

## 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 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 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 certain powers are also given to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury by another Act of Parliament passed in the eighteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the laws relating to the stamp duties on newspapers, and to provide for the transmission by post of printed periodical publications."

And whereas it is expedient to reduce the rates of postage now payable upon certain letters and newspapers transmitted by the post between Foreign ports in the West Indies, and from and to such Foreign ports, and certain ports in North and South America, to the extent and in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

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, and every 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. On every letter transmitted by British packet-boat, or partly by British and partly by Foreign packet-boat, from the United States of North America to any Foreign port in the West Indies, or from any one Foreign port in the West Indies to any other Foreign port in the West Indies, or via Panama from any Foreign port in the West Indies to California, the western coast of Mexico, or any port in Central America, without in any of such cases passing through the United Kingdom, there shall be charged and taken the several rates of British postage following; that is to say:—

On every such letter, if not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, a rate of postage of fourpence;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged

and taken the several further, and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

2. On every letter transmitted by British packet-boat via Panama from any Foreign port in the West Indies to any port in Chili, Peru, Bolivia, or Ecuador, or from any port in Chili, Bolivia, or Ecuador, to any Foreign port in the West Indies, there shall be charged and taken the several rates of British postage following; that is to say:—

On every such letter, if not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, a rate of postage of one shilling and fourpence;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken the several further, and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

3. On every letter transmitted by British packet-boat, or partly by British and partly by Foreign packet-boat, via Panama, from any Foreign port in the West Indies to British Columbia, Vancouver's Island, or the Sandwich Islands, there shall be charged and taken the several rates of postage (British and Foreign combined), following; that is to say:—

On every such letter, if not exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, a rate of postage of one shilling and twopence;

And on every such letter, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and taken the several further, and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned.

4. All such respective letters so transmitted hereinbefore in the first, second, and third clauses of this Warrant respectively mentioned, if exceeding one half of an ounce in weight, shall be subject to the several further, and additional and progressive rates of postage hereinafter mentioned; that is to say:—

On every such letter, if exceeding one-half of an ounce in weight and not exceeding one ounce in weight, 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, 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, four rates of postage;

And for every additional half of an ounce in weight of any letter so transmitted respectively as aforesaid, above the weight of two ounces, there shall be charged and taken 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 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.

5. Nothing herein contained shall be construed in anywise to annul, prejudice, or affect any of the exemptions and privileges granted by or under the said hereinbefore recited Acts, or either of them, or by or under any other Act of Parliament relating to the Post-Office, or any of the privileges which officers, seamen, and soldiers, employed in Her Majesty's service, are by law entitled to, of