

regulations, orders, directions, and conditions relating to the rates of postage, and the mode and time of payment thereof, and to the mode and time of sending, under and subject to and in conformity with which certain newspapers might respectively be transmitted by the post at lower rates than the letter rates of postage, and by which regulations newspapers so transmitted are prohibited in like manner from having any word or communication printed thereon after their publication, or upon the cover thereof, or any writing or marks upon them, or upon the covers of them, except the name and address of the person to whom sent;

And whereas in and by the said recited Warrants, some or one of them, provision is made that where newspapers transmitted by the post under the authority of the said respective Warrants, should not be transmitted in conformity with, and under and subject to the regulations, orders, directions, and conditions therein, or in some or one of them respectively mentioned and contained, such newspapers should in certain cases be chargeable with a postage of double the amount of postage to which they would have been liable as letters if the postage had been paid by stamps when posted, and in certain other cases with certain other letter rates of postage therein, or in some or one of the said Warrants respectively mentioned;

And whereas it is expedient that power should be given to the Postmaster-General to charge newspapers transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom, and newspapers, British, Colonial, or Foreign, brought into the United Kingdom by British packet-boat or private ship, or transmitted by the post between any ports or places beyond the sea through the United Kingdom, or transmitted by British packet-boat between any ports or places beyond the sea without passing through the United Kingdom, and with respect to which the regulation hereinbefore mentioned has been infringed, with a less amount of postage at his discretion than some of the rates of postage now chargeable thereon in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said several hereinbefore recited Acts, any 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, direct, and declare as follows:—

1. In all cases where any newspapers, British, Colonial, or Foreign, brought into the United Kingdom by British packet-boat or private ship, or transmitted by the post between any ports or places beyond the sea through the United Kingdom, or transmitted by British packet-boat between any ports or places beyond the sea without passing through the United Kingdom, and in all cases where any newspapers transmitted by the post between places within the United Kingdom shall have any word or communication printed thereon after the publication thereof, or upon any cover thereof, or any writing or marks upon any such newspaper, or the cover thereof, other than the name and address of the person to whom sent (except the name or title of the newspaper, and the name and address of the publisher, newsvender, or agent, by whom sent, printed on the cover of any such newspaper), and shall by reason thereof have become liable to any increased rate of postage under or by virtue of any Warrant

or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force, or under or by virtue of any order, regulation, condition, or restriction heretofore made by Her Majesty's Postmaster-General for the time being, with the consent of the said Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the Postmaster-General for the time being shall and may, and he is hereby authorised and empowered, at his discretion, in lieu of any postage heretofore charged thereupon, and payable under or by virtue of any such Warrant or Warrants, order, regulation, condition, or restriction, as last aforesaid, to charge any such newspaper with any other rate or amount of postage or sum which he shall think proper, not exceeding the rate or amount of postage to which such newspaper would have been liable as a letter, if the postage had been paid by stamps when posted, nor less than the rate or amount of postage which such newspapers would have been liable to or chargeable with if transmitted in conformity with the regulations in force relating to such newspapers, anything in any such last-mentioned Warrant or Warrants, order, regulation, condition, or restriction heretofore made, contained to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

And whereas by a certain other Warrant under the hands of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the 21st day of July 1857, and by divers other Warrants in writing under the hands of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury since respectively made for regulating the duties of postage, and the transmission by the post of packets consisting of books, publications, and works of literature and art, between the United Kingdom and certain of Her Majesty's Colonies, and also between certain of Her Majesty's Colonies therein respectively mentioned, and also by a certain other Warrant under the hands of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and bearing date at Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the 16th day of October 1857, and made for regulating the duties of postage and transmission by the post of packets consisting of books, publications, and works of literature and art, between places within the United Kingdom. It was amongst other things ordered, directed, and declared, that the terms "books, publications, or works of literature or art," in those Warrants, or in certain other Warrants thereby referred to respectively used, should, for the purposes of those Warrants respectively, mean and comprise all such articles as in their general character were either literary or consisted of printed, written, engraved, or lithographed matter (although not strictly literary), including books (whether printed, written, or plain); publications or compilations (whether in print or in manuscript), almanacks, printed or lithographed letters, and such artistic productions as prints, maps, (whether on paper, or canvas, or cloth, and whether printed or written), and photographs, when not on glass, or in frames containing glass; and any description of paper, parchment, or vellum, (whether printed, lithographed, written upon, or plain, or any mixture of the four); together with any binding, mounting, or covering of, or upon, or belonging to any such article or production, or any portion thereof, or of or belonging to any paper, parchment, or vellum, and including also any cases or rollers of prints or maps, book-markers, (whether of paper or otherwise), pencils, pens, or other thing usually appertaining to any such article or production, paper, parchment, or vellum, or necessary for its safe transmission,