

all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, may be transmitted by the post within the United Kingdom, subject to the several regulations and rates hereinafter contained; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding one pound in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of sixpence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound, and not exceeding two pounds in weight, there shall be charged and taken one uniform rate of postage of one shilling;

And for every additional one pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged and taken an additional rate of postage of sixpence, and every fraction of such additional pound shall be charged as an additional pound.

And we further order and direct that no such packet which in length, or breadth, or width, or depth, shall exceed the dimensions of two feet, or twenty-four inches, shall be forwarded by the post, under the provisions aforesaid.

And we further order and direct that the postage of all such packets as aforesaid, shall in every case be pre-paid at the time of the same being posted, not in money, but by being duly stamped with the proper postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto, which stamp or stamps shall in every case be affixed or appear on the outside of every such packet, near the address or direction, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage-duty payable thereon, under or by virtue of this Warrant.

And we further order and direct that the terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art" herein used, shall, for the purposes of this Warrant, mean and include all books, whether printed, written, or plain, publications or compilations, whether in print or in manuscript, almanacks, prints, maps, whether on paper or canvass or cloth, and whether printed or written, and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum, whether printed, written upon, or plain, together with any binding, mounting, or covering of, or upon, or belonging to any book, or publication, or work, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and any cases or rollers of prints, or maps, book-markers, pencils, pens, or other articles usually appertaining to any such book, publication, or work, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission; and that every such packet shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides; and that there shall be no letter, either closed or open, nor any enclosure, sealed, or otherwise closed against inspection, sent in or with any such packet.

And in order to prevent any obstacles to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post, we further direct that it shall be lawful for any officer of the Post-office to delay the transmission of any packet forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post, or (at his option) until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought in due course of the post to be forwarded by him.

And we further direct that the transmission of the packets aforesaid, under this present Warrant, shall be restricted to such as shall be sent by the post between places within the United Kingdom, and by the post of any post-town in the United Kingdom; and that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to interfere with, or in

anywise to affect the transmission by the post of printed votes and proceedings of Parliament, nor of British newspapers or other British publications which are allowed to pass by the post between places within the United Kingdom under the newspaper privilege, nor shall this present Warrant be construed to extend to any packet sent by the post between the United Kingdom and places beyond the seas.

And we 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 this present Warrant, shall contain any letter, either closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed, or otherwise closed against inspection, or if any such packet 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 if the postage thereof shall not be duly and properly pre-paid 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 pre-paid by stamps when posted, and such postage may be either pre-paid 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 pre-paid by stamps when posted, there shall be charged thereon a postage of double the amount of the difference between the value of such stamp or stamps, and the full postage to which such packet, if it had been a letter, would have been liable if pre-paid by stamps when posted; and such additional postage may be pre-paid by the sender, or shall be charged to the party to whom it is forwarded.

Provided always, that if any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions of this Warrant, shall contain any letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed, or otherwise closed against inspection, the Postmaster-General may, at his option, dispose of any such packet in conformity with the directions lastly hereinbefore contained, or any such letter or enclosure may be taken out and forwarded to the address on the packet, charged with the full rates of postage as an unpaid letter, and the remainder of the packet, if duly pre-paid by stamps, may be forwarded to the place of its address without any extra charge.

And we do hereby further order and direct that the terms and expressions used in this Warrant shall be construed to have the like meaning in all respects as they would have had if inserted in the said Act, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

And we do further direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

Provided lastly, and we do hereby declare and direct that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, or any two of them, by Warrant under their hands, at any time hereafter to alter or repeal any of the

