

4. The Bills will be issued and paid at the Bank of England.

5. The persons whose Tenders are accepted will be informed of the same on Wednesday the 9th instant, and payment in full of the amounts of the accepted Tenders must be made to the Bank of England not later than three o'clock on Monday the 14th instant.

6. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers, 1st November 1904.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL PARCEL POST.

In pursuance of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, His Majesty's Postmaster-General hereby gives notice that a Warrant, dated the 28th day of October 1904, has been made, on his representation, by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Post Office Acts, under which, on and from the 1st day of November 1904, parcels addressed to Persia may be transmitted by the post subject to the rates of postage specified in the Schedule to the said Warrant.

And the Postmaster-General further gives notice that copies of the said Warrant may be purchased, either directly or through any bookseller, from Eyre & Spottiswoode, East Harding Street, Fleet Street, E.C.; or Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh; or Edward Ponsonby, 116 Grafton Street, Dublin.

Dated this 29th day of October 1904.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of October 1904.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by the Hall-marking of Foreign Plate Act, 1904 (4 Ed. VII. c. 6), it is provided that—

1.—(1) Where for the purpose of complying with sections fifty-nine and sixty of the Customs Act, 1842, or section ten of the Revenue Act, 1883, any plate has to be assayed, stamped, and marked, or where for any other purpose any plate or article imported from a foreign part is brought to an Assay Office in the United Kingdom to be assayed, stamped, or marked, the plate or article shall be marked in such manner as His Majesty may determine by Order in Council so as readily to distinguish whether the plate or other article was wrought or made in England, Scotland, or Ireland, or was imported from foreign parts, and such mark or marks shall be deemed to be a compliance with the said Acts.

(2) Any person, who, after a date fixed by His Majesty by Order in Council, brings or causes to be brought any plate or other article to be assayed, stamped, and marked at an Assay Office shall state in writing, in manner provided by His

Majesty by Order in Council, whether the place or article was wrought or made in England, Scotland, or Ireland, or was imported from foreign parts, but it shall not be necessary to make such statement in writing where any plate or other article is brought to an Assay Office in charge of an officer of Customs, under the provisions of the Revenue Act, 1883, for the purpose of being assayed, stamped, or marked, as having been imported from foreign parts.

(3) Where any person, who, after the date fixed as aforesaid, brings or causes to be brought any plate or other article to be assayed, stamped, and marked at an Assay Office, does not know and is not able to state whether the plate or other article was wrought or made in England, Scotland, or Ireland, or was imported from foreign parts, such person shall make a statement in writing to that effect in the manner prescribed in this section, and the plate or other article referred to in the said statement shall be stamped and marked as if it were imported from foreign parts.

(4) If any person knowingly makes a false statement under this section he shall be liable, on summary conviction, under the Summary Jurisdiction Acts, to a fine not exceeding five pounds for every article in respect of which the false statement is made.

(5) The Customs Act, 1842, shall apply as if a reference to the mode of marking required under this Act were substituted for a reference to the mode of marking under that Act.

(6) His Majesty may, by Order in Council, revoke, vary, or add to any Order in Council made under this Act.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Him by the above recited provisions, doth by this Order determine that—

(1) The mark or marks to be stamped or marked upon any plate or article imported from foreign parts brought to an Assay Office in the United Kingdom to be assayed, stamped, or marked shall be the mark or marks described in the first part of the schedule hereto:

(2) The statement in writing to be made by any person other than an officer of Customs, who, after the thirty-first day of October one thousand nine hundred and four, brings or causes to be brought any plate or article to be assayed, stamped, and marked at an Assay Office, shall be in the form set out in the second part of the schedule hereto.

A. W. FITZROY.

SCHEDULE.

PART I.

On Foreign Gold Plate or Articles.

The Hall-mark particular to each Assay Office, as shown in Figure 1 of the Appendix hereto; the carat value of the gold, together with the decimal equivalent of the carat value, as shown in Figure 2 of the Appendix.

On Foreign Silver Plate or Articles.

The Hall-mark particular to each Assay Office, as shown in Figure 1 of the Appendix hereto, together with the decimal equivalent of the standard value of the silver, as shown in Figure 2 of the Appendix.

The mark for the annual date letter is to be added by each Assay Office after the mark for the particular Hall and the mark for standard.