

tation accounts, patterns and samples of goods, deeds, books, pamphlets, and other printed papers, forwarded by Post, in conformity with the regulations from time to time in force respecting the same, between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and the British Colonies or Foreign parts, and except bankers' parcels forwarded pursuant to the regulations of the said Act of the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 34.

And we hereby fix and limit the following rates of postage to be paid to Her Majesty's Postmaster-General for the use of Her Majesty, on and after the fifth day of December next, on the Letters next hereinafter mentioned, and we order and direct the same to be charged and paid accordingly, (that is to say):—

Inland Letters.

On all Letters not by law specially exempted from postage, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the General Post between places within the United Kingdom, or between the said Islands, or between the United Kingdom and the said Islands, (not being Letters sent to or from parts beyond the seas), there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of four pence, without reference to the number of sheets or pieces of paper, or enclosures, of which the same may be comprised, or to the distance or number of miles the same shall be conveyed.

On all such Letters, if exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of postage, (each additional rate being estimated at four pence) according to the scale of weight, and number of rates herein before fixed and declared.

Packet Letters.

On all Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by Packet Boat, between any place within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, and any other of the British dominions or colonies, (except the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, the Mauritius, and the East Indies), there shall be charged and taken one rate of Postage of one shilling, and if exceeding such weight, then progressive and additional rates of Postage according to the scale of weight hereinbefore contained, each additional rate being estimated at one shilling.

Ship Letters.

That all Letters transmitted under the authority of the Postmaster-General, by private vessels or packet-boats between places in the United Kingdom, or between the United Kingdom, and the said Islands, or between the said Islands, shall be considered as forwarded by the General Post between such places, and be charged accordingly.

That on all Letters transmitted by vessels not being packet boats, between the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, and any place beyond the seas (except Ceylon, the Mauritius, the Cape of Good Hope, and the East Indies), there shall be charged and taken the rates of postage following, (that is to say), if posted at the port of departure within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, or if addressed to, and delivered at, the port of the ship's arrival, within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, one rate of eight pence; and if posted at any other place within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands than the port of departure, or if addressed to, and delivered at, any other place within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, than the port of the ship's arrival, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, a rate of one shilling; and if exceeding such weight, then progressive additional rates of postage, according to the scale of weight hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate, at eight pence, or one shilling, respectively, as the case may be.

Foreign Letters.

That on all Foreign Letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by post between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and parts beyond the seas, and on all Colonial Letters, not exceeding that weight, transmitted by post between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and any of Her Majesty's dominions or colonies (through France), there shall be charged and taken the same rates of British postage, (both inland and packet rates), as are by law now payable in respect of single letters so transmitted, (the inland rates on such letters being charged and calculated according to the distance or number of miles, the same shall be conveyed, where the same are now so charged and calculated), and on every letter so transmitted, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken progressive and additional rates of inland and packet postage, according to the scale of weight hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each rate at the amount now payable for every such single letter, and charging the inland rates as aforesaid.

East India Letters.

That on all Letters transmitted between the United Kingdom or the said Islands, and the Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, the Mauritius, or the East Indies, there shall be charged and taken the like rates of sea postage as are now by law payable in respect of such letters, and also the like rates for the inland conveyance of such letters within the United Kingdom, and the said Islands, as would be payable if such letters had been transmitted by post within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, exclusively, according to the scale of weight and rates hereinbefore fixed and declared.

AND we order and direct, that all additional rates now payable by law on letters transmitted by post, to or from Ireland, by way of Holyhead, in respect of the Menai Bridge, and by way of Conway and Chester, in respect of Conway Bridge, and by way of Milford and Waterford, and also the additional rate of one halfpenny on letters conveyed by the post in any part of Scotland, by a mail carriage with more than two wheels, shall, on and after the said fifth day of December next, be wholly remitted, and shall cease to be payable.

That all additional rates for Letters originally sent by the General Post, to places within the United Kingdom or the said Islands, directed beyond the limits of the delivery of the General Post, and delivered by any Twopenny Post or Penny Post, or originally sent by any Twopenny or Penny Post, and afterwards passing through the General Post, shall be remitted and cease to be payable, except on letters franked or exempted by law from the General Post rates, but subject to the Twopenny or Penny Post rates, which letters shall still continue liable to, and chargeable with, the Twopenny and Penny Post rates, when transmitted by any such Post.

That on all Letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not being by law specially exempted from the Twopenny and Penny Post rates, transmitted by any Twopenny or Penny Post, in London or Dublin, (and not having passed through, or being intended to pass through, the General Post), there shall, on and after the said fifth day of December next, be charged and taken a rate of one penny only, provided such postage be pre-paid at the time of posting the same. But in case any letter, not being by law specially exempted as aforesaid, transmitted by any such Twopenny or Penny Post, shall not be pre-paid when posted, or shall exceed half an ounce in weight, there shall be taken the same rate of postage as is now payable by law thereon.

That on all Letters not specially exempted from Penny Post rates, transmitted by any Penny Post

in the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, other than London and Dublin, and not having passed through, or being intended to pass through, the General Post, there shall, on and after the fifth day of December next, be taken a rate of one penny as at present.

That no Letter shall be sent by any such Twopenny or Penny Post exceeding four ounces in weight, unless the same shall have originally passed, or shall be intended to pass, through the General Post; and in such last-mentioned case not exceeding the weight of sixteen ounces, unless specially authorised by this warrant as aforesaid.

That all printed newspapers, Parliamentary proceedings, printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, printed prices current, commercial lists, periodical publications posted at Falmouth, unstamped publications, bankers parcels, patterns, samples, plantation accounts, deeds, books, pamphlets, and other printed papers, soldiers and seamen's letters, and other letters, articles, and things which may now by law be sent by post, under certain regulations, free of postage, or at reduced rates of postage, shall continue to have the benefit of all the exemptions and privileges they now enjoy, and shall, if forwarded in conformity with such regulations, be charged with the same respective amounts of postage, as are now, by law, payable in respect thereof, subject nevertheless to all the regulations and liabilities now in force respecting the same.

That if any such newspapers, and other printed papers, letters, articles, and things (periodical publications, bankers' parcels, plantation accounts, deeds, books, and pamphlets excepted), shall become chargeable with, and liable to, the full Letter rates of Postage, such rates (and the treble duty on newspapers and other printed papers in such cases as the same shall by law become payable), shall be charged and taken according to the scale of weight and rates hereinbefore specified.

That the rates on the said periodical publications, bankers' parcels, plantation accounts, deeds, books, and pamphlets shall be charged according to the scale and limitation of weight now established and fixed, and with the same amount of Postage as would, by law, be chargeable and payable if this warrant had not been made. But in case any such rates shall exceed the rates of postage to which the said publications and articles would become liable if charged according to the scale of weight, and rates of postage hereinbefore specified, then the same shall be charged with postage under this Warrant, according to the scale and rates aforesaid, (bankers' parcels being in such last-mentioned case charged with the same amount of postage to which any other letters or packets of the same weight would be subject and liable, on being transmitted by the General Post.)

That on all Letters transmitted by packet boat, between any ports in the British possessions in the West Indies, and any port in Columbia or Mexico, pursuant to the said Act of the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 34, and on all letters transmitted by packet boat between any ports or places in the Red Sea or Persian Gulf, and the East Indies, in pursuance of the said Act of the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 76, and on all letters transmitted by packet-boat between places in the Mediterranean and other places, pursuant to the said Act of the first and second years of Her present Majesty, cap. 97, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight respectively, there shall be taken the like rates of postage as are by law now payable in respect of such letters being single letters, and, in case the same shall exceed half an ounce in weight, there shall be taken progressive and additional rates of postage on such letters, according to the scale of weight hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at the amount payable for every such single letter.

And we further order and direct, that in all cases in which the rate of four pence hereby authorised,