

## TREASURY WARRANT.

WHEREAS by an Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 96, 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 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 such altered rates, and make and establish any new or other rates in lieu thereof, and from time to time, by Warrant as aforesaid, to appoint at what time the rates which may be payable are to be paid; and it is provided that the power thereby given should extend to any increase, or reduction, or remission of postage:

And whereas further powers are given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her Majesty, chapter 85, 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 reduce the rates of postage now payable upon certain letters conveyed between the United Kingdom and Sweden, and also to make certain regulations in the manner hereinafter mentioned and contained:

Now we, the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the power or authority in us for such purpose vested, in and by the said recited Act, 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. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, posted in the United Kingdom addressed to Sweden, or posted in Sweden addressed to the United Kingdom, and transmitted by the post between any part of the United Kingdom and any place in Sweden, the said respective letters being conveyed either direct by Swedish mail packet-boat or *viâ* Denmark, Belgium, and Germany, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, an uniform rate of postage (British and Foreign combined) of sixpence, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of postage (British and Foreign combined) of eightpence.

2. On every letter not exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight posted in or addressed to any part of Sweden, transmitted by the post between Sweden and any of Her Majesty's colonies or any Foreign country through the United Kingdom, conveyed between Sweden and the United Kingdom either direct by Swedish mail packet-boat or *via* Denmark, Belgium, and Germany, (the conveyance through the United Kingdom in connection with such last-mentioned route being otherwise than in closed mails,) there shall be charged, taken, and paid, for such conveyance thereof respectively, between Sweden and any part of the United Kingdom, an uniform rate of postage

(British and Foreign combined) of sixpence, if such respective letters be prepaid, and if such respective letters be not prepaid, an uniform rate of postage (British and Foreign combined) of eightpence; and also for the conveyance of every such letter between the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and the British colony or Foreign country to or from which the same shall be forwarded, such a further or additional rate of postage as shall from time to time be chargeable and payable for British postage on letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, posted or delivered at the port in the United Kingdom of the departure or arrival of the packet-boat or vessel (not being a packet-boat) conveying the same, and transmitted direct between such port and any such colony or Foreign country; provided that in all cases where such additional rate includes both inland and sea services there shall be deducted therefrom the sum of one penny in respect of the inland conveyance under this clause of every such letter sent through the United Kingdom.

3. On every letter transmitted as in hereinbefore in this Warrant respectively mentioned, exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged, taken, and paid, progressive and additional rates of postage, according to the scale of weight and number of rates following (that is to say):—

On every letter so transmitted exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, two rates of postage;

On every letter so transmitted exceeding one ounce and not exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce in weight, three rates of postage;

On every letter so transmitted exceeding one ounce and the half of another ounce and not exceeding two ounces in weight, four rates of postage;

On every letter so transmitted exceeding two ounces and not exceeding two ounces and the half of another ounce in weight, five rates of postage;

And on every letter so transmitted exceeding two ounces and the half of another ounce and not exceeding three ounces in weight, six rates of postage;

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

4. If any letter transmitted by the post under the authority of the first clause of this Warrant, shall be posted, and the postage stamp or stamps affixed thereto shall represent a less amount than the rate of postage to which the same would be liable under or by virtue of this Warrant, every such letter shall be charged with postage as an unpaid letter, and the amount of such postage paid thereon, or stamp or stamps affixed thereto, shall be allowed and deducted in charging such postage thereon.