

bearing date the 28th day of November 1844, contained to the contrary,) be transmitted by the post under the authority of the 9th clause of this Warrant, subject to the several rates of postage, and to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein mentioned and contained relating thereto, provided that every such article or instrument so contained in any such packet shall be securely packet and guarded; and every such packet shall not only conform in every respect to the several orders, directions, regulations, and restrictions herein contained, but the same shall also furnish sufficient protection against injury to the officers of the Post-office and to the contents of the mail bags, while at the same time the patterns or samples may be easily examined.

10. If any packet of patterns or samples of merchandize, sent or tendered, or delivered in order to be sent by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, every such packet shall and may be detained and opened, and shall be returned or given up to the sender thereof, and on being so returned or given up, shall, at the option of the Postmaster-General, be either free of postage or be charged with any rate of postage he may think fit, not exceeding the postage to which it would have been liable as an unpaid letter; but if any such packet shall be posted with a postage paid thereon which shall be less in amount than the rate of postage to which such packet would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such last-mentioned packet shall be forwarded charged with double the amount of the deficient postage.

11. No packet consisting of patterns or samples of merchandize shall be forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, in respect of which the several orders, directions, regulations, restrictions, and conditions hereinbefore respectively contained, relating to the same, shall not be complied with in all respects, except only such packets as are in the last preceding clause mentioned and referred to.

12. In order to prevent any obstacle to the due and regular transmission of letters by the post any officer of the Post-office may delay the transmission of any packet posted or forwarded by the post under the provisions of this Warrant, either for the space of twenty-four hours after the time at which the same ought to be dispatched in due course of the post, or (at his option) until the dispatch of the mail next after that by which the same ought, in due course of the post, to be forwarded by him.

13. In all cases in which any question shall hereafter arise whether any packet, or anything contained therein, transmitted under or by virtue of this Warrant is entitled to the privileges of this Warrant, and to be so transmitted within the intent and meaning thereof, such question shall be referred to the determination of the Postmaster-General, whose decision thereupon shall be final and conclusive on all parties.

14. 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 passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 96.

15. The several rates of postage chargeable under or by virtue of a certain Warrant of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, bear-

ing date the 23d day of October 1865, on packets consisting of printed British newspapers, and on packets consisting of printed papers other than British newspapers, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Sweden or Norway, and transmitted by the post from any part of the United Kingdom to any place in Sweden or Norway as therein mentioned, together with the several orders, directions, regulations, and conditions therein contained, so far as they relate to or affect such packets respectively, are hereby repealed, revoked, and annulled.

16. 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 fixed, or any of the orders, directions, regulations, and conditions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, orders, directions, regulations, or conditions in lieu thereof, and may from time to time appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

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

Whitehall, Treasury-Chambers, the seventeenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

W. P. ADAM.

E. H. KNATCHBULL HUGESSEN.

TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act for the regulation of the duties of postage," certain scales of weight and rates of postage were fixed and were made chargeable and payable upon, for, and in respect of letters, newspapers, Parliamentary proceedings, and printed papers, transmitted and forwarded by the post, and various regulations were made for facilitating the transmission of such letters and papers by the post; and by the same Act power was given to the Postmaster-General to charge such higher rates of postage on certain letters, newspapers, and other printed papers therein mentioned, as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by Warrant under their hands, should from time to time deem expedient, and also to remit any of the rates of British postage or inland postage for the time being payable by law on the transmission of post letters, newspapers, or other printed papers, to such extent as the Lords of the Treasury should from time to time direct; and by the same Act power was also 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 or inland 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 from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to alter or repeal any of such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof.

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 Majesty, intituled "An