

be forwarded, with the name of any public officer employed in or belonging to any such department or office who may be authorised to affix his name to letters and packets sent by the Post, as a certificate that they are on the public service, 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 publication of votes or proceedings, or shall contain any printed publication of votes or proceedings, the several sheets 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 prepaid by British stamps when posted (any such packet sent 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, and the postage thereof shall be charged in such account, only excepted), or if the postage of any such packet posted in any of the Colonies hereinbefore particularly mentioned shall not be duly and properly prepaid 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 printed votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures sent either through a Foreign Country or by private ships.

And we further direct that nothing in this Warrant contained shall in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege granted by the said recited Act in favour of petitions and addresses forwarded to Her Majesty by the Post, nor the privilege granted by the same Act to Members of each House of Parliament to receive by the Post petitions and addresses to Her Majesty, and petitions addressed to either House of Parliament, not exceeding thirty-two ounces in weight, exempt from postage; nor shall any thing in this Warrant contained in anywise prejudice or affect the privilege which seamen and soldiers employed in Her Majesty's service, and seamen and soldiers employed in the service of the East India Company, now by law enjoy, of sending and receiving by the Post letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, subject to the regulations and restrictions in respect of the same.

And we further direct that nothing in this Warrant contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters or packets posted in or addressed to France, or any Foreign Country through France, and transmitted between France or Foreign Countries through France and any of the Colonies hereinbefore particularly mentioned; all which last-mentioned letters and packets shall be charged and chargeable with the same rates of postage as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to repeal, alter, or affect any of the rates of postage fixed on printed books, printed magazines, printed reviews, and printed pamphlets, by certain Warrants under the hands of two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date respectively the 19th day of December 1850, the 2d day of

June 1851, the 6th day of February 1852, the 18th day of January 1853, the 12th day of July 1853, and the 25th day of July 1853, or any of them; nor to repeal, alter, or affect any of the regulations made by a certain other Warrant under the hands of two of the said Commissioners, bearing date the 5th day of November 1853, which respective rates and regulations shall continue payable and in force as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters, or printed votes or proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, the sea conveyance of which shall be by a packet-boat belonging to, or employed by or under the Government or Post-office of the United States of America, or the sea conveyance of which in the Mediterranean shall be by a French packet-boat, all which letters, printed votes, and proceedings shall be charged and chargeable as if this Warrant had not been signed.

And we further direct that the term "by the Post," used in this Warrant shall, as to the sea conveyance, include the conveyance by any British or Colonial or Foreign packet-boat (packet-boats belonging to, or employed by or under the Government or Post-office of the United States of America, and French Mediterranean packet-boats excepted), and as to letters, the said term shall also include the sea conveyance by any private ship, 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 recited Act.

And we further direct that this Warrant, except so far as respects the Colonies of Saint Helena, the Gold Coast, and Hong Kong, shall come into operation on the twenty-third day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and as to such excepted Colonies this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Provided lastly, and we 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 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 fifteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

ALFRED HERVEY.
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WHITEHALL, February 20, 1854.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Charles Blake, of No. 49, Fleet Street, and No. 2, Park Place, Brixton, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer Oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

The Lord Chancellor has also appointed Mark Shephard, of No. 16, Clifford's Inn, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer Oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

WHITEHALL, March 2, 1854.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Samuel Denton, of No. 15, Gray's Inn Square, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer Oaths in the High Court of Chancery.