

inexpedient, to dispatch some member of the family or other person for advice and Medical aid, and immediately to report to the Medical Officer the case of every such person found so affected, who shall not have proceeded to the Dispensary.

8th, And we do authorize and direct the said several Parochial Boards to make arrangements for obtaining daily lists of persons attacked by Cholera, within their respective Parishes, with the particulars of their cases and treatment, and for communicating the same daily to the other Boards respectively, and to the President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

9th, And we do hereby authorize and direct the said Parochial Boards to appoint such additional Medical Officers, and also to appoint such other officers as may be necessary to carry out, execute, and superintend the execution of these Regulations.

Given under our hands, and under the Seal of the General Board of Health, this twentieth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

EDWIN CHADWICK.

T. SOUTHWOOD SMITH.

Gwydir House, Whitehall.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEAREAS by an Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," it is enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, and at any time after the passing of that Act, by warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of British postage or inland postage, payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or of any other printed papers, and to subject the same to rates of postage, according to the weight thereof, and a scale of weight to be contained in such warrant; and from time to time, by warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof:

And whereas by an Act, passed in the eighth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the better regulation of colonial posts," power is given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, from time to time, by warrant under their hands, to alter and fix any of the rates of colonial postage payable by law for the transmission of letters by the post, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof, in like manner as in the said first-mentioned Act is enacted, in respect of British or inland postage of foreign or colonial letters, and the power by the said Act, passed in the eighth year of Her present Majesty, given to alter and fix rates of postage was declared to extend to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage:

And whereas an Act was passed in the eleventh year of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for giving further facilities for the transmission of letters by post, and for the regulating the duties of postage thereon, and for other purposes relating to the Post-office:"

Now we, the undersigned, being three of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do,

in exercise of the powers or authorities in us for such purpose vested in and by the said Acts, and all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this warrant under our hands, order and direct;

First. That on all letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the town of Castries and Soufriere, in the Island of Saint Lucia, in the West Indies, there shall be charged and taken (in lieu of any rates of colonial postage now chargeable on such letters) a rate of colonial postage of one penny sterling.

Second. That on all letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by packet boat between any place within the United Kingdom and the Cape de Verde Islands, in the Atlantic, there shall be charged and taken a rate of packet postage of one shilling and eight pence, and also a rate of inland postage of two pence for the distance any such letter may be conveyed by the post beyond the port of arrival or dispatch within the United Kingdom.

Third. And inasmuch as, by the said first-mentioned Act, it is provided, that it shall in all cases be optional with the parties sending any letters by the post to forward the same free of postage, by means of a proper stamp or stamps thereon, or affixed thereto, in manner thereinbefore provided, or to forward the same in like manner as the same might otherwise have been forwarded under that Act; but, nevertheless, in case any letters, addressed to persons out of the United Kingdom, should have thereon, or affixed thereto any stamp or stamps being less in amount or value than the rates of postage to which such letters would be liable under the said Act, such letters, if the postage thereon should be required by the Postmaster General under the provisions of the said Act to be paid when posted, should not in any case be forwarded by the post, but should, so far as might be practicable, be returned to the senders thereof through the Dead Letter Office; and if the postage on such letters should not be so required to be paid when posted, the same might be forwarded charged with such postage as if no stamp had been thereon or affixed thereto; now we hereby order and direct, that in case any letters, addressed to persons out of the United Kingdom, shall have thereon, or affixed thereto any stamp or stamps being less in amount or value than the rates of postage to which such letters would be liable by law, and if the postage on such letters be not required by the Postmaster-General to be paid when posted, then, in lieu of the same being forwarded charged with such postage as if no stamp had been thereon, or affixed thereto as in the said Act provided, the same shall and may be forwarded charged with such amount of postage as shall be equal to the difference between the value of the stamp or stamps thereon or affixed thereto and the postage to which the same would be liable if no stamp had been thereon or affixed thereto, but the provisions made by the said last-recited enactment shall in no other respects be hereby altered or varied.

Fourth. And we hereby further order and direct, that on all letters, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by packet boat between any port or place in the British West Indies and the Island of Madeira, passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of British postage of one shilling.

Fifth. And we further direct, that on every letter, transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid progressive and additional rates of postage according to the scale of weight and number of rates following (that is to say):

On every such letter, exceeding half an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such letter, exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such letter, exceeding three ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight, above the weight of four ounces, there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage; and every fraction of an ounce, above the weight of four ounces, shall be charged as one additional ounce.

Sixth. And we further direct, that all printed votes and proceedings of Parliament may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and the Cities of Hamburg, Bremen, or Lubeck, at the rates, and subject to the conditions following (that is to say):

On all such votes or proceedings of Parliament, if not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of British postage of one penny.

If exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, one uniform rate of British postage of six pence.

If exceeding three ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, one uniform rate of British postage of eight pence.

And for every additional ounce in weight, above the weight of four ounces, and up to and not exceeding sixteen ounces in weight (the limit of weight beyond which such Parliamentary proceedings are not to be forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant), there shall be charged and paid an additional rate of two pence.

And for any lesser weight than two ounces, there shall be charged as for two ounces.

Provided that all such votes or proceedings of Parliament, sent by the post between the United Kingdom and the City of Hamburg, be transmitted direct by packet boat or private ship; and that all such votes or proceedings of Parliament, sent by the post between the United Kingdom and the City of Bremen, be transmitted by packet boat or private ship direct or *viâ* Cuxhaven, or some port or place within the territories of Hanover; and that all such votes or proceedings of Parliament, sent by the post between the United Kingdom and the City of Lubeck, be transmitted by packet boat or private ship direct or *viâ* Hamburg.

Seventh. And we further direct, that no printed votes or proceedings of Parliament shall be conveyed by the post under the regulations of this present Warrant, unless the same shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover open at the sides, and unless there be no word or communication printed on the paper after its publication, or upon the cover thereof, and no writing or mark upon it or upon the cover of