

if inserted in the said recited Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96.

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

9. 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, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, or conditions in lieu thereof.

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

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, the fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

W. P. Adam.

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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 to reduce the postage now chargeable on packets consisting of patterns or samples transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom.

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 one penny;

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 two pence;

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

3. No such packet shall exceed twelve ounces in weight, nor (unless under the special authority of the Postmaster-General) shall any such packet exceed two feet in length, or one foot in breadth or depth.

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, number, price and description of the pattern or sample contained therein, which may be either written or printed; but any such permitted writing or printing in any such packet, except such description, shall be 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 closed bags, if transparent, may be used for the purpose.

7. If any packet, sent or tendered or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions aforesaid, shall exceed twelve ounces in weight, or shall (save as before excepted) exceed two feet in length or one foot in breadth or depth, 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 packet 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 for which closed transparent bags may be used), or in case of boxes or bags (except closed transparent 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 aforesaid, 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 duly 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 aforesaid, 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 one penny.

11. 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 (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 within the United Kingdom, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions hereinbefore 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 hereinbefore 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. 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. 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. 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. All packets transmitted by the post under the provisions aforesaid 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. The several terms and expressions hereinbefore 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. So much of the Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 3rd day of February, 1866, as relates to packets consisting of patterns or samples transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

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 February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Whitehall Treasury Chambers, the fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

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