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TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by a warrant, under the hands of three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, dated the seventh day of February now last, it was ordered and directed, that printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, and printed pamphlets (whether British, colonial or foreign,) might be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several regulations and rates therein contained; and it was thereby provided and declared, that it should be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any three of them, by warrant under their hands, at any time thereafter to alter or repeal any of the rates thereby fixed, or the regulations thereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates that might be payable were to be paid:

And Whereas it is expedient to make further regulations as to the forwarding of such packets by the post:

Now we, the undersigned, being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority reserved or given to us, in and by the said recited warrant, and of all other powers and authorities enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant under our hands, do order and direct, that every such packet as shall be transmitted by the post, pursuant to the said recited warrant, shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, and shall (except as

hereinafter mentioned) contain printed matter only, with the binding thereof; and that (except as hereinafter mentioned) there shall be no writing or marks upon the cover or envelope thereof, or upon or within any part of the contents thereof, other than the name and address of the person to whom the packet shall be forwarded; and the exceptions are as follow, first, the name and address of the sender may be written or printed upon, or in any book, magazine, review, or pamphlet so sent, or on the envelope or cover thereof, in addition to the name or address of the person to or for whom it shall be forwarded; and secondly, any other writing may be on any leaf of any book, magazine, review, or pamphlet so sent, or on the binding thereof, provided that all such last-mentioned writing be on one and the self same page of the book or corresponding portion of the binding.

And we hereby further order and direct, that if any packet sent, or tendered or delivered in order to be sent, by the post under the provisions of the said recited warrant, or this present warrant, shall contain any writing or other thing besides printed matter and the binding thereof, or if any such book, magazine, review, or pamphlet shall have any writing or marks upon the same (except the name and address of the sender thereof, and the name and address of the person to whom it is forwarded, and except any other writing on any one page of any such book, magazine, review, or pamphlet, or corresponding portion of the binding thereof as aforesaid), or shall have any writing or marks upon the cover or envelope thereof, except the

name and address of the sender thereof, and the name and address of the person to whom it is forwarded, or shall not be open at the ends or sides, or shall in length or breadth, or width or depth, exceed the dimensions of two feet or twenty-four inches, or shall contain more than one printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, or shall contain any printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, the several sheets or parts of which, when more than one, shall not be sewed or bound together, or if the postage thereof shall not be duly and properly prepaid by stamps when posted, the same 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, or be forwarded to the place of its destination, under and subject to the following regulations (that is to say), if such packet shall be posted without any postage stamp thereon, the same, on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter if the postage had been prepaid by stamps when posted, and such postage may be either prepaid by the sender, or be charged to the person to whom such packet shall be forwarded; and if any such packet shall have thereon or affixed thereto any stamp or stamps, the value or amount of which shall be less than the rate of postage to which such packet, if it had been a letter, would be liable if prepaid by stamps when posted, there shall be charged thereon a post-