

their names, a statement of the object of such Petitions or Addresses, and the names of the persons from whom they come,) to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, before twelve o'clock on the Monday previous to the Levee above announced; and that two other cards, having on them precisely what is written upon that sent to the Lord Chamberlain's Office, are to be taken to the Levee, one to be delivered to the Page in the Ante-Room, and the other to the Lord Chamberlain, who will read its contents to The Queen; and on these occasions no other statement is to be addressed to Her Majesty.

A Deputation to present an Address is not to exceed four persons.

At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 7th day of April 1854,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Her Majesty being compelled to declare war against His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of all the Russias, and being desirous to lessen as much as possible the evils thereof, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that Russian merchant vessels which, at the time of the publication of this Order, shall be in any ports or places in Her Majesty's Indian territories, under the Government of the East India Company, or within any of Her Majesty's foreign or colonial possessions, shall be allowed thirty days from the time of the publication of this Order in such Indian territories, or foreign or colonial possessions, for loading their cargoes and departing from such ports or places; and that such Russian merchant vessels if met at sea by any of Her Majesty's ships, shall be permitted to continue their voyage, if, on examination of their papers, it shall appear that their cargoes were taken on board before the expiration of the above term. Provided that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be taken to extend, to Russian vessels having on board any officer in the military or naval service of the enemy, or any article prohibited or contraband of war, or any despatch of or to the Russian Government.

And it is hereby further ordered by Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council as aforesaid, that any Russian merchant vessel which, prior to the twenty-ninth day of March now last past, shall have sailed from any foreign port, bound for any port or place in any of Her Majesty's Indian territories, or foreign or colonial possessions, shall be permitted to enter such port or place, and to discharge her cargo, and afterwards forthwith to depart without molestation; and that any such vessel if met at sea by any of Her Majesty's ships, shall be permitted to continue her voyage to any port not blockaded.

And the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and Her Majesty's Secretary of State for War and the Colonies, the Right Honourable the Commissioners of the Affairs of India, and all governors, officers, and Authorities, whom it may concern, in Her Majesty's East Indian, foreign, and colonial possessions, are to give the necessary directions hereunto respectively appertaining.

C. C. GREVILLE.

Board of Trade, Whitehall
April 5, 1854.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Stockholm, announcing that the town of Blyth, together with the ports on the east coast of England, between Hartlepool and Berwick (both inclusive), are declared free from Cholera.

Montrose and Glasgow are still declared to be smitten with Cholera, and all the Scottish ports suspected of Cholera.

Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 5, 1854.

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a French Imperial Decree from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, regulating the restitution of the duty on unwrought iron used in the manufacture of steam engines, of which the following is a copy:—

Art. 1. A partir du 1er Juin, 1854, la restitution du droit d'entrée sur les fontes brutes étrangères, employées à la fabrication des machines à feu de 100 chevaux ou plus, dont l'installation à bord des navires destinés à la navigation maritime aura été dûment constatée par les agents des douanes, s'effectuera à raison de 300 kilogrammes de fonte par cheval de force, y compris le déchet de fabrication, et de 4 fr. 80 cents. par chaque 100 kilogrammes.

Art. 2. Sont maintenues en vigueur les dispositions de l'ordonnance du 30 Mai, 1839, qui ne sont pas abrogées par l'Art. 1er du présent décret.

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 Postmaster-General to remit any of the rates of British postage for the time being, payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers, to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury shall from time to time direct; and power is also 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 or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the Post of foreign or colonial letters or newspapers, or 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 whereas it is expedient that regulations should be made for the transmission by the Post of the letters and packets hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the undersigned, being two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested, in and by the said Act, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, by this Warrant under our hands, direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the Post between any place in the United Kingdom and any port or place in Turkey or the Black Sea (the conveyance between the United Kingdom and Turkey or the Black Sea being by packet boat direct, or via Malta), there shall be charged and taken, in lieu of any rates