

And whereas, by a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bearing date the 2d day of December 1843, after reciting that in consequence of a communication opened with the Post Office of Holland, it was considered expedient to alter the rates of postage payable on letters conveyed direct by packet-boat or private ship between that Country and the United Kingdom, the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did, by the said Warrant, make certain directions and regulations in that behalf; and the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did, by the said Warrant, further direct that printed proceedings of the Parliament of the United Kingdom might (amongst other things) be sent by the post direct between any part of the United Kingdom and Holland, according to the regulations and rates therein mentioned; and the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury did, by the said Warrant, declare that the rates therein mentioned on printed parliamentary proceedings should be payable, whether the sea conveyance should be by packet-boat or private ship; provided the conveyance of such proceedings between the United Kingdom and Holland should be direct, and not through any Foreign Country.

And whereas it is expedient to authorize the sending by the post of printed proceedings of the Parliament of the United Kingdom between any part of the United Kingdom and Holland, either direct, as in the said recited Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the 2d day of December 1843, is authorised, or via Belgium, direct by packet-boats.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power and authority in us for such purpose vested in and by the said recited 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, direct, and declare as follows:—

That all printed proceedings of the Parliament of the United Kingdom may be sent by the post, either direct between any part of the United Kingdom and Holland, as is in the said recited Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury of the 2d day of December 1843, provided and authorised, or via Belgium, the sea conveyance between the United Kingdom and Belgium being direct by packet-boat; and that such proceedings may be so sent according to the several regulations and rates in the said recited Warrant of the 2d day of December 1843, mentioned and contained, excepting only so much of the said hereinbefore recited provision contained in the said Warrant, which prohibits the sending of such printed Parliamentary proceedings between the United Kingdom and Holland, through any Foreign Country, as is inconsistent with the provisions in this present Warrant contained.

That the several 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 recited Act.

That this Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of May next.

That the Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands, duly made and signed, at any time hereafter alter or repeal any of the regulations or rates hereby made or altered, and make and establish any new or other regulations or rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time appoint at

what time the rates that may be payable are to be paid.

Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the twentieth day of April 1857.
MONCK.
H. BRAND.

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 from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any such altered rates, and to make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

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 Cape of Good Hope (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, an uniform British rate of six pence.

And we direct that on every letter not exceeding half an ounce in weight, transmitted by the post between the Cape of Good Hope 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 the Cape of Good Hope 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.