

representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same) and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. The rates of postage to be henceforth charged by or under the authority of the Postmaster-General (in lieu of those now payable) in respect of letters conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post between the United Kingdom and St. Helena, as mentioned and described in the Schedule hereunder written, shall be the rates of postage which are respectively fixed and specified by and in such Schedule.

2. Any letter posted in the United Kingdom addressed to St. Helena, or posted in St. Helena

addressed to the United Kingdom, upon which no part or a part only of the postage chargeable thereon under this Warrant has been prepaid, shall be charged with the amount of the unpaid postage, and also with an additional rate of postage of one shilling if such letter be conveyed by packet-boat, or of four pence if such letter be conveyed by private ship.

3. So much of a certain Treasury Warrant dated the 13th day of June, 1876, as relates to letters conveyed by post between the United Kingdom and St. Helena, is hereby repealed.

4. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

THE SCHEDULE above referred to.

RATES OF POSTAGE (British and Colonial combined) to be charged on Letters posted in the Countries and Places hereunder in the First Column mentioned, addressed to the Countries and Places hereunder in the Second Column mentioned, and conveyed between the United Kingdom and St. Helena by British or Colonial Packet-boat, or by Private Ship.

Posted in	Addressed to	Means of Conveyance.	On each Letter. For every half of an ounce in weight, or for any fractional part of half of an ounce over and above the first or any additional half of an ounce.
The United Kingdom St. Helena	St. Helena The United Kingdom	By packet-boat .. By private ship ..	One shilling. Four pence.
St. Helena: . . .	Any British colony or foreign country, and sent via the United Kingdom	By packet-boat	One shilling, in addition to the postage (less the British Inland rate or rates) payable for conveyance between the United Kingdom and such colony or country.
Any British colony or foreign country, and sent via the United Kingdom			

Dated this twenty-third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

*Crichton,
Row. Winn,*

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

John Manners,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WE, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of all powers enabling us in this behalf, do by this Warrant, made on the representation of Her Majesty's Postmaster-General (testified by his signing the same), and under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. The rates of postage and additional sums for registration, to be henceforth charged by or under the authority of the Postmaster-General, in lieu of the rates and sums now payable in respect of postal packets conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post as mentioned and described in the Schedules Nos. 1, 2, and 3, hereunder written, shall be the rates of postage and additional sums which are fixed and specified by and in such Schedules respectively.

2. All such postal packets as are hereinbefore

referred to shall be posted, forwarded, conveyed, and delivered under and subject to the several regulations, conditions, prohibitions, and restrictions applicable thereto respectively, contained in the aforesaid Schedules, and Schedule No. 4 hereunder written.

3. All Treasury Warrants heretofore at any time made relating to the conveyance by post of postal packets between the United Kingdom and the several colonies and countries respectively mentioned in the said Schedules, and also between any British Colony (other than one of the colonies aforesaid) and the said colonies and countries respectively, or any of them, are hereby repealed to the extent to which such Warrants respectively relate to the several matters comprised in this Warrant as aforesaid.

4. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

SCHEDULE No. 1.

PART 1.—RATES OF POSTAGE and additional sum for registration to be charged and paid in the United Kingdom on Postal Packets posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the undermentioned Colonies and Countries.

1 Colonies and Countries.	2 Routes and means of conveyance.	3 On each Letter. For every half of an ounce in weight, or for any fractional part of half an ounce over and above the first or any additional half an ounce.	4 On each Post Card.	5 On each Registered Newspaper with or without a Supplement or Supplements. For every four ounces in weight, or for any fractional part of four ounces over and above the first or any additional four ounces.	6 On each Book Packet and Pattern or Sample Packet. For every two ounces in weight, or for any fractional part of two ounces over and above the first or any additional two ounces.	7 Additional Sum for the Registration of any Postal Packet.
Ceylon. Straits Settlements Labuan Hong Kong Mauritius and Dependencies China Jamaica Trinidad British Guiana Bermuda	By any route or means of conveyance except by British Packet via Brindisi. By British Packet via Brindisi. By any route or means of conveyance.	Six pence. Eight pence. Six pence.	Three pence. Four pence. Three pence.	One penny. Two pence. One penny.	Two pence. Three pence. Two pence.	Four pence. Four pence. Four pence.

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PART 2.—RATES OF POSTAGE to be charged and paid in the United Kingdom on Letters posted in any of the Colonies and Countries hereunder mentioned addressed to and received in the United Kingdom from any of such Colonies and Countries, and upon which no part or a part only of the postage payable in respect thereof in the said Colonies and Countries respectively has been prepaid by means of Postage Stamps or Stamped Envelopes, valid in the said Colonies or Countries.

1 Colonies and Countries.	2 Routes and Means of Conveyance.	3 On each Letter. For every half of an ounce in weight, or for any fractional part of half an ounce over and above the first or any additional half an ounce, but giving credit in the case of an insufficiently prepaid Letter for any Postage already prepaid thereon as aforesaid.
Ceylon Straits Settlements Labuan Hong Kong Mauritius and Dependencies China Jamaica Trinidad British Guiana Bermuda	} By any route or means of conveyance except by British Packet via Brindisi. } } By British Packet via Brindisi. } } By any route or means of conveyance.	} Nine pence. } } Eleven pence. } } Nine pence.

SCHEDULE No. 2.

PART 1.—RATES OF POSTAGE and Additional Sum for Registration, to be charged and paid at Malta, Gibraltar, and at the British Post Offices at Alexandria, Suez, Constantinople, Smyrna, and Beyrout, respectively, upon Postal Packets posted in Malta, Gibraltar, Alexandria, Suez, Constantinople, Smyrna, and Beyrout, respectively, addressed to any of the undermentioned Colonies and Countries.

1. Colonies and Countries.	2. Routes and Means of Conveyance.	3. On each Letter. For every half of an ounce in weight, or for any fractional part of half an ounce over and above the first or any additional half an ounce.	4. On each Post Card.	5. On each Newspaper with or without a Supplement or Supplements. For every four ounces in weight, or for any fractional part of four ounces over and above the first or any additional four ounces.	6. On each Book Packet or Pattern or Sample Packet. For every two ounces in weight or for any fractional part of two ounces over and above the first or any additional two ounces.	7. Additional Sum for the Registration of any Postal Packet.
Ceylon Straits Settlements Labuan Hong Kong Mauritius and Dependencies Jamaica Trinidad British Guiana Bermuda China	By any route or means of conveyance	Sixpence.	Three pence.	One penny.	Two pence.	Four pence.

PART 2.—RATES OF POSTAGE to be charged and paid at the British Post Offices in Alexandria, Suez, Constantinople, Smyrna, and Beyrout respectively, upon Letters posted in any of the Colonies and Countries hereunder mentioned, addressed to and received in Alexandria, Suez, Constantinople, Smyrna, and Beyrout respectively, from any of such Colonies and Countries, and upon which no part, or a part only, of the Postage payable in respect thereof, in the said Colonies and Countries respectively, has been prepaid by means of Postage Stamps or Stamped Envelopes valid in the said Colonies and Countries.

1. Colonies and Countries.	2. Routes and Means of Conveyance.	3. On each Letter. For every half of an ounce in weight, or for any fractional part of half an ounce over and above the first or any additional half an ounce, but giving credit in the case of an insufficiently prepaid letter for any postage already prepaid thereon as aforesaid.
Ceylon Straits Settlements Labuan Hong Kong Mauritius and Dependencies Jamaica Trinidad British Guiana Bermuda China	} By any route or means of conveyance ..	Nine pence.

PART 3.—RATES OF POSTAGE to be charged and paid at Malta and Gibraltar upon Letters posted in any of the Colonies and Countries hereunder mentioned, addressed to and received in Malta and Gibraltar respectively, from any of such Colonies and Countries, and upon which no part, or a part only, of the Postage payable in respect thereof, in the said Colonies and Countries respectively, has been prepaid by means of Postage Stamps or Stamped Envelopes valid in the said Colonies and Countries.

1. Colonies and Countries.	2. Routes and Means of Conveyance.	3. On each Letter. For every half of an ounce in weight, or for any fractional part of half an ounce over and above the first or any additional half an ounce, but giving credit in the case of an insufficiently prepaid letter for any postage already prepaid thereon as aforesaid.
Ceylon Straits Settlements Labuan Hong Kong China Mauritius and Dependencies Jamaica Trinidad British Guiana Bermuda	} By any route or means of conveyance .. } } By any route or means of conveyance ..	Six pence. Nine pence.

SCHEDULE No. 3.

PART 1.—RATES OF POSTAGE to be charged on Postal Packets posted in any British Colony not comprised in the General Postal Union (other than any of the Colonies hereunder referred to), and addressed and conveyed by Post via the United Kingdom to any of the Colonies and Countries hereunder referred to.

1. Colonies and Countries.	2. On each Letter.	3. On each Newspaper with or without a Supplement or Supplements.	4. On each Book Packet and Pattern or Sample Packet.
Any colony or country mentioned in the first column of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1.	The rate or rates of postage (less the British inland rate or rates) for the time being payable on a similar letter of like weight so posted addressed to the United Kingdom, in addition to the rate or rates of postage which would have been chargeable and payable in the United Kingdom under Schedule No. 1 in respect of such letter if the same had been posted in the United Kingdom addressed to such colony or country.	The like rate or rates of postage as would have been chargeable and payable in the United Kingdom under Schedule No. 1 in respect of such newspaper if the same had been a registered newspaper posted in the United Kingdom addressed to such colony or country.	The rate or rates of postage (less the British inland rate or rates) for the time being payable on a like packet so posted addressed to the United Kingdom, in addition to the rate or rates of postage which would have been chargeable and payable in the United Kingdom under Schedule No. 1 in respect of such packet if the same had been posted in the United Kingdom addressed to such colony or country.

PART 2.—RATES OF POSTAGE to be charged on Postal Packets posted in any of the Colonies and Countries hereunder referred to, and addressed and conveyed by Post via the United Kingdom to any British Colony not comprised in the General Postal Union, other than one of the Colonies aforesaid.

1. Colonies and Countries.	2. On each Letter.
Any colony or country mentioned in the first column of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1	If the full postage payable in respect thereof in the Colonies and Countries referred to in the first column has not been prepaid by means of postage stamps or stamped envelopes valid in the said Colonies and Countries. The like rate or rates of postage as would have been chargeable and payable under Schedule No. 1 in respect of such letter if the same had been addressed to the United Kingdom, in addition to the rate or rates of postage (less the British inland rate or rates) which would have been chargeable and payable on such letter if the same had been posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to such British colony.

SCHEDULE No. 4.

REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS, &c., as to the posting, forwarding, conveyance, and delivery of postal packets, conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post as mentioned and described in Schedules Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

Part I.—General Regulations and Conditions.

1. Any postal packet posted in the United Kingdom, Malta, Gibraltar, or at either of the British Post Offices in Alexandria, Suez, Constantinople, Smyrna, and Beyrout respectively addressed to any colony or country mentioned in the first column of Part I of Schedule No. 1, or to the United Kingdom may be registered, provided that all rates of postage and additional sums for registration chargeable thereon be fully prepaid.

2. There shall not be conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post to any colony or country mentioned in the first column of Part I of Schedule No. 1, any postal packet which shall contain either gold or silver money, any jewel, or precious article, or any other article liable to customs duties in such colonies and countries respectively, and any such packet shall, if posted, be detained and returned, or given up to the sender thereof.

3. There shall not be conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post to any colony or country mentioned in the first column of Part I of Schedule No. 1, any newspaper, packet of newspapers, or book packet exceeding two pounds in weight, nor any pattern or sample packet exceeding one half of a pound in weight, and any such newspaper or packet shall, if posted, be detained and returned, or given up to the sender thereof.

4. There shall not be conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post, unless by the special permission in any case or class of cases of the Postmaster-General, any postal packet, the dimensions of which shall exceed two feet in length or one foot in breadth or depth, and any such packet shall, if posted, be detained and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

5. There shall not be conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post any postal packet which shall contain anything 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, nor any book packet or pattern or sample packet which shall not be securely packed and guarded in such manner as to furnish complete protection against injury to the Officers of the Post Office and to the contents of the mail bags; and any such packet shall, if posted, be detained and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

6. There shall not be conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post any indecent or obscene print, painting, photograph, lithograph, engraving, book, or card, or any other indecent or obscene article, or any letter, newspaper, supplement, publication, packet, or card having thereon or on the cover thereof, any words, marks, or designs of an indecent, obscene, libellous, or grossly offensive character, and if anything shall be posted which shall *prima facie* fall within the aforesaid prohibition, it shall be stopped and submitted at the General Post Office in London to the inspection of an officer duly authorised in that behalf by the Postmaster-General.

7. Any postal packet addressed to and received in the United Kingdom which shall be redirected in the United Kingdom to any colony or country mentioned in the first column of Part I of Schedule No. 1, shall not be liable to be chargeable

with any British postage in respect either of such redirection or of retransmission thereof by post to the colony or country to which the same shall be so redirected.

8. On every postal packet posted in any colony or country mentioned in the first column of Part I of Schedule No. 1, addressed to some part of the same colony or country, and which shall be redirected in such colony or country, and transmitted from thence by the post respectively to the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and paid in the United Kingdom on the delivery thereof, in addition to any postage charged thereon in respect of the Inland service of the colony or country in which such packet shall have been posted, such a rate or rates of postage as such postal packet would have been liable to if the same had been originally posted in and addressed to a place within the United Kingdom.

9. The Postmaster-General may in any case in which he may consider it just or reasonable so to do, remit any postage made payable by any regulation contained in this Schedule.

10. In this Warrant and the Schedules thereto, the expression "United Kingdom" means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

Part II.—As to Post Cards.

11. Post Cards bearing an impressed stamp shall be issued by the Postmaster-General, and the cards so issued and no others shall be deemed to be post cards within the meaning of this Warrant.

12. The address and nothing else shall be written, printed, or otherwise impressed on the side of the post card which bears the impressed stamp, and no part of the address shall be written, printed, or otherwise impressed across such stamp.

13. Anything including a letter or communication in the nature of a letter may be written, printed, or otherwise impressed on the side of the post card which does not bear the impressed stamp.

14. Nothing whatever shall be in any manner attached to a post card except a postage stamp or stamps in payment of any deficient postage or additional sum for registration chargeable thereon; nor shall a post card be cut or folded or otherwise altered.

15. If any post card is posted without the postage chargeable thereon being fully prepaid, or is posted otherwise than in conformity with these regulations, it shall be detained and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

16. The regulations and conditions made and prescribed by a Treasury Warrant, dated the 27th day of December, 1870, shall in all respects apply to registered newspapers conveyed or delivered for conveyance by post as mentioned and described in Part I of Schedule No. 1.

17. If any newspaper or packet of newspapers is posted in the United Kingdom, Malta, Gibraltar, or at either of the British Post Offices in Alexandria, Suez, Constantinople, Smyrna, and Beyrout respectively, without the postage chargeable thereon be fully prepaid, or is posted otherwise than in conformity with the regulations for the time being in force applicable to its transmission, it shall be detained and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

Part IV.—As to Book Packets.

18. In this Warrant and the Schedules thereto, the expression book packet shall mean and comprise not only books but also all packets consisting of articles of the following kinds, not

being trade patterns or samples of merchandize, that is to say :—

- (1) Paper or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing, whether such paper or other substance be plain or with anything (except a letter or communication in the nature of a letter) written, printed, or otherwise impressed thereon, and whether the same be in the form of books or in any other form.
- (2) Printed, engraved, or lithographed circulars, notwithstanding that such circulars may be letters or communications in the nature of a letter.
- (3) Photographs or other things of a like kind, when not on glass or in frames containing glass or any brittle substance of a like-kind
- (4) Anything usually attached or appurtenant to any of the before-mentioned articles in the way of binding, mounting, or otherwise, and anything convenient for their safe transmission by post, which shall be contained in the same packet.

19. Every book packet shall be posted either without a cover or in an open cover, so that the same can be easily removed for the purpose of examination.

20. No book packet shall be posted which shall contain anything sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, or which shall contain any letter or communication in the nature of a letter written on any part of the packet or the cover thereof (although the same may be open to inspection) or which shall contain any separate letter or communication in the nature of a letter not being a circular within the meaning of these regulations, but any circular may bear the written signature and address of the sender with his trade or profession and the date.

21. If any book packet comprising printed papers, such as circulars, notices, and documents of a like kind is posted in the United Kingdom, Malta, Gibraltar, or at either of the British Post Offices at Alexandria, Suez, Constantinople, Smyrna, and Beyrout respectively, addressed to any colony or country mentioned in the first column of Part 1 of Schedule No. 1, or to the United Kingdom, without the postage chargeable thereon being fully prepaid, it shall be detained and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

22. If any book packet comprising printed papers such as circulars, notices, and documents of a like kind is sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the regulations hereinbefore contained, numbered respectively 18, 19, and 20, it shall be detained and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

23. If any book packet (except any packet comprising printed papers such as circulars, notices, and documents of a like kind) is sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the regulations hereinbefore contained, numbered respectively 18, 19, and 20, it shall be dealt with and charged in all respects as an unpaid letter.

Part V.—As to Pattern or Sample Packets.

24. In this Warrant, the expression pattern or sample packet shall comprise such articles only as consist only of trade patterns or samples of merchandize.

25. No patterns or samples shall be of any intrinsic value, or consist of articles or things of a saleable nature, or having a value of their own apart from their mere use as patterns or samples.

26. Patterns or samples shall, when practicable, be posted in covers open at both ends, and so that the same may be easily removable for the

purposes of examination. Nevertheless, samples of seeds, drugs, and such other articles as cannot be posted in open covers (but such articles only) may be posted enclosed in boxes or in bags of linen or other material fastened in such a manner that they may be readily opened so as to enable the Officers of the Post Office to satisfy themselves as to the nature of the contents.

27. There shall be no writing upon any pattern or sample packet, or on the cover thereof, except the address of the person for whom it is intended, the name and the trade or profession of the sender thereof, a manufacturer's or trade mark or number, and the price of the articles, patterns, or samples of which are contained therein, nor shall there be any writing or other thing enclosed in any such packet, except the name and the trade or profession of the sender thereof, a manufacturer's or trade mark or number and the price of the articles of which patterns or samples are contained therein, and any such permitted writing in any such packet may be on labels attached to the patterns or samples.

28. If there shall be posted any packet containing a pattern or sample of any intrinsic value or of a saleable nature, or having a value of its own apart from its mere use as a pattern or sample, such packet shall be detained and returned or given up to the sender thereof.

29. If any pattern or sample packet is sent by post otherwise than in conformity with the regulations hereinbefore contained, numbered respectively 26 and 27, it shall be dealt with and charged in all respects as an unpaid letter.

Dated this twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

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J. D. H. Elphinstone,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

John Manners,

Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

GENERAL ORDER: suspending General Order relating to Election of Guardians, so far as regards Expenses :—

West Derby Union.

To the Guardians of the Poor of the West Derby Union, in the County of Lancaster ;

To the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Poor of the several Parishes and Places in the said Union ;

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by a General Order, dated the fourteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and addressed, among others, to the Guardians of the Poor of the West Derby Union, in the county of Lancaster, the Local Government Board prescribed Regulations relating to the Election of Guardians of the Poor ;

And whereas by Articles 32 and 33 of the said Order, provision is made for the remuneration to be paid to the Returning Officer for conducting such Elections ; and it is expedient that such provisions should be suspended as hereinafter mentioned :

Now, therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given by the Statutes in that behalf, hereby suspend, until the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, or until such other time as We may by Order direct, the provisions contained in