

“ 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, in exercise of the powers reserved to them in and by the said before-recited Acts, or one of them, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, have from time to time, by divers Warrants in writing under their hands, made and issued certain regulations, orders, directions, and conditions relating to the rates of postage, and the mode and time of payment thereof, and to the weight, size, and dimensions, and the mode and time of sending, under and subject to, and in conformity with which the several packets, consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, and the several other packets therein, or in some or one of the said Warrants respectively mentioned, may respectively be transmitted by the post; and it is expedient to make such further regulations with regard to certain of the said packets as are hereinafter mentioned and contained.

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers reserved to us in and by the said hereinbefore-recited Acts, 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 packet consisting of books, publications, or works of literature or art, whether British, Colonial, or Foreign, or consisting of printed votes and proceedings of the Imperial Parliament or the Colonial legislatures, or consisting of printed papers other than newspapers, may be transmitted by the post under the authority of any Warrant or Warrants of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury now in force, and any such packet shall be posted without any postage having been paid thereon, in the mode required by any such Warrant or Warrants, or shall be posted with a postage paid thereon in the mode required by any such Warrant or Warrants, which shall be less in amount than the rate or rates of postage payable thereupon under any such Warrant or Warrants respectively, every such respective packet shall and may be detained and opened, and, at the option of the Postmaster-General, shall be either returned or given up to the sender thereof, or to the person to whom it shall be addressed, or be forwarded to the place of its destination; and every such packet on being so returned, given up, or forwarded, shall be chargeable with any rate or amount of postage which the Postmaster-General shall think proper, not exceeding the rate or amount of postage to which such packet would have been liable as a letter, nor less than the rate of postage which such packet would have been chargeable with, if the postage thereof had been properly paid when posted.

2. The term “ by the post,” used in this Warrant, shall be construed to have the like meaning, in all respects, as the like term used in the said recited Acts.

3. 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 the orders, regulations, and directions hereby made, and may make and establish any new or other rates, regulations, orders, directions, and conditions in lieu thereof,

and from time to time may appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid.

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

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

W. P. ADAM.

E. H. KNATCHBULL HUGESSEN.

WHITEHALL, December 19, 1865.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed James William Frederick Siddall, of Waltham Abbey, in the county of Essex, Gentleman, to be a Commissioner to administer oaths in the High Court of Chancery in England.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 11).—EAST INDIES.—STRAIT OF MALACCA.

Buoys on the One Fathom Bank.

THE Government of Singapore has given notice that four buoys have been placed near the One Fathom Bank in the Strait of Malacca; two of which are moored near the eastern end of the bank in 6 fathoms at low water; one off the southern end in 6 fathoms; and another at the western edge of the bank.

Parcela Hill bearing east leads to the southward of the bank, and E.S.E. to the northward. Pulo Anza bearing N.E. leads to the westward, and N.E. by N. to the eastward. Vessels bound up or down the strait should pass southward and westward of buoys and light vessels, so as to clear the 2 fathom bank, off which the southern buoy is moored.

[All bearings are magnetic. Variation 1° 35' East, in 1865.]

By Command of their Lordships,

GEO. HENRY RICHARDS, Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London,  
12th March 1866.

This Notice affects the Admiralty Chart:—  
Strait of Malacca, Sheet 2, No. 1355.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

(No. 12).—PACIFIC OCEAN.—NEW CALEDONIA.

Fixed Light on Amédée Islet, near Port-de-France.

THE Governor of New Caledonia has given notice that a light has been established on Amédée Islet, near Bulari passages, through the barrier reef, leading to Port-de-France, on the south west coast of New Caledonia.

The light is a fixed white light, at an elevation of 164 feet above the mean level of the sea, and in clear weather—the eye being 15 feet above the sea—should be seen from a distance of about 20 miles.

The illuminating apparatus is dioptric or by lenses of the first order.

The tower is iron, round, white, 147 feet high from base to vane, and stands in lat. 22° 28' 44" S., long. 166° 27' 39" East of Greenwich, or about 1' 40" west of that of the Admiralty chart.