

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 or inland postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of foreign or colonial letters, and to subject the same to rates of postage according to the weight thereof.

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by an 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, in consequence of an additional Treaty lately entered into between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, it is expedient to alter the rates of postage on the letters hereinafter mentioned; Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said before-mentioned Acts, or either of them, and of all other powers enabling us in this behalf, do, by this Warrant (under the hands of two of us, the said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided), order and direct that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to France or Algeria, or posted in France or Algeria, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post direct, between any place in the United Kingdom and any place in France or Algeria, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, an uniform total rate of postage of fourpence.

And that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to any Foreign Country on the Continent of Europe (Spain, Portugal, and France excepted), or to any of the Islands in the Grecian Archipelago, or to Alexandria, Beyrout, Smyrna, or the Dardanelles, or posted in any such Foreign Countries (except as aforesaid), Islands, Ports, or places, addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any place in the United Kingdom and any such Foreign Countries (except as aforesaid), Islands, Ports, or places, viâ France, otherwise than in closed mails (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by French packet-boats), there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, an uniform British rate of postage of two pence.

And that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in, or addressed to Algeria, France, or any other Foreign Countries on the Continent of Europe (Spain and Portugal included), or to any of the Islands in the Grecian Archipelago, or to Alexandria, Beyrout, Smyrna, or the Dardanelles, and transmitted by the post between Algeria, France, or any such other Foreign Countries, Islands, Ports, or places, and Her Majesty's Colonies of Jamaica, Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, viâ France and the United Kingdom (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by French packet-boats), there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such

respective letters, an uniform British rate of one shilling.

And that on every letter not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight, posted in, or addressed to Algeria, France, or any other Foreign Countries on the Continent of Europe (Spain and Portugal included), or to any of the Islands in the Grecian Archipelago, or to Alexandria, Beyrout, Smyrna, or the Dardanelles, and transmitted by the post between France, or any such other Foreign Countries, Islands, Ports, or places, and any Port in Her Majesty's Colonies (Jamaica, Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland excepted), viâ France and the United Kingdom (the sea conveyance in the Mediterranean being by French packet-boats), there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, an uniform British rate of ten pence.

And we direct that on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid in lieu of any rates of postage now payable by law on such respective letters, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows (that is to say):—

On every letter exceeding a quarter of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight, two rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding half an ounce in weight, and not exceeding three-quarters of an ounce in weight, three rates of postage.

On every letter exceeding three-quarters of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, four rates of postage.

And for every quarter of an ounce in weight, above the weight of one ounce, there shall be charged and taken one additional rate of postage, and every fraction of a quarter of an ounce shall be charged as an additional quarter of an ounce, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under this Warrant if not exceeding one quarter of an ounce in weight.

And we do further order and direct, that as to any letter hereinbefore authorised to be sent by the post under the provisions aforesaid, which shall be posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to France or Algeria, the postage thereof shall in every case be paid either in money or 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 letter near the address, and shall be of the value or amount of the postage duty payable thereupon, under or by virtue of this Warrant; and as to every such letter posted in France or Algeria, addressed to the United Kingdom, it is the intention that the postage thereof shall in every case be paid at the time of the same being posted.

And we do further order and direct that if the postage of any such letter posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to France or Algeria, shall not be duly and properly paid, either in money or by British stamps, when posted; or, if the postage of any such letter posted in France or Algeria, addressed to the United Kingdom, shall not be duly and properly paid when posted, every such letter shall be charged with a postage of double the amount of postage to which it would have been liable under the provisions aforesaid, if the