

DOWNING-STREET, May 30, 1855.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Major-General Edward Wells. Bell to be Lieutenant-Governor of the Island of Jamaica.

Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint Roger William Curtis, Esq. to be Civil Engineer for the Island of Saint Vincent.

Her Majesty has further been pleased to appoint Henry Augustus Tudor, John James Haddock, and Charles Lloyd Pedder, Esquires, to be Non-elective Members of the Legislative Council of the Virgin Islands.

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 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 hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, 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, 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 half an ounce in weight transmitted by the Post between any place in the United Kingdom and the Colony of Van Dieman's Land (direct or through any other Colony, or through any Foreign Country), there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, a uniform British rate of sixpence.

And we direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the Post between Van Dieman's Land and any other of Her Majesty's Colonies, or any Foreign Country through the United Kingdom (whether through any Colony or Foreign Country or not,) there shall be charged and taken in lieu of any rates of British postage now payable by law on such letters, the rates of British postage following; that is to say:—

For the conveyance of every such letter between Van Dieman's Land and any part of the United Kingdom a rate of sixpence, and for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and the Colony or Foreign Country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be charged and payable for British postage on letters posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet or ship conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such Colony or Foreign Country.

And we direct that on every letter transmitted as is mentioned in this Warrant, exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage as follows; that is to say:—

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

On every such letter exceeding one ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage.

On every such letter exceeding two ounces and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage.

And on every such letter exceeding three ounces and not exceeding four ounces in weight, eight rates of postage.

And for every ounce in weight above the weight of four ounces there shall be charged and taken two additional rates of postage, and every fraction of an ounce above the weight of four ounces shall be charged as one additional 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 half an ounce in weight.

And we direct that in all cases in which any letter, in respect of which any rate of postage is chargeable by this Warrant, shall pass through a Foreign Country, any Foreign postage payable thereon shall be charged and paid thereon in addition to the British postage.

And we further direct that nothing in this Warrant contained shall be deemed or construed to extend to any letters posted in or addressed to France, or any Foreign Country through France, and transmitted between France or Foreign Countries (through France) and Van Dieman's Land; all which last-mentioned letters 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 annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by or under the said recited Act, or by or under any other Acts of Parliament relating to the Post-Office, and that all such exemptions and privileges shall remain in full force.

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 also the sea conveyance by any private ship.

And we further direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of August 1855, so far as respects letters transmitted from the United Kingdom addressed to Van Dieman's Land, and on the 1st day of October 1855 so far as respects letters transmitted from Van Dieman's Land to the United Kingdom.

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 twenty-eighth day of May 1855.

MONCK.
DUNCAN.

WHITEHALL, May 28, 1855.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Thomas Weeks, of No. 25, Artillery Place, City Road, Gentleman, to be a London Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery.

