

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS an Act of Parliament was passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage."

And whereas another Act of Parliament was 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 the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said two before-mentioned Acts, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, did, by a certain Warrant in writing (under the hands of two of them, the said Commissioners, by the authority of the Statute in that case made and provided), bearing date the 22d day of February 1855, order and direct that all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial Legislatures, might be transmitted by the Post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the several places mentioned and set forth in the Schedule B, to the said Warrant annexed; and that all such respective packets should be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to, the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions thereinafter mentioned and contained; and that the single rate of postage for the transmission thereof should be that which was mentioned and set forth against the said places, respectively, in the said Schedule B; and that all such respective packets so transmitted should be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage thereinafter mentioned.

And whereas it is expedient to extend the provisions of the said recited Warrant of the 22d day of February 1855, except as hereinafter mentioned, to packets of a like kind to be transmitted by the Post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the Colony of Western Australia.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said two hereinbefore recited Acts of Parliament, 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 all packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, and all packets consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament, or any of the Colonial Legislatures, may be transmitted by the Post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the colony of Western Australia, and that on every such packet so transmitted under the provisions of this Warrant as aforesaid, if not exceeding half a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid for the transmission thereof as aforesaid, the uniform single rate of postage of sixpence, and that on every such packet exceeding half a pound in weight there shall be charged, taken, and paid, such progressive and additional rates of postage as are directed to be charged, taken, and paid, on and in respect of the several packets mentioned and contained in, and authorized to be transmitted by the Post, under the provisions of the said recited Warrant of the 22d day of February 1855.

And we do further order and direct that all such respective packets to be transmitted by the Post, under the provisions of this present Warrant, shall be so transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to the several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions contained in the said recited Warrant of the 22d day of February 1855, with respect to the several packets therein mentioned, (except such as relate exclusively to packets posted in the United Kingdom, addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales, addressed to the United Kingdom), and that all such respective packets so to be transmitted under the provisions of this present Warrant shall be subject as well to the several progressive and additional rates of postage aforesaid, as also to the said several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions (except as aforesaid) respectively mentioned, expressed, and contained in and by the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 22d day of February 1855, in like manner, in all respects, and as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as if the said several progressive and additional rates of postage, and the said several regulations, orders, directions, and conditions (except such only as relate exclusively to packets posted in the United Kingdom addressed to the East Indies or New South Wales, or posted in the East Indies or New South Wales addressed to the United Kingdom), respectively, mentioned and contained in the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 22d day of February 1855, were contained, inserted, expressed and repeated in this present Warrant, and as if the said Colony of Western Australia, with a single rate of postage of sixpence, set forth against such place, had been and was mentioned, and contained, and included in the said Schedule B, annexed to the said hereinbefore recited Warrant of the 22d day of February 1855.

And we do further order and direct that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant duly made, at any time hereafter to alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby fixed, or any of 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.

And we do further order and direct that so far as regards any such packets posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Western Australia, this Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of September next; and that, so far as regards any such packets posted in Western Australia addressed to the United Kingdom, this Warrant shall come into operation on the 1st day of November next.

Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the 7th day of July 1855.

H. BRAND.
MONCK.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
July 9, 1855.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of the 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 Ambassador at Paris, enclosing copy of a French Imperial Decree prolonging the period fixed by the Decree of the 7th October and 29th November 1854, with reference to various measures respecting provisions, until the 31st December next.