

and taken one uniform rate of postage of sixpence.

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

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 two shillings.

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

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

And we further order and direct that no such packet, if containing more than one printed book, or printed magazine, or printed review, or printed pamphlet, or containing any paper or thing besides a printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, or containing 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 which packet, 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 as to any packet hereinbefore authorised to be sent by the post under the provisions aforesaid, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, the postage thereof 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 British 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, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereon, under or by virtue of this warrant; and as to any such packet posted in the Island of Saint Helena, the postage thereof shall in every case be pre-paid, either in money, or by the proper Colonial postage stamp or stamps being affixed thereto at the time of the same being posted.

And we further order and direct that every such packet shall be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, and shall contain printed matter only, with the binding thereof, and 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 sent.

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 in the United Kingdom to delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post, under the provisions of this warrant, for the space of twenty-four hours from the time at which (or at his option until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which) the same ought otherwise to have been forwarded by him.

And we further direct that nothing hereinbefore contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the transmission by the post of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or of

printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, nor of printed papers or other printed publications which are allowed to pass by the post under the newspaper privilege.

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 paper or thing besides a printed book, printed magazine, printed review, or printed pamphlet, and the binding thereof, or shall have any writing or marks upon the same, or upon the cover or envelope thereof, except 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, 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 of any such packet, posted in the United Kingdom, shall not be duly and properly pre-paid by British stamps when posted, or if the postage of any such packet posted in the Island of Saint Helena, shall not be duly and properly pre-paid in money, or by Colonial stamps, when posted, the same shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, 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; and any such packet, on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter.

And we further direct that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to any packets sent through any Foreign Country to which a transit rate of postage would be payable thereon, nor to any packets sent by private ships.

And we further order and direct that the term "by the post," used in this Warrant, shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by packet-boat; and that the several other 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 further direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

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 rates hereby fixed or altered, or the regulations hereby 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 may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the 18th day of January 1853.

(Signed) W. E. GLADSTONE.
ALFRED HERVEY.

Port of Portsmouth.

Appointment of Legal Quays.

We, the undersigned, Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, do hereby,