

Persons contravening any of such Orders are liable in a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Council-Chambers, Lochmaben, the 21st day of December 1865.

WILLIAM GRAHAM, Provost.

WHITEHALL, December 5, 1865.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Henry Kinneir, of Swindon, in the county of Wilts, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament 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 postage payable by law on the transmission by the post of Foreign or Colonial letters or newspapers, or of 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 whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another 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 it is expedient to alter the rates of British postage now payable upon the letters hereinafter mentioned.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers vested in us in and by the said recited Acts and each 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 letters exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to Gibraltar, Malta, or Egypt, or posted in Gibraltar, Malta, or Egypt, addressed to the United Kingdom, and all letters exceeding half an ounce in weight transmitted by the post between Malta, Gibraltar, or Egypt, and any British Colony or Foreign country through the United Kingdom, shall, in lieu of being charged with the postage payable thereon in respect of the transmission thereof respectively between the United Kingdom and Malta, Gibraltar, or Egypt, by British packet-boat, viâ Southampton, or by private ship direct, according to the scale of weight and number of rates contained in or referred to by any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or otherwise, now in force relating to any such letters, be charged with the postage payable thereon under such Warrant or Warrants respectively, or otherwise, according to the scale of weight and number of rates contained and set forth in the 3d clause of this present Warrant.

2. All letters exceeding half an ounce in weight posted in any part of the United Kingdom, addressed to any of the colonies or places mentioned and set forth in the schedule hereunder written, and all letters exceeding half an ounce in weight, addressed to any such colonies or places, transmitted by the post to any of such colonies or places from any British colony or Foreign country through the United Kingdom, shall, in lieu of being charged with the postage payable thereon in respect of the transmission thereof respectively from the United Kingdom to the several colonies or places mentioned and set forth in the said schedule, by the respective routes and in the manner in such schedule also mentioned, according to the scale of weight and number of rates contained in or referred to by any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, or otherwise, now in force, relating to any such letters, be charged with the postage payable thereon under such Warrant or Warrants respectively or otherwise, according to the following scale of weight and number of rates following, that is to say:—

3. On every such letter exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, and not exceeding one ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, two rates of postage;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce and not exceeding one ounce and one-half of another ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, three rates of postage;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one ounce and one-half of another ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, four rates of postage;

And for every additional half of an ounce in weight of any such letter above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, one additional rate of postage, and every fractional part of such additional half of an ounce in weight shall be charged as an additional half of an ounce in weight, and each progressive and additional rate chargeable under this Warrant, shall be estimated and charged at the sum which any such letter would be charged with under any such Warrant or Warrants, or otherwise, as hereinbefore mentioned, if not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight.

4. 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 Act passed in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, for the regulation of the duties of postage.

5. The Commissioners for the time being of Her Majesty's Treasury may, by Warrant under their hands duly made, at any time hereafter alter, repeal, or revoke any of the rates of postage hereby altered, or any of the orders, regulations, conditions, and restrictions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, regulations, conditions, or restrictions in lieu thereof, and from time to time may appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

6. This Warrant shall come into operation on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.