

despatch or delivery therefrom at the same time of postal packets of any other description, such packets, or any of them, may be detained in the post office until the despatch or delivery next following that by which they would ordinarily be despatched or delivered.

Compensation may be paid out of Aids provided by Parliament.

84. The Postmaster-General may give effect to the provisions of this Warrant as to the loss or damage of articles enclosed in or forming part of parcels and registered postal packets, out of such aids or supplies as may be from time to time provided and appropriated by Parliament for that purpose, but nothing contained in or done under or in pursuance of the Warrant shall render him liable, either personally or in his official capacity, to any action or other legal proceeding in respect of, or in consequence of, any such loss or damage. And the decision of the Postmaster-General on all questions arising between him and any person claiming payment in respect of the loss or damage of any article enclosed in or forming part of a parcel or registered postal packet shall be final and conclusive.

Remission of Postage.

85. The Postmaster-General may, in any case in which he may consider it just or reasonable so to do, remit any postage or any sum made payable under this Warrant.

Commencement of Warrant.

86. This Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

Dated this 28th day of May, 1892.

W. H. Walrond,
Herbert Eustace Maxwell,
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

James Fergusson,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

WARRANTS REPEALED.

| Date of Treasury Warrant. | Extent of Repeal. |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2nd April, 1886 | The whole. |
| 5th April, 1888 | The whole. |
| 17th November, 1888 | The whole. |
| 12th December, 1888 | The whole. |
| (Relating to Inland Parcels.) | |
| 27th January, 1890 | The whole. |
| 24th April, 1891 | The whole. |
| 28th December, 1891 | The whole. |
| (Relating to the Inland Post.) | |
| 31st December, 1891 | The whole. |

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

ACTS AND WARRANT RELATING TO REDIRECTION OF SEAMEN'S, SOLDIERS', AND OFFICERS' LETTERS.

| Short Title of Act. | Year and Chapter of Act. | Date of Warrant. |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Post Office (Duties) Act, 1840 .. | 3 and 4 Vict., c. 96 | 16th July, 1885. |
| Post Office (Duties) Act, 1847 .. | 10 and 11 Vict., c. 85 | |
| Post Office (Duties) Act, 1860 .. | 23 and 24 Vict., c. 65 | |

30th May, 1892.

FREE RE-DIRECTION OF FOREIGN AND COLONIAL LETTERS.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by the Post Office Act, 1891, it is provided that a Warrant of the Treasury under section 4 of the Post Office Act, 1875, may make regulations respecting the re-direction of Postal Packets and the transmission of Postal Packets so re-directed either free of the charges now imposed by law, or at such rates of postage as may be specified in the Warrant.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power given to us by the said Act, and of all other 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, order, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. This Warrant may be cited as "The Foreign and Colonial Re-direction Warrant, 1892."

2.—(1.) The provisions of this Warrant shall not extend to a post card, reply post card, book packet, pattern or sample packet, newspaper, or parcel, or any other postal packet (save a letter), which is specially defined by any Treasury Warrant for the time being in force.

(2.) The provisions of this Warrant shall not prejudicially affect any privilege as to re-

direction enjoyed by seamen, soldiers, and other persons under any of the Acts mentioned in the schedule hereto.

(3.) The provisions of this Warrant shall be deemed to apply exclusively:—

(a.) To letters which are received in the United Kingdom from a British colony, British possession, or foreign country not comprised within the Postal Union, and

(b.) To letters posted within the United Kingdom, and addressed to a place in the United Kingdom, and subsequently re-directed from such place to a place in a British colony, British possession, or foreign country, not comprised within the Postal Union.

3. In this Warrant the expression "United Kingdom" includes the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Warrant, any Treasury Warrant now in force, so far as the same relates to the re-direction of the letters mentioned in this Warrant, shall be and the same is repealed from the date when this Warrant comes into operation.

5. Any letter coming within the provisions of this Warrant may be re-directed from its original address, or any substituted address, to the same addressee at any other address whether within or out of the United Kingdom, and such letter when so re-directed shall be transmitted by post

to such address free of any charge or rate of postage in respect of such transmission other than that to which such letter would have been liable if originally addressed to such address, subject to the following conditions, namely:—

- (a.) Such letter shall be re-directed within a period of twenty-four hours from its delivery at its original or substituted address, as the case may be.
 - (b.) In any case where an officer of the Post Office has reasonable cause to believe that a letter addressed to the United Kingdom purporting to be re-directed, has been posted as a re-directed letter to a fresh address within the United Kingdom with a view to evading the payment of any postage chargeable by law upon such letter, he may, before the delivery of such letter, require the addressee (who shall furnish proof of identity to the satisfaction of such officer) to sign a receipt for the same.
 - (c.) Any re-directed letter which appears to have been opened before being re directed shall be charged with postage as an unpaid letter.
6. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

Dated this 30th day of May, 1892.

W. H. Watford,
Herbert Eustace Maxwell,

Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

James Fergusson,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

THE SCHEDULE.

| Short Title of Act. | Year and Chapter of Act. |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Post Office (Duties) Act, 1840 | 3 and 4 Vic., c. 96 |
| Post Office (Duties) Act, 1847 | 10 and 11 Vic., c. 85 |
| Post Office (Duties) Act, 1860 | 23 and 24 Vic., c. 65 |
| Post Office (Duties) Act, 1875 | 38 Vic., c. 22 |

EXCHEQUER BILLS.

THE Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice to the holders of Exchequer Bills issued under the authority of the Act 29 V., c. 25, and dated the 11th June, 1891, that the interest thereon for the half year ending on the 11th June, 1892, will be payable at the Bank of England on and after the 11th June next; and that the interest of such Exchequer Bills for the following half year to 11th December, 1892, will be at the rate of One and a half per centum per annum.

All holders of Exchequer Bills dated the 11th June, 1891, who intend to demand payment of the principal sums therein contained at the expiration of the first year of their currency, must leave the said Bills at the Bank of England for examination, not later than the 8th June next, between the hours of ten and two; and payment of the said principal sums will be made at the Bank on and after the 11th day of June next.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall,
May 31, 1892.

THE FAIRS ACT, 1871.

CHIPPING ONGAR FAIR.

IN pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, I, the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, hereby notify as follows:—

1. By Memorial, dated the 4th day of May, 1892, a representation has been duly made to me by the undermentioned:—

- Mr. H. Gibson,
- „ J. Tanner,
- „ C. Pratt,
- „ R. Hayward,
- „ H. Childs,
- „ H. B. Brown, as owners,

that a Fair has been annually held in the parish of Chipping Ongar, in the county of Essex, on the 12th and 13th days of October, and that it would be for the convenience and advantage of the public that such Fair should be abolished:

2. On the 24th day of June, 1892, I shall take the aforesaid representation into consideration, and all persons are to intimate, before that day, any objection they may desire to offer to the abolition of the said Fair. *Henry Matthews.*

Whitehall, May 24, 1892.

ORDER of the Local Government Board; District Auditor: Assignment of District and Duties (County Councils).

South-Eastern Counties Audit District. Counties of Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, East Sussex, and West Sussex.

To Francis Douglass Boggis-Rolfe, District Auditor:—

To the County Councils of the Administrative Counties of Kent, Middlesex, Surrey, East Essex, and West Sussex:—

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by Section 4 of the District Auditors Act, 1879, it is enacted that the Local Government Board may from time to time assign to District Auditors their Duties, and the Districts in which such Auditors respectively are to act, and may from time to time change wholly or in part such Duties or Districts;

And whereas by an Order dated the 21st day of October, 1891, We, the Local Government Board, certified the appointment of the said Francis Douglass Boggis-Rolfe as a District Auditor, and directed that, unless We should otherwise prescribe, it should be the duty of the said District Auditor to audit the Accounts of the above-mentioned County Councils, and the other Accounts referred to in Article I of such Order, so far as the same might be subject to audit by a District Auditor, and might relate to the year ended on the 31st day of March, 1891; and We further directed that the District in which the said Francis Douglass Boggis-Rolfe should act as Auditor for the performance of the duties assigned to him by the said Order, and which District was thereby assigned to him, should be termed "The South-Eastern Counties Audit District," and should, until We should otherwise prescribe, comprise the area for the time being included in the several Counties abovenamed;

And whereas it is expedient that the said Order should be altered as hereinafter mentioned:

Now therefore, in pursuance of the powers given to us in that behalf, we hereby alter the said Order by the substitution in Article I thereof of the words "Thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two," for the words "Thirty-first day of March, one thousand