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FOREIGN-OFFICE, November 10, 1853.

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr Robert Stein, as Consul at Port Louis, Mauritius, for His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.

TREASURY WARRANT.

Whereas 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," 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 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 from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by another Act passed in the eleventh year of the reign 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:" And whereas by certain Warrants respectively, under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and dated respectively the 19th day of December 1850, the 2d day of June 1851, the 11th day of August 1851, the 30th day of January 1852, the 6th day of February 1852, the 24th day of April 1852, the 6th day of May 1852, the 18th day of January 1853, the 24th day of January 1853, the 9th day of March 1853, the 12th day of July 1853, and the 25th day of July 1853, printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, and printed pamphlets, are authorized to be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Colonies therein respectively mentioned, at reduced rates of postage; and it is directed by the said Warrants respectively, that as to any such packet which should be posted in the United

Kingdom, the postage thereof should 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, on the outside of every such packet; and it is further directed by the said Warrants respectively, that every such packet should be sent without a cover, or in a cover or envelope open at the ends or sides, and should contain printed matter only, with the binding thereof, and that there should 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 it is further directed by the said Warrants respectively, that if (amongst other things) any packet sent, or tendered, or delivered, in order to be sent by the post, under the provisions thereof, should 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 was forwarded, or if the postage of any such packet posted in the United Kingdom should not be duly and properly pre-paid by British stamps when posted, the same should and might be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, should be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or be given up to the person to whom it should be addressed, or forwarded to the place of its destination; and any such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, should be chargeable with the like amount of postage to which it would have been liable as a letter: And whereas it is expedient to alter the said regulation and prohibition, so far as respects the packets next hereinafter mentioned:

1. Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this Warrant, under our hands, order and direct that any packet sent by the post under the said recited Warrants, or any of them, from any department or office in or connected with the public service of Her Majesty, which shall keep a postage account with the General Post-office in London, may, in addition to the name and address of the person to whom the same shall be sent, have printed or written thereon, or upon the cover or