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HEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the thirtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty, cap. 76, intituled "An Act to provide for the collection of fees in public departments and offices, by means of stamps," it is provided, by the second section thereof, that it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by notice published in the London Gazette, to declare and direct that from and after the time specified in such notice, all or any of the fees for the time being payable in money in any public department or office connected with the public service, or to the officers thereof, shall be collected by means of stamps; and it is further provided, by the fifth section thereof, that the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may, from time to time, make such regulations as seem fit regarding—

- The use of stamps under this Act;
- The application of such stamps to documents in use or required to be used as aforesaid;
- The cancellation of adhesive stamps.

Now we, being two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, do hereby give, with respect to the Companies Registration Office, notice, under "The Public Offices Fees Act, 1866," that from and after the 31st day of December 1866, the fees for the time being payable in the Companies Registration Office, or to the officers thereof, shall be collected by means of stamps. And we do hereby order and direct that the following rules be observed in respect to stamps used and taken for fees payable in the Companies Registration Office—

1. The stamps to be used for collecting the fees payable to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies shall be procured and paid for by the persons liable to pay such fees.
2. All documents tendered for registration shall be according to the approved forms, and bear an impressed stamp denoting the amount of fee payable for the same.
3. Where any such fees are payable in respect of any matter or thing to be done in or by any officer in the Companies Registration Office, the person, or his attorney, requiring such matter or thing to be done, or permitted to be done, shall make application for the same in the form kept

for that purpose in the said office, and an adhesive stamp denoting the amount of the fee so payable shall be affixed to such form of application.

4. On the necessity thereof being proved to the satisfaction of the Registrar, with his consent the stamp denoting the amount of the fee payable in respect of such matter or thing as aforesaid may be either impressed on or affixed to any copy, second certificate, or extract, so applied for as aforesaid, in lieu of being affixed to the form of application.

5. All adhesive stamps affixed to any paper presented to, kept in the possession of, or delivered out by the said Registrar, shall, before the act is done or permitted to be done in respect of which the fee denoted by such stamp is payable, be effectually cancelled by some officer in the office of the said Registrar, who shall write thereon the initial letters of his name and the date of such cancellation; and no such paper shall be filed, or delivered out, or act done, until such stamps shall have been cancelled or defaced in manner aforesaid.

6. That when any stamp has been cancelled without having been legitimately used, and the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies has granted a certificate that any particular stamp is a fit subject for allowance, it shall be competent to the Board of Inland Revenue, upon the presentation of such certificate, to allow the amount thereof.

Given under our hands, at the Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, this first day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six.

(Signed) H. DENRILL

GERARD NOEL

FOREIGN OFFICE, December 4, 1866.

THE Prussian Ambassador has made known to Lord Stanley that in consequence of the union with the Prussian Monarchy of the Kingdom of Hanover, of the Electorate of Hesse, and of the Free State of Frankfurt-on-the-Maine, the Consular posts of the aforesaid countries are abolished and united with the Prussian Consular Service.

