

rate of four pence; and if any such packet shall be posted without having thereon, or affixed thereto, any postage stamp, every such last-mentioned packet shall and may be detained and opened at any place in the United Kingdom, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be dealt with and chargeable in like manner as hereinbefore directed with respect to any packet not open at the ends or sides, or exceeding in length, or width, or depth, the dimensions of two feet.

12. And we do hereby further order and direct that in every case in which the postage chargeable on any packet under the provisions of this Warrant, shall exceed the rates of postage to which any such packet would be liable as a letter, no higher amount than the letter rates shall be charged thereon.

13. And we do hereby further order and direct that the several packets transmitted by the post under the provisions of this Warrant shall be subject to the several orders, directions, regulations, and rates of postage respectively contained in a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 19th day of February 1855, relating to redirected rates of postage upon letters and packets which shall be redirected and again forwarded by the post, so far as the same are applicable to such packets. Provided always, that the redirected rates of postage upon such packets shall be of the same amount as the first pre-paid rate payable upon any such packet, and shall be chargeable and charged accordingly.

14. And we do further order and direct that the 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 Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her present Majesty.

15. And we do further order and direct that this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of May one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

16. 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 or repeal any of the rates of postage hereby fixed or altered, or any of the regulations hereby made, and to make and establish any new or other rates of postage or regulations in lieu thereof, and from time to time to appoint at what time the rates of postage that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the eighth day of April 1857.
H. BRAND.
DUNCAN.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 11th December 1856.*

NOTICE TO MASTERS OF VESSELS INTENDING TO PASS THROUGH TORRES' STRAITS.

The following Notice, dated the 2d of April 1846, respecting the store of bread, fresh water, meat, and spirits, established on Booby Island, for the use of Shipwrecked Seamen, is re-published, for general information, together with a statement recently received from Lieutenant Chimmo, R.N., of the provisions on the Island, on the 17th July 1856. Towards keeping up the stock of provisions, a further supply of the above-mentioned articles is forwarded to Booby Island annually, by this Government.

HY. WATSON PARKER.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,
Sydney, 2d April 1846.*

NOTICE TO MASTERS OF VESSELS INTENDING TO PASS THROUGH TORRES' STRAITS.

His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales desires to make it known to all Masters of Vessels proceeding from Sydney to Torres' Straits, that it is intended to forward, by the "Enchantress," for the purpose of being placed on Booby Island, a further quantity of bread, fresh water, meat, and spirits, as a provision for Shipwrecked Seamen who may seek a refuge on that Island; and His Excellency earnestly invites Masters who may visit Booby Island, after having successfully passed the Straits, to make, from time to time, such additions to the store, which was originally established by Captain Blackwood, of the Royal Navy, as may suffice to keep up a constant supply of provisions on the Island.

Directions for finding the provisions will be left at the place called the "The Post Office," on Booby Island.

By His Excellency's Command,

E. DEAS THOMSON.

REMAINS of PROVISIONS found in Booby Island Cave, by the "Torch," on the 17th July 1856:—

- 2 barrels of beef.
- 2 barrels of pork.
- 1 keg of rum.
- 3 bags of bread.
- 1 cask of bread.
- 8 hhds. of water.
- 20 tins of preserved meat.
- 2 bottles of rum.

Besides many smaller articles, such as tea, cigars, onions, &c., &c.

The provisions sent by the Colonial Government in the "Washington Irving," 1856, were in good order, and landed safely.

(Signed) WILLIAM CHIMMO,
Lieut. R. N.

I have just learnt from the Commanding Officer of the "Duroc," French War Steamer, that they passed Booby Island in great distress, and did not know that there were any provisions on it. Notice should be given to this effect to all Nations.

(Signed) W. C.

2d October 1856.

*Board of Trade, Whitehall,
April 9, 1857.*

The Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Plantations have received a Despatch from Her Majesty's Consul-General at Algiers, enclosing a translation of a regulation prohibiting the cooking of provisions on board merchant vessels within that port, a copy of which is subjoined.

(Copy.)

Translation from the "Moniteur Algerien," of the 30th March 1857.

For the application of the general police regulations of the ports (in France, to Algiers), the Prefect of Algiers has issued a Decree, dated the 9th December 1856, stating that from the 1st of April 1857, captains of merchant vessels stationed