

Act of Parliament 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 did, by a certain Warrant under their hands, bearing date the 21st day of July 1857 (inter alia), authorize and make regulations for the transmission by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of Cape Town, in the Cape of Good Hope, of certain packets, and fix and establish certain rates of postage to be payable in respect thereof.

And whereas the said Commissioners did, by a certain other Warrant under their hands, bearing date the 6th day of June 1859, authorize and make regulations for the transmission by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and the ports of Mossel Bay (Alliwal) and Port Elizabeth (Algoa Bay), within the colony of the Cape of Good Hope, of similar packets, and fix and establish similar rates of postage to be payable in respect thereof.

And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Warrants should be repealed to the extent hereinafter respectively mentioned, and that packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, should be transmitted by the post between the United Kingdom and the Cape of Good Hope, and that certain rates should be fixed, and regulations made for that purpose, in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

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

1. All packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, posted in any part of the United Kingdom addressed to any part of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, or posted in any part of the said Colony addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the Cape of Good Hope, by British packet-boat direct, or private ship, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform single rate of postage (British and Colonial combined) of threepence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

2. All packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, posted in any part of the United Kingdom addressed to any part of the colony of the Cape of Good Hope, or posted in any part of the said colony addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the

post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the Cape of Good Hope, by British packet-boat via Suez, subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform single rate of postage (British, Foreign, and Colonial combined) of fourpence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

3. All packets consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, posted in any part of the United Kingdom addressed to any part of the colony of the Cape of Good Hope, or posted in any part of the said colony addressed to any part of the United Kingdom, may be transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any part of the Cape of Good Hope, in closed mails, via France and via Suez (the sea conveyance being by British or Colonial packet-boat) subject to the several rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if not exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform single rate of postage (British, Foreign, and Colonial combined) of sixpence;

And on every such packet, if exceeding four ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such transmission thereof respectively as aforesaid, the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

4. Every such packet which shall be transmitted by the post under the authority of this Warrant, if exceeding four ounces in weight, shall be subject to the several progressive and additional rates of postage hereinafter mentioned and set forth; that is to say:—

On every such packet, if exceeding four ounces and not exceeding one half of a pound in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one-half of a pound and not exceeding one pound in weight, four rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and not exceeding one pound and one-half of another pound in weight, six rates of postage;

And on every such packet, if exceeding one pound and one-half of another pound and not exceeding two pounds in weight, eight rates of postage;

And for every additional half of a pound in weight of any such packet above the weight of two pounds, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two additional rates of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of a pound in weight shall be charged as an additional half of a pound in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this clause shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such packet would be charged with under this Warrant, if not exceeding four ounces in weight.

5. Every packet transmitted by the post under this Warrant shall be subject to the several regula-