of one thousand and one hundred pounds sterling, to be applicable towards defraying the cost of providing a parsonage or house of residence for the said vicarage, according to plans and a specification to be approved by us, such capital sum, or the balance thereof unapplied to such purpose, to remain in the meantime in our hands, at interest after the rate of three pounds per centum per annum, and such interest to be paid to the Incumbent for the time being of the said vicarage of Fir Tree: Provided always, that if at any time lands, tithes, or other hereditaments sufficient to produce the said yearly sum or stipend of one hundred pounds, or any part thereof, shall be annexed by us to the said vicarage, in substitution for such yearly sum or stipend, or for such part thereof, our liability for the payment of such